

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2023

TO: Dr. Nilgün Önder, Associate Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Laurie Clune, Chair, CCAM

FROM: Dr. Janine Brown, Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs)

RE: Faculty of Nursing Accreditation and Program Approval Update

I wish to provide our CCAM colleagues with an update on the Faculty of Nursing's processes regarding Accreditation (through the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing [CASN]) and Program Approval (through the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan [CRNS]).

CASN Accreditation:

CASN has confirmed that the three reviewers will be:

- Dr. Kathleen White- Williams – Toronto Metropolitan University (retired)
- Landa Terblanche, Associate Professor – Trinity Western University
- Mahmoud Nadar, Professeur, Université du Québec en Outaouais

Our self-study documents were submitted to CASN on December 20, 2022. These documents included a/an:

- Faculty of Nursing Educational Unit Self-Study Report,
- After Degree Nursing Program Report,
- Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Report, and
- A Licensed Practical Nurse/Upper Year Admission to Degree Program Report.

The review will occur from February 27 – March 3. We are in the process of communicating the schedule to all faculty, staff, students, and University leadership. Individuals and groups participating in the review week include: Curriculum and evaluation committees, technology/AV/Instructional designers, University leadership (Dr. Önder/Dr. Gregory/Dr. Sterzuk), library liaisons, student unions/association representatives, alums, faculty and staff, Indigenous Student Support staff, the members of the SCBScN Program Advisory Council, the Practice Education Advisement/Preceptor Placement and Clinical Placement teams, Administrative staff, Biology/Stat/English and INHS teaching faculty. Reviewers will engage with faculty/students in at least ten courses across all years/sites of our programs.

Program leadership met with CASN and the reviewers on Thursday, February 2, for a pre-review meeting. At that meeting, we learned that the review team would have their review report to the CASN Accreditation Coordinator by March 31. The review report should come to the Faculty of Nursing approximately one week later. The Faculty of Nursing will have two weeks after that date to respond to the report. After that time, the report will go to the CASN Accreditation Bureau (CAB) for review. We will have a response to our review from CAB by the end of June 2023.

CRNS Program Approval:

Documents are in preparation for the near-simultaneous provincial regulator program approval process. These self-study documents provide information specific to:

- Program Structure Standard Indicator 1 – Nursing Program Governance
- Program Structure Standard Indicator 2 – Client and Student Safety
- Program Structure Standard Indicator 3 – Qualified Faculty
- Program Curricular Standard Indicator 4 – Demonstration of how the curriculum meets the entry-level competencies of a registered nurse. These entry-level competencies are grouped into:
 - Clinical Competencies (n=27)
 - Professional Competencies (n=14)
 - Communicator Competencies (n=8)
 - Collaborator Competencies (n=5)
 - Coordinator Competencies (n=9)
 - Leader Competencies (n=11)
 - Advocate Competencies (n=14)
 - Educator Competencies (n=5)
 - Scholar Competencies (n=8)
 - How the curriculum is mapped to the CRNS trends in practice areas
- Program Curricular Standard Indicator 5 – Clinical Placement Opportunities Support Learners to Attend and Demonstrate Acquisition of Program Objectives
- Program Curricular Standard Indicator 6 – Processes in Place to Communicate Expectations for the Student Placement to the Preceptor for the Integrated Practicum

The CRNS documents are presently available for faculty and staff to review and provide feedback. They will be submitted to the CRNS by March 1. We understand they will have their analysis and response back to the Faculty of Nursing by the end of June 2023.

Next Steps:


As noted above, we will proceed with the CASN review and submission of the CRNS documents. When the results of the accreditation and program approval processes are known, we will submit the following to CCAM:

- 1) All the self-study documents noted above,
- 2) Reviewer results/recommendations,
- 3) Adjudicated outcomes, and the

- 4) The additional Research report requested by CCAM to address the research-related questions of the AUR self-study report template.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update. If you have any questions, we would be more than pleased to meet with our CCAM colleagues.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brown", written over a light gray rectangular background.

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