

**Docket Item: 6.3**

Community College Approval: Treasure Valley Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing within 51.3801, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse.

**Summary:**

Treasure Valley Community College proposes a new Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) staff completed a review of the proposed program. After analysis, HECC staff recommends approval of the degree as proposed.

**Staff Recommendation:**

The HECC recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission approve the following degree:  
AAS in Nursing.



Treasure Valley Community College seeks the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission's approval to offer an instructional program leading to an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

**Program Summary**

This is a new Associate of Applied Science degree only.

TVCC will be changing their AAS degree to move away from the Oregon Consortium of Nursing Educators.

**1. Describe the need for this program by providing clear evidence.**

Demand - A severe nursing shortage is reaching crisis levels in rural Oregon and legislative effort continue in an attempt to address the shortage. A recent report compiled by the Idaho Nursing Workforce Center at the Idaho Center for Nursing projects Idaho's shortage of RN's ranges between 106-523 annually until 2024.

**2. Does the community college utilize systemic methods for meaningful and ongoing involvement of the appropriate constituencies?**

The College has a robust Advisory Committee. The Nursing program has been part of Oregon Consortium of Nursing Educators (OCNE) for an extended period of time. After teaching 3-years in this format, the Nurses believe that the OCNE curriculum is outdated and needed to be reorganized and refreshed. Thus, we are launching an update degree that is supported by the Advisory Committee.

**3. Is the community college program aligned with appropriate education, workforce development, and economic development programs?**

The total opening for Nurses in our area are approximately 2582 annual. Predictions between now and 2030 are 45,976 for the State of Oregon.

**4. Does the community college program lead to student achievement of academic and technical knowledge, skills, and related proficiencies?**

The TVCC Nursing program has been in existing since the 1960's. Each year we strive for 90% pass rate on the State NCLEX exam. Over the past (3) years, the program has averaged a 91 % pass rate and almost 100% placement rate.

**5. Does the community college identify and have the resources to develop, implement, and sustain the program?**

Again, the College has had a program for over 40 years and continues to work to expand and improve the program. This is the latest effort to improve NCLEX pass rates and provide improved instruction to students.

***Assurances***

Treasure Valley Community College has met or will meet the four institutional assurances required for program application.

1. *Access.* The college and program will affirmatively provide access, accommodations, flexibility, and additional/supplemental services for special populations and protected classes of students.
2. *Continuous Improvement.* The college has assessment, evaluation, feedback, and continuous improvement processes or systems in place. For the proposed program, there will be opportunities for input from and concerning the instructor(s), students, employers, and other partners/stakeholders. Program need and labor market information will be periodically re-evaluated and changes will be requested as needed.
3. *Adverse impact and detrimental duplication.* The college will follow all current laws, rules, and procedures and has made good faith efforts to avoid or resolve adverse *intersegmental* and *intra-segmental* impact and detrimental duplication problems with other relevant programs or institutions.
4. *Program records maintenance and congruence.* The college acknowledges that the records concerning the program title, curriculum, CIP code, credit hours, etc. maintained by the Office are the official records and it is the college's responsibility to keep their records aligned with those of the Office. The college will not make changes to the program without informing and/or receiving approval from the Office.