

Northland Community & Technical College - EGF OTA Advisory Committee Agenda

5/10/10 11:00-1:00 East Grand Forks Room 115

Membership: Judy Godfread, Tracy Cameron, LaVonne Fox, Hank Roehrich, Tammy Olson, Joni Armstrong, Cassie Hilts, Julie Grabanski, Tina Chaput, Janet Jedlicka, Jinelle Wavra, Bonnie Setness, Jodi DiMaggio.

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Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to order	Judy Godfread	Janet called the meeting to order
2. Review of Minutes	Judy Godfread	Correction to the minutes: The Intro to Nursing course has to remain the way it was. Lavonne moved to rescind vote, Tina seconded. Lavonne moved to accept the minutes, Tracy seconded.
3. Update on a. Enrollment b. NBCOT exam c. Graduates d. Fieldwork	Cassie Hilts	Enrollment: This class started out with 21 students and we will have 19 students graduating this year. Last year we had 21 students beginning the program and only 7 graduated. Have 20 students in the first year of the program. We have14 applications for Jan 2011 start. NBCOT: 2007, 2008 we had 100% pass rate. 2009: We had 75% pass rate; 2010 we have unofficial 75% pass rate. Paul Grace from NBCOT told Program directors that employers are asking for specific scores and print outs of the NBCOT exam. NBCOT is considering going pass/fail.
		AOTA conference: Cassie attended the blueprint for OTA education. One of the things from the survey was the clinical based skills. Model curriculum described how to go about setting up a curriculum. Start with background to get solid connections and then progress to getting the content. Structure of organization changing: Northland is hiring a Dean of Nursing and Allied Health will retain their division chair- Beth McMahon. Eventually, the Dean of Nursing may become the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health as announced in the public forum during NCAA accreditation.

		Janet stated that there would be a lot of merit in keeping allied health separate from nursing. It should remain that way in the opinion of the advisory board members. Cassie's program director credits have been reduced to 6 credits per year with one credit available in the summer in regard to maintaining and prepare items in regard to program development and accreditation. The Dean of Nursing is to be hired over the summer and will begin in August. In Nursing the directors were receiving release credits between 3 people. That money will be used for the Dean of Nursing position, and the other two may receive credit release time. The exact number of credits is not known. Our on-site accreditation visit will be in 2016 and UND is 2011-2012.
		Bonding project: OTA submitted information for growth.
		Fieldwork: Oct 8 th and 9 th :in Scottsdale, AZ October meeting program directors and fieldwork coordinators meeting. Fieldwork now being stretched out over the year, over the semester in mental health nationally. Problems with the ND contract continue. The attorney at the Chancellor's office (Mary Al Balber) is addressing the contract issues between the state of Minnesota and ND state facilities. In the meantime, connections to other non-traditional settings have been established, with contracts with Center for Solutions in Cando, TRF schools, and Mayville-Portland. Other school settings such as Moorhead, Bemidji and Upper Valley have agreed to work with Level II students, since the populations seen in that setting would be mental health related.
4. Program issues a. CNA course b. CPR as a pre- requisite	Cassie Hilts	CPR is listed as prerequisite to the OTA program and that often deters students from applying to the program until they have the course completed. Then if they have certification, it often expires prior to going out on fieldwork and the students need to re-certify before being allowed to go out on fieldwork. Requesting that CPR be a program requirement instead of pre-requisite and stated in the OTA policy handbook. Cassie proposed the following policy: Proof or current CPR certification including infant, child, adult, one person and two person CPR is required prior to Level I Fieldwork. Certification must be up to date prior to Level II Fieldwork. Accepted certifications include CPT for the Healthcare Provider by the American Heart Association or CPR for the Professional Rescuer by the Red Cross. The OTA Program Director will monitor the certification of the students. Janet moved to accept policy and Tracy seconded. Motion passed.
5. Discussion on the direction of the profession	Judy Godfread	Seemed to be discussion of other possible mental health placements and ideas.

6. Other	Judy Godfread	Sustainability process: All health programs are full. Para-medicine program was on sustainability last year and restructured programs and are now full. Healthcare Reform: www.kaiser.org good document for overview of the healthcare bill. There may be more opportunities then originally thought, but OT may need to change their language a bit to not limit what we could do Licensure and supervision in Minnesota and North Dakota in regard to supervision of an OTA and OTA students. North Dakota licensure: Have to have someone to access if you need them in regard to supervision. Diane Gunderson and Amy Elbert interpreting supervision of OTA differently than those on advisory board. State of Minnesota says that needs supervision every two weeks for pediatric clients, but if you go back every 6 th visit that may take up to 3 to 4 weeks. Have to go with the every two weeks.
7. Adjourn	Judy Godfread	Lavonne motioned to adjourn. Jinell seconded.