

Dear Dean/Director/Chair of a Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Program:

In winter 2013, the Pennsylvania Coalition for the Advancement of Nursing Education (PCANE) and the Pennsylvania Action Coalition (PA-AC) completed a study of nursing education programs in Pennsylvania. This survey revealed that many practical nursing programs, diploma nursing programs, and associate degree nursing programs have articulation agreements with baccalaureate nursing programs. Additionally, some have dual admission agreements with baccalaureate nursing programs.

A primary goal of the PA-AC and PCANE is to advance “*Best Practices*” for the academic progression of registered nurses holding either a diploma in nursing or an associate degree in nursing, as well as licensed practical nurses, for admission into, and graduation from, baccalaureate nursing programs. **The PA-AC and PCANE intends to promote “*Best Practices*” for academic progression in nursing as identified by academic nursing program administrators.**

Thank you for your assistance in obtaining this information

Directions:

Please complete this online survey that contains questions about your baccalaureate nursing program’s “Best Practices” for academic progression of licensed practical nurses and registered nurses holding either a diploma in nursing or an associate degree in nursing. If you have any questions or concerns while you are completing the survey, please feel free to contact Frances Ward at franceseward@gmail.com.

Name of Dean/Director/Chair of Nursing: _____

Name of your Institution: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail address: _____

1. Your articulation agreements with diploma nursing programs and associate degree nursing programs have criteria that are clearly identified, consistently applied, and published. (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)
 - Yes, true for **all** of our diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our a diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** articulation agreements

2. You inform students in diploma nursing programs and associate degree nursing programs with whom you have articulation agreements about these academic progression opportunities: (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)
 - during the application process to their diploma or ADN program
 - immediately upon admission to their diploma or ADN program
 - at some time during the course of their diploma or ADN program
 - immediately prior to graduation from their diploma or ADN program
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** articulation agreements

3. Graduates from diploma nursing programs and associate degree nursing programs who meet the criteria identified and published in your articulation agreements automatically enroll in the baccalaureate program without further review.
 - Yes, true for **all** of our diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our diploma and ADN articulation agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** articulation agreements

4. Graduates from diploma nursing programs who meet the criteria identified and published in your articulation agreements graduate with the baccalaureate degree without replicating any past course content from their diploma program.
 - Yes, true for **all** of our diploma articulation agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our diploma articulation agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our diploma articulation agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** diploma articulation agreements

5. Graduates from associate degree nursing programs who meet the criteria identified and published in your articulation agreements graduate with the baccalaureate degree without replicating any past course content from their ADN program.
- Yes, true for **all** of our ADN articulation agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our ADN articulation agreements
 - No, not true for **most** of our ADN articulation agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** ADN articulation agreements
6. Your dual admission agreements with diploma nursing programs and associate degree-nursing programs have criteria that are clearly identified, consistently applied, and published. (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)
- Yes, true for **all** of our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** dual admission agreements
7. You inform students in diploma nursing programs and associate degree nursing programs with whom you have dual admissions agreements about these academic progression opportunities: (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)
- during the application process to their diploma or ADN program
 - immediately upon admission to their diploma or ADN program
 - at some time during the course of their diploma or ADN program
 - immediately prior to graduation from their diploma or ADN program
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** articulation agreements
8. Graduates of diploma nursing programs and associate degree-nursing programs who meet the criteria identified in our dual admission agreements automatically enroll in the baccalaureate program without further review.
- Yes, true for **all** of our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our diploma and ADN dual admission agreements
 - Not applicable; we **do not have** dual admission agreements

9. Graduates of diploma nursing programs who meet the criteria identified in our dual admission agreements graduate with the baccalaureate degree without replicating any past course content from their original program.

- Yes, true for **all** of our diploma dual admission agreements
- Yes, true for **some** of our diploma dual admission agreements
- No, not true for **most** our diploma dual admission agreements
- Not applicable; we **do not have** dual admission agreements

10. Graduates of associate degree-nursing programs who meet the criteria identified in our dual admission agreements graduate with the baccalaureate degree without replicating any past course content from their original program.

- Yes, true for **all** of our ADN dual admission agreements
- Yes, true for **some** of our ADN dual admission agreements
- No, not true for **most** our ADN dual admission agreements
- Not applicable; we **do not have** ADN dual admission agreements

11. What is the average number of months it takes diploma school graduates to complete their baccalaureate degree program at your institution?

- Full-Time Average of 18 months
- Full-Time Greater than 18 months
- Part-Time Average of 36 months
- Part-Time Greater 36 months
- Other: Please describe _____

12. The numbers of diploma graduates who are enrolling in your baccalaureate program is:

- increasing over the past five years
- decreasing over the past five years
- stable; no change in enrollment over the past five years
- unknown

13. Which of the following baccalaureate program format types is the most popular with diploma school graduates who enroll in your baccalaureate program? (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)

- traditional classroom format on college campus
- traditional classroom format both on a college campus and in a clinical agency
- offered totally on-site at clinical agency
- traditional classroom format plus one or more online courses
- primarily online courses with occasional classroom sessions (“hybrid”)
- totally online format
- unknown
- other: please describe: _____

14. What are the “***TOP TWO***” features that comprise a “***BEST PRACTICE***” articulation agreement or dual admission agreement, with a diploma-nursing program?

#1: _____

#2: _____

15. What single diploma school program stands out as your ***Best Practice partner*** in advancing nurses’ education? _____

16. For your ***BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner*** named in item #15 above, please provide the following information regarding the numbers of students who were admitted to your baccalaureate program from this diploma program, and the number from this diploma program who eventually graduated from your baccalaureate program:

a. Academic Year 2013-2014:

Number of Diploma School graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from ***BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner***: _____

Number of Diploma School nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your ***BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner***: _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

b. Academic Year 2012-2013:

Number of Diploma School graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner:** _____

Number of Diploma School nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

c. Academic Year 2011-2012:

Number of Diploma School graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner:** _____

Number of Diploma School nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE Diploma School program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

17. What is the average number of months it takes ADN graduates to complete their baccalaureate degree program at your institution?

- Full-Time Average of 18 months
- Full-Time Greater than 18 months
- Part-Time Average of 36 months
- Part-Time Greater 36 months
- Other: Please describe _____

18. The numbers of ADN graduates who are enrolling in your baccalaureate program is:

- increasing over the past five years
- decreasing over the past five years
- stable; no change in enrollment over the past five years
- unknown

19. Which of the following baccalaureate program format types is the most popular with ADN graduates who enroll in your baccalaureate program? (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)

- traditional classroom format on college campus
- traditional classroom format both on a college campus and in a clinical agency
- offered totally on-site at clinical agency
- traditional classroom format plus one or more online courses
- primarily online courses with occasional classroom sessions (“hybrid”)
- totally online format
- unknown
- other: please describe: _____

20. What are the “**TOP TWO**” features that comprise a “**BEST PRACTICE**” articulation agreement or dual admission agreement, with an **ADN program**?

#1: _____

#2: _____

21. What single **ADN program** stands out as your **Best Practice partner** in advancing your nurses’ education? _____

22. For your **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner** named in item #21 above, please provide the following information regarding the numbers of students who were admitted to your baccalaureate program from this ADN program, and the number from this ADN program who eventually graduated from your baccalaureate program:

a. Academic Year 2013-2014:

Number of ADN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner**: _____

Number of ADN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner**: _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

b. Academic Year 2012-2013:

Number of ADN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner:** _____

Number of ADN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

c. Academic Year 2011-2012:

Number of ADN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner:** _____

Number of ADN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE ADN program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

23. Does your institution offer an RN-to-Master's Degree in Nursing Program?

- Yes
 No

If you have articulation agreements and/or dual admission agreements with Practical Nursing (PN) Programs, please answer the questions 1 through 16. If you do not have such agreements, then you have completed this survey.

1. Our articulation agreements and/or dual admission agreements with practical nursing (PN) programs have criteria that are clearly identified, consistently applied, and published. (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)

- Yes, true for **all** of our PN agreements
 Yes, true for **some** of our PN agreements
 No, not true for **most** our PN agreements

2. You inform students in practical nursing programs with which you have articulation agreements and/or dual admission agreements about these academic progression opportunities: (Please check the single most accurate response for your institution)
- during the application process to their PN program
 - immediately upon admission to their PN program
 - at some time during the course of their PN program
 - immediately prior to graduation from their PN program
3. Graduates from practical nursing programs who meet the criteria identified and published in our articulation agreements and/or dual admission agreements automatically enroll in our baccalaureate program without further review.
- Yes, true for **all** of our practical nursing program agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our practical nursing program agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our practical nursing program agreements
4. Graduates from practical nursing programs who meet the criteria identified and published in our articulation agreements and/or dual admission agreements graduate with the baccalaureate degree without replicating any past course content from their practical nursing program.
- Yes, true for **all** of our practical nursing program agreements
 - Yes, true for **some** of our practical nursing program agreements
 - No, not true for **most** our practical nursing program agreements
5. What is the average number of months it takes your PN students to complete their baccalaureate degree program at your institution?
- Full-Time Average of 18 months
 - Full-Time More than 18 months
 - Part-Time Average of 36 months
 - Part-Time more than 36 months
 - Other: Please describe _____
6. The numbers of PN graduates who are enrolling in your baccalaureate programs is:
- increasing over the past five years
 - decreasing over the past five years
 - stable; no change in enrollment over the past five years
 - unknown

7. Do you know which of the following baccalaureate program format types your PN graduates are enrolling in? (Check all that apply)

- traditional classroom format on college campus
- traditional classroom format both on a college campus and in a clinical agency
- offered totally on-site at clinical agency
- traditional classroom format plus one or more online courses
- primarily online courses with occasional classroom sessions (“hybrid”)
- totally online format
- unknown
- other: please describe: _____

14. What are the “**TOP TWO**” features that comprise a “**BEST PRACTICE**” articulation agreement or dual admission agreement with a practical nursing program?

#1: _____

#2: _____

15. What single **practical nursing program** stands out as your **Best Practice partner** in advancing practical nurses within your baccalaureate nursing education?

16. For your **BEST PRACTICE Practical Nursing program partner** named in item #21 above, please provide the following information regarding the numbers of students who were admitted to your baccalaureate program from this PN program, and the number from this PN program who eventually graduated from your baccalaureate program:

a. Academic Year 2013-2014:

Number of PN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

Number of PN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

b. Academic Year 2012-2013:

Number of PN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

Number of PN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

c. Academic Year 2011-2012:

Number of PN program graduates admitted to your baccalaureate program from **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

Number of PN program nurses who graduated from your baccalaureate program from your **BEST PRACTICE PN program partner:** _____

These numbers were obtained by: institutional data or estimated from information available from your graduates

General Item:

Please share with us any additional information regarding your “Best Practices” related to academic progression in nursing.

Upon completing this survey, you will receive a gift from the cooperating organizations. This gift will be mailed to your school’s address to your attention.

Thank you!