Subject: Re: Letter of support for nursing program, OSU-Cascades
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 12:27:03 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Witzke, Kara
To: Joanna Rowe
CC: bepenet@linfield.edu, grainger@oaicu.org

Joanna,
Thank you for your email. We had a consultant assist us with this application and I'm not 100% sure why NCC was not included, but I will add them. It appears that the other accredited programs listed on the AACN website do not have RN to BSN programs, which was the focus of the proposal since that is the only program we are proposing. It appears that Warner Pacific will only be offering the two year AS in Health Sciences, but please correct me if I'm wrong. I definitely do not want to be misrepresenting the other programs in our state as our intent is to be as transparent as possible. I welcome your comments, and your support, if you feel in a position to provide it.

Kara

From: Joanna Rowe <jrowe@linfield.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 9:53 AM
To: "Witzke, Kara" <Kara.Witzke@osucascades.edu>
Cc: Beverly Epeneter <bepenet@linfield.edu>, Kristen Grainger <grainger@oaicu.org>
Subject: Re: FW: Letter of support for nursing program, OSU-Cascades

Dear Kara, we received your request of a letter for support for establishing an RN to BSN program. Your letter contains some misleading information regarding the number of programs that are RN to BSN currently in Oregon. There are stand-alone RN to BSN programs in Oregon that don't require OSBN approval, but are accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, such as Northwest Christian College. Warner Pacific is currently searching for a Dean for their online RN to BSN and online RN to MSN programs. It is important that the needs assessment be accurate so a decision can be made based on factual information.

Sincerely, Joanna Rowe

CC: Kristen Grainger
President,
Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities

Joanna Rowe, PhD, RN
Professor & Interim Dean
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Sent from BlueMail
On Sep 11, 2017, at 1:50 PM, "Witzke, Kara" <Kara.Witzke@osucascades.edu> wrote:

> I apologize for not including a timeline on this request. If you plan to provide a letter of support for this program, please email to me by **Monday, September 25** if at all possible.
> Thank you!

Kara

From: "Witzke, Kara" <Kara.Witzke@osucascades.edu>
Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 1:55 PM
To: "bepenet@linfield.edu" <bepenet@linfield.edu>, "jrowe@linfield.edu" <jrowe@linfield.edu>
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Beverly Epeneter, Interim Dean of Nursing
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Dear Drs. Epeneter and Rowe,

As you are aware, nationally, there is a growing need for bachelor's trained nurses in our healthcare workforce. The attached Executive Summary and New Program Proposal provides justification for Oregon's first public RN to BSN nursing program, offered by OSU-Cascades in collaboration with Oregon State University's Ecampus.

OSU-Cascades was approached several years ago by St. Charles Healthcare System, our local hospital in Central Oregon and our local community college, Central Oregon Community College, to develop a locally-based, public program that would provide a pipeline for newly minted RNs as well as working nurses to obtain their bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN). This proposal is in direct response to our local need for highly trained nurses, but the fully online nature of the program will also provide access to all licensed nurses in Oregon with an affordable pathway to advance their careers.

As one of Oregon's university campuses providing nursing academic programs, and as part of the Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC) academic program approval process, we are seeking your support for this program. I have included the Executive Summary and the program proposal in it's entirely for your review and response. Your comments can be brief and may be sent to me directly. If you wish to discuss this program further or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 541-322-2063 or at kara.witzke@osucascades.edu.

Sincerely,

Kara A. Witzke

Assistant Dean
Oregon State University-Cascades