

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

FORTIS COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program

Request:

Fortis College is requesting authorization to offer a Registered Nurse-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) degree completion program. The program builds upon the college's existing associate degree in nursing and will be offered in a hybrid delivery format.

Background:

Fortis College, a private for-profit institution, operates five campuses in Ohio. The campus in Centerville, Ohio, previously known as RETS College, is the only campus involved in this request. The college is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Colleges and Schools and is registered with the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools. This is the college's second request for authorization from the Chancellor. The college was provisionally authorized for several associate degrees in 2009.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed completion program is composed of seventy-five quarter credit hours and includes clinical experiences. The curriculum provides core courses in nursing informatics, professional nursing practice, community health nursing, research and evidenced based practice, statistics, policy and finance, and leadership and management.

The college is projecting thirty students in year one and sixty students by year four.

Resource/Faculty Needs:

Existing facilities are in place to support the program. The college is currently identifying faculty to support the delivery of the completion piece and will submit such information as open positions are filled.

Recommendation:

Fortis College meets the Chancellor's standards for undergraduate programs and the review team recommends provisional authorization for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion program through December 31, 2014. Provisional authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by June 30, 2012, 2013, and 2014, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

End of Comment Period: July 6, 2011

No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Davidson _____ *7/7/11*

Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor _____ Date

APPROVED

Jim Petro _____ *7-8-11*

Jim Petro, Chancellor _____ Date

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