

## **FSCC Nursing Program Approval and Accreditation Status**

Initial National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accreditation was granted in March 1986 for the Associate Degree in Nursing program. The last site visit by the NLNAC was in September 2012. As a result of that visit, the program was awarded continuing accreditation through fall 2020. On May 6, 2013 the NLNAC changed its name to Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).

The nursing program has maintained KSBN approval since 1970. In September 2011, the program was granted full approval by KSBN through 2018.

The nursing curriculum has been totally revised with Quality Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies as its framework. FSCC's nursing program is the first in the state of Kansas to adopt QSEN for its curriculum, and it was the first to adopt the Kansas ADN Alignment requirements. The curriculum has been approved by the FSCC Curriculum Committee, KSBN, Kansas Board of Regents, and the ACEN.

The program's systematic evaluation plan was completed in September 2011. Included in the plan are clinical, course, and instructor evaluation tools that reflect the new QSEN Competencies and Kansas ADN alignment outcomes. Quality indicators and expected levels of performance have been established to ensure compliance with all ACEN standards, student learning outcomes, and program outcomes.

Questions regarding accreditation or approval status should be directed to the FSCC Director of Nursing, the ACEN, or to the KSBN. This information is shared so that students are able to make an informed decision regarding their choice of nursing education programs.

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