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## Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee (IFCC)

### Nurse Aide/Patient Care Assistant (DOE Discussion) IFCC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2021

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: WebEx

Meeting Facilitator: Sasha Kahiga

Recorder: Sasha Kahiga

#### Attendees

- 1) Sasha Kahiga- Curriculum Program Specialist, Technical College System of GA
- 2) Danielle Garner- Allied Health Program Coordinator, Atlanta Technical College
- 3) Roslynn Kuznicki- NAST Program Director & ALHS Division Chair, Lanier Technical College
- 4) Dr. Katrina Walker- Dean of Health & Public Safety Technologies, Atlanta Technical College
- 5) Jessica Bishop- NAST & ALHS Instructor, West GA Technica College
- 6) Yvonne Durrant- Dean of Nursing Life Sciences, Gwinnett Technical College
- 7) Vickie Mack- Program Coordinator Nurse Aide/Patient Care Assistant, Southern Crescent Technical College
- 8) Frances Hewell- CNA/Gerontology Program Chair, Central GA Technical College
- 9) Asha Anumolu- Associate Dean of Nursing, West GA Technical College
- 10) Cheryl Lary- Allied Health Program Director, Columbus Technical College
- 11) Denise Grant- Executive Director of Nursing & Academic Dean, GA Northwestern Technical College
- 12) Marilyn McGlynn- CNA Coordinator, Wiregrass GA Technical College
- 13) Christy Bivens- Dean for Academic Affairs, North GA Technical College
- 14) Ebony Story- Practical Nursing/Nurse Aide Department Head, Augusta Technical College
- 15) Dana Roessler- Dean of Health Sciences, Southeastern Technical College
- 16) Tammy Bayto- Dean of Academic Affairs, Oconee Fall Line Technical College
- 17) Dr. Faye Mathis- Academic Dean of Allied Health, Coastal Pines Technical College
- 18) Ronda Kirkpatrick- Allied Health/PCA Instructor, Southern Regional Technical College
- 19) Angela Bush- Allied Health/PCA Instructor, Southern Regional Technical College
- 20) Kelly Fogle- ALHS/CNA Instructor, Coastal Pines Technical College
- 21) Kerry Caron- ALHS/CNA Instructor, Lanier Technical College



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- 22) Melanie Simmons- Allied Health & PCA Instructor, Wiregrass GA Technical College
- 23) Melinda Lee- Nurse Aide Instructor, Southeastern Technical College
- 24) Kathleen Amadasun- CNA Director, Gwinnett Technical College
- 25) Ruth Crockett- Nurse Aide Instructor, Southern Regional Technical College
- 26) Kristy Carroll- Nurse Aide Instructor, WestGa Technical College
- 27) Kathleen Bombery- Dean of Health Sciences, Savannah Technical College

### **Agenda Topics/Discussion**

#### *Welcome*

Sasha Kahiga welcomed everyone to the WebEx meeting and called to order for the meeting to begin.

#### *DOE Articulation of Credit Project*

Sasha explained to the group the GA Department of Education (DOE)& TCSG partnership on an Articulation of Credit Project for credit towards TCSG courses that align respectively with completion of various pathways available for high-school students. Due to recent SB2 changes during the 2021 legislative session, this project aims to provide students with some advance or earned credit for courses within their pursuit of an advanced credential such as certificate, diploma, or degree within the Technical College System.

Sasha further explained that the process of this project was to review the scope and sequence of classes within an entire high school pathway and align the matching content to the TCSG courses standards found within a program of study. Sasha explained that the pathway courses and TCSG program of study courses were reviewed by a group of DOE & TCSG administrators & faculty. Sasha thanked Ms. Frances Hewell, Ms. Marilyn McGlynn, Dean Claudia Grooms & Ms. Vicky Mack for their assistance on the DOE: Patient Care Technician (PCT) Pathway.

Sasha explained that the PCT Pathway consists of the following courses,

- 25.52100: Introduction to Health Care Science
- 25.44000: Essentials of Healthcare
- 25.43600: Patient Care Fundamentals

These courses were compared to the classes listed within the PC21: Patient Care Assistant courses. The PC21 program consists of the following classes,

- ALHS 1011: Structure & Function of the Human Body
- ALHS 1040: Introduction to Health Care
- ALHS 1060: Diet & Nutrition for Allied Health Sciences
- ALHS 1090: Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences
- COMP 1000: Introduction to Computer Literacy
- EMPL 1000: Interpersonal Relations & Professional Development

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- NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals

Based on the comparison of the courses within the PCT Pathway and the PC21 program, the DOE & TCSG faculty workgroup found the following findings,

- No alignment found for ALHS 1060, COMP 1000 & EMPL 1000.
- 25.44000: Essentials of Healthcare showed a slight skill alignment with ALHS 1011 but lacked the theory content.
- 25.43600: Patient Care Fundamentals showed an alignment with ALHS 1090 and NAST 1100.
- 25.4400: Essentials of Healthcare showed a skill and theory alignment with ALHS 1040.

As a result, Sasha and TCSG faculty workgroup explained to the IFCC that any courses that showed both theory & skill alignment were chosen alongside their required assessments as part of the articulation of the course credit agreement. Sasha asked the IFCC if they agree to move forward with DOE & TCSG coursework & assessment combination chosen by the TCSG faculty.

- Students can retrieve credit for ALHS 1040: Introduction of Healthcare, if they complete the Essentials of Healthcare, Patient Care Fundamentals, Essentials of Healthcare & CPR Certification (i.e., The American Heart Association, The American Red Cross, or any other national accrediting agency).
- Students can retrieve credit for NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals if they complete Essentials of Healthcare, Patient Care Fundamentals, Essentials of Healthcare, CPR Certification & Georgia Nurse Aide Certification Exam

The IFCC agreed upon the courses chosen for the articulation of credit agreement. Sasha explained that the draft agreement would move forward for review by DOE & TCSG administration. She further explained that although this is a state-wide agreement, each college will choose to offer the agreement at their college.

### **Conclusion/Action Items**

Overall the group agreed with the articulated credit for ALHS 1040 and NAST 1100 for high school students who successfully complete the Patient Care Technician Pathway. Sasha informed the group that once the draft agreement is reviewed by DOE & TCSG, the presidents would review the final draft of the articulation agreement in the Fall semester. Sasha thanked the group for all of their hard work, their participation, and their valued feedback. Sasha concluded the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.



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Minutes submitted by Sasha Kahiga

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