

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2001 MINUTES**

Members Present:

Steve DeWees, Director of Respiratory Therapy
Vivian Lilly, Associate Dean, Director of Nursing
Kelley Reynolds, Faculty, Collin County Community College
David Gibson, Clinical Educator, Medical Center of Plano
Calvin Satchell, Clinical Educator, Medical City Dallas
Chandi Idicula, Instructor, Parkland Memorial Hospital
Chimice Brown, First year student
Tricia Imel, Second year student

David Gibson, Clinical Educator at Medical Center of Plano started the meeting at 11:50 a.m. David will be taking over Lynn Butler's position since Lynn is now gone. Everyone introduced themselves. Dr. Vivian Lilly was introduced as the Associate Dean, Director of Nursing. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no corrections. There was no old business discussed.

Kelley Reynolds brought up the current clinical plan which includes 22 students: 6 at Parkland, 6 at Children's Medical Center, 6 at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, 4 at Medical Center in Plano. As stated in the previous minutes, Amy Hardwick, a former student, said that students need to spend more time with neonatal. The first year students in the clinical settings include 6 at Parkland, 6 at Presbyterian in Plano, 5 at Medical Center in Dallas, 5 at Medical Center in Plano, 3 at Presbyterian in Dallas. Drager Baby Log ventilators are used (universal). Chandi mentioned that there was a change in administration/management

The program pass rate is 100%. Available on the website. The Class of 2001, a smaller class, 7 out of 12 are registered. Three students were not eligible; now it is 2 students. Reasons include lacking a science course, TASP, etc. Students can work while registered, not taking the test. After taking the test to be certified, a \$3-\$4 per hour increase in pay can be expected. Push the stragglers to register. The average grade is 78.3. The national average grade is about 74. We, as a program, are above the national average.

Certification results were discussed. There are two repeat candidates that need to be monitored carefully. Remediation should be available for them. Active students take precedence; former students will have to wait their turn. Eight students took the test and passed; one failed the second or third time. On the website, if the student does not want to release his grades, you have to use the process of elimination to figure out who the student is with their scores. You also have to track the students to determine who has not taken the test, who has not passed it, etc.

The Texas Department of Health issues temporary permits for 6 months, up to one year in addition to regular certificates. The student can apply for the temporary permit within 30 days of graduation.

Medical Center of Plano currently has over 50% certified. The entry-level examination is optional. An associate degree, 2-year program is required. The 1-year programs have been phased out. Having a bachelor's degree does not make much difference in pay. National averages on the chart are above 100%, 98% in other areas.

Second year student, Tricia Imel, commented on the program and her class. She said everything is good and that she is stressed with the CRT. She mentioned that their only complaint is that they would like to stay at the hospitals a little longer. There are three 5-week rotations. Actually this is advantageous for the students to rotate to different sites to see different ways of doing things. The complaint is actually a strength because you can see how everyone else does things differently.

Entry-level exams were also mentioned. Tricia said she loves them for the practice. There are three different tests, 2 paper and pencil exams and the mock test, which everyone must pass and is very stressful. Also included are the clinical simulation exam, paper and pencil and computerized exams, a total of 6 tests. Preparation becomes very intensive. The students get very stressed. It is a great learning tool, and students appreciate everyone's support.

First year student, Chimice complained that some of the students are always late or just never show up. Steve mentioned that this does reflect in their grades. It is not without consequence. Attendance is expected. There are no penalties for missing classroom, although quizzes have no make-ups. This does affect their grades. Vivian Lilly mentioned that the nursing program has incentives for perfect attendance. At the end of the semester if the student has perfect attendance, a point is added to their final grade. It could make a difference from a B to an A, etc.

The program director's position has been posted twice. There are currently four applicants, two local and two out of state. HR will schedule interviews in November. Student representation for input is recommended.

Steve, Tricia and Amy Hardwick participated in Group Advising. Suzon, the advisor was also there. There were a total of 10 students. Health Profession's Day will be held on Wednesday, November 7. Steve will represent Respiratory Therapy.

Discussion was brought up about obtaining a bachelor's degree in Respiratory Therapy and its uses.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.