

Notification of Substantive Change Actions February 2024

Board of Commissioners Actions

The following publicly available information is provided by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) concerning actions taken on February 23, 2024, by the ACEN Board of Commissioners related to substantive changes. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners the next time a program is reviewed. For additional information regarding ACEN accreditation process, access the [Accreditation Manual](#).

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- **Alle-Kiski Medical Center Citizens School** (diploma) Tarentum, Pennsylvania, related to the implementation of Curriculum Revisions 50% or greater.
- **Anoka-Ramsey Community College** (associate) Coon Rapids, Minnesota, related to curriculum revisions of 50% or greater.
- **Dodge City Community College** (associate) Dodge City, Kansas, related to curriculum revisions of 50% or greater.
- **Missoula College - University of Montana** (associate) Missoula, Montana, related to the implementation of distance education of 50% or greater.
- **Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing** (diploma) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, related to the implementation of Curriculum Revisions 50% or greater.

The Commission approved the substantive change for the following programs and authorized a focused visit:

- **Lehigh Valley Health Network** (diploma) Pottsville, Pennsylvania, related to the implementation of distance education 50% or greater, a new part-time and evening program option, and a new off-campus instructional site of 50% or greater.

The Commission approved the substantive change report and requested a written report about the status of the implementation of the substantive change for the following programs:

- None

The Commission approved the substantive change and **removed** the requirement for a focused visit for the following programs:

- None

The Commission denied the substantive change for the following programs:

- None

The Commission denied the substantive change and authorized a focused visit for the following programs:

- None

Definitions

Substantive Change Report: A report submitted by an accredited program informing the ACEN of a significant modification or expansion of the nature and scope of a nursing program and/or nursing education unit.

Focused Visit: A site visit authorized by the ACEN Board of Commissioners to review significant accreditation-related information disclosed about a program as a result of:

- A substantive change
- Information revealed about a program between periods of scheduled review.
- Information received from the governing organization's accrediting body related to an adverse action.
- Information received from the program's state regulatory agency for nursing related to a change in its status.
- Information revealed by a program during the Evaluation Review Panel process.
- Information received from the U.S. Department of Education regarding a program's compliance responsibilities under Title IV of the Higher Education Act such as information related to a program's most recent student loan default rates, the results of financial or compliance audits, program reviews, and any other information that may be provided by the U.S. Department of Education.