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To: Board Members

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Subject: Education Division Report

Site Visits

The Nursing Education Consultants (NEC's) have continued conducting onsite program visits, mostly related to the continued approval process for programs, also known as the Program Records Survey (PRS). During the period of July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022, the NEC's conducted 18 onsite program visits.

Issues and Challenges During the COVID-19 Pandemic:

The NEC's continue to communicate with Program Directors to ensure that the programs are complying with regulations and that the students are not negatively impacted by the loss of clinical sites due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs faced many challenges during the past two years and have been creative with various clinical modalities to continue to move their students forward. The NEC's will continue working with the 23 programs who are still in need of alternative modalities for accomplishing clinical hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Initial Approval of New School or Program

From the initial cohort of applicants, who were on the Board's waiting list on or before December 31, 2019, nine applicants submitted a Letter of Intent by February 2, 2022. These nine applicants were assigned to an NEC between June 19, 2022 and August 1, 2022, after submission of their completed program approval application. One of the nine applicants from this cohort was approved to start a vocational nursing program on August 23, 2022.

The Education Division hosted a Public Stakeholder Meeting via WebEx on Thursday, October 6, 2022, to discuss the new VN and PT regulations for the program application process for a new school or program and the continued program approval application process.

In addition, the Education Division held three online training sessions via WebEx from October 20, 2022 to November 14, 2022 to assist proposed program administrators and staff with preparing the documentation for the new school or program application submission.

Lastly, an online training session was held via WebEx on October 13, 2022, for all program directors of approved VN and PT programs to assist programs with the continued program approval application process.

Staff Updates

The Governor's 2022-23 Budget includes funds specifically to hire two additional NEC's and one Associate Government Program Analyst (AGPA) to assist with the new school program application process which began January 2022. In addition, we have one vacant Program Technician position. We are currently working to fill all new and vacant positions.

Director Forum

The Education Division holds semi-annual forums with VN and PT program directors. The Fall 2022 Online Director Forum was held on September 14 and September 15, 2022, via WebEx. There were 61 attendees on September 14 and 65 attendees on September 15.

Organizational Improvement Office

DCA's Organizational Improvement Office (OIO) provides DCA boards and bureaus with change management services, business process mapping, and information technology system requirement documentation as well as collaborative consulting on process reengineering that maximizes utilization of existing resources, improves productivity, and increases quality. With the assistance of the OIO, the Education Division completed the mapping process for identifying steps of specific tasks within the Division. The OIO is preparing their report detailing specific recommendations on improving efficiencies throughout the Education Division. The final report will be presented to the Executive Officer (EO) for review. The report and recommendations will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Education Division
Statistical Data

January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022

Executive Summary

Approved Active Programs – VN

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	134	123	128	131	132
Feb	134	124	128	126	132
Mar	135	126	130	127	132
Apr	136	126	129	126	129
May	138	129	129	127	129
June	139	131	125	120	129
Jul	139	131	124	130	129
Aug	139	132	122	129	128
Sep	139	132	125	129	128
Oct		132	123	129	128
Nov		133	123	130	127
Dec		134	123	129	127

Approved Active Programs – PT

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	11	12	13	13	12
Feb	11	12	13	13	12
Mar	11	12	13	13	12
Apr	11	12	13	14	13
May	11	12	14	12	13
June	11	12	12	12	13
Jul	11	12	12	13	13
Aug	11	11	12	13	13
Sep	11	11	12	13	13
Oct		11	12	13	13
Nov		11	12	13	13
Dec		11	12	13	13

Provisionally Approved Active Programs – VN

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	9	14	11	10	11
Feb	9	14	10	13	11
Mar	7	12	10	13	11
Apr	7	12	13	13	11
May	6	11	13	9	11
June	5	9	12	7	11
Jul	5	9	12	8	11
Aug	5	9	14	9	13
Sep	5	9	14	16	13
Oct		9	13	9	13
Nov		9	14	9	14
Dec		9	14	11	14

Provisionally Approved Active Programs – PT

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	1	1	1	1	1
Feb	1	1	1	1	1
Mar	1	1	1	1	1
Apr	1	1	2	1	1
May	1	1	2	1	1
June	1	1	1	1	1
Jul	1	1	1	1	1
Aug	1	2	1	1	1
Sep	1	2	1	1	1
Oct		2	1	1	1
Nov		2	1	1	1
Dec		2	1	1	1

Assigned Proposed Programs – VN

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	10	20	11	22
Feb	10	9	19	11	22
Mar	18	9	17	10	22
Apr	18	9	16	13	21
May	14	18	16	13	24
June	14	18	16	20	24
Jul	13	17	16	22	24
Aug	12	16	14	21	24
Sep	12	15	17	21	24
Oct		15	14	22	12
Nov		13	13	21	11
Dec		11	13	20	15

Assigned Proposed Programs – PT

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	0	0	1	0	1
Feb	0	0	0	0	1
Mar	0	0	0	0	1
Apr	0	0	0	0	1
May	0	0	0	0	1
June	0	0	0	0	1
Jul	0	0	0	2	1
Aug	0	0	0	1	1
Sep	0	0	2	1	1
Oct		0	0	1	0
Nov		0	0	1	0
Dec		0	0	1	0

Unassigned Proposed Programs – VN

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	53	43	33	32	27
Feb	47	52	32	32	27
Mar	36	57	32	32	27
Apr	36	58	33	24	28
May	36	42	34	24	28
June	36	47	35	24	28
Jul	36	49	35	24	28
Aug	36	50	37	27	28
Sep	36	50	38	29	28
Oct		51	41	31	19
Nov		53	41	33	20
Dec		53	41	33	22

Unassigned Proposed Programs – PT

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	3	2	1	2	0
Feb	3	2	1	2	0
Mar	2	3	1	2	0
Apr	2	3	1	1	1
May	2	3	1	1	1
June	2	3	1	1	1
Jul	2	3	1	1	1
Aug	2	3	1	1	1
Sep	2	3	1	1	1
Oct		3	1	1	2
Nov		3	1	1	2
Dec		3	1	1	2

**These eight categories are captured on a monthly basis and do not accumulate into yearly totals.

Complaints Received Regarding Approved Programs

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	8	10	5	7	11
Feb	1	16	8	10	7
Mar	5	10	7	8	7
Apr	10	5	2	9	7
May	9	3	16	7	5
June	12	7	1	5	5
Jul	16	2	10	3	4
Aug	9	3	10	5	5
Sep	13	8	7	6	6
Oct		4	10	19	8
Nov		11	12	16	6
Dec		10	7	9	10
Total	**83**	**89**	**95**	**104**	**81**

Change Requests from Programs
(# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	1,131	784	460	341	375
Feb	935	532	425	286	126
Mar	1,062	644	548	295	126
Apr	1,036	665	632	253	126
May	1,253	832	556	302	170
June	1,210	1,056	545	418	171
Jul	1,125	777	614	470	171
Aug	1,285	843	581	435	275
Sep	1,318	944	496	461	276
Oct		721	610	453	333
Nov		759	523	488	206
Dec		779	610	426	271
Total	**10,355**	**9,336**	**6,600**	**4,628**	**2,626**

Faculty Approval Applications
(# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	321	219	196	174	286
Feb	292	218	197	123	122
Mar	394	309	119	160	122
Apr	367	306	88	203	122
May	315	260	100	196	228
June	390	230	202	155	229
Jul	299	349	287	232	128
Aug	371	386	247	218	196
Sep	440	285	242	183	196
Oct		422	243	205	222
Nov		289	227	184	176
Dec		392	213	208	173
Total	**3,189**	**3,665**	**2,361**	**2,241**	**2,200**

Facility Approval Applications
(# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	274	183	280	141	228
Feb	351	286	171	147	111
Mar	554	480	178	162	111
Apr	472	440	31	157	112
May	460	421	69	232	96
June	411	313	212	216	97
Jul	385	234	266	155	97
Aug	399	407	341	150	181
Sep	376	345	314	165	182
Oct		329	333	190	146
Nov		308	302	199	125
Dec		250	250	208	109
Total	**3,682**	**3,996**	**2,747**	**2,122**	**1,595**

Reports for Executive Officer Review

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	20	10	20	19	26
Feb	10	6	15	9	15
Mar	28	5	11	13	15
Apr	10	8	5	14	15
May	32	11	15	15	13
June	19	19	12	15	13
Jul	6	8	20	13	13
Aug	13	9	8	16	16
Sep	9	10	13	17	16
Oct		13	20	10	13
Nov		18	6	11	9
Dec		1	11	10	13
Total	**147**	**118**	**156**	**162**	**177**

Reports for Board Meetings

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	4	9	8	7	8
Feb	8	8	9	10	2
Mar	1	1	6	6	2
Apr	1	2	8	5	3
May	3	12	9	11	3
June	4	3	4	8	3
Jul	5	2	9	10	3
Aug	1	6	10	8	4
Sep	0	1	4	6	4
Oct		1	8	6	10
Nov		5	8	6	7
Dec		1	8	5	6
Total	**27**	**51**	**91**	**88**	**55**

Inspections: Onsite

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	5	1	4	6	6
Feb	2	1	3	1	3
Mar	6	1	2	4	4
Apr	5	4	0	5	4
May	10	1	0	4	1
June	5	3	0	3	2
Jul	6	7	1	4	2
Aug	6	11	1	4	3
Sep	6	5	1	3	3
Oct		3	0	4	6
Nov		1	0	3	4
Dec		5	0	4	1
Total	**51**	**43**	**12**	**45**	**39**

Inspections: Program Record Surveys completed

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	4	7	11	7	8
Feb	1	5	3	3	4
Mar	8	5	7	3	5
Apr	6	5	7	5	5
May	6	2	1	6	3
June	6	2	1	6	3
Jul	2	7	5	3	3
Aug	5	10	3	1	6
Sep	2	5	1	8	7
Oct		9	3	6	6
Nov		3	3	9	2
Dec		0	7	2	6
Total	**40**	**60**	**52**	**59**	**58**

Meetings: Teleconference or Skype

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Meetings: In Person

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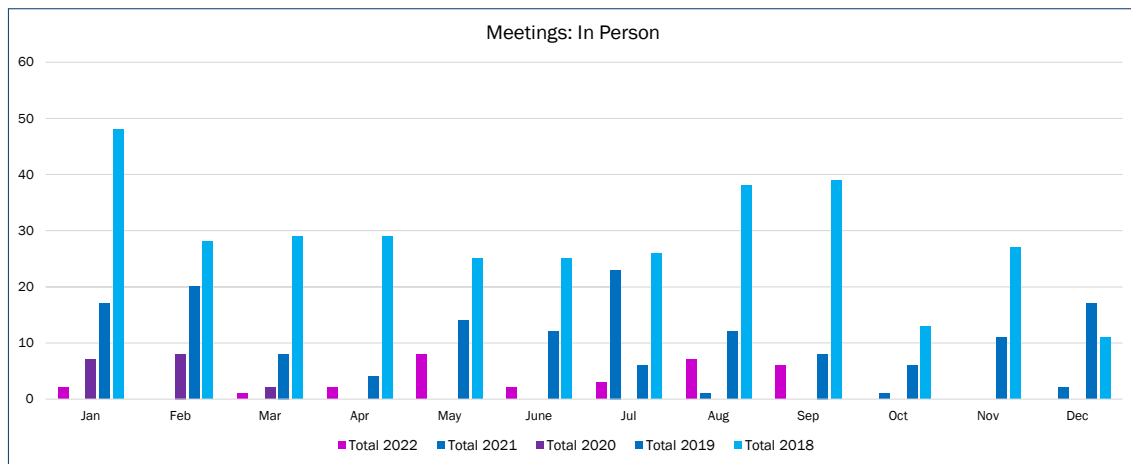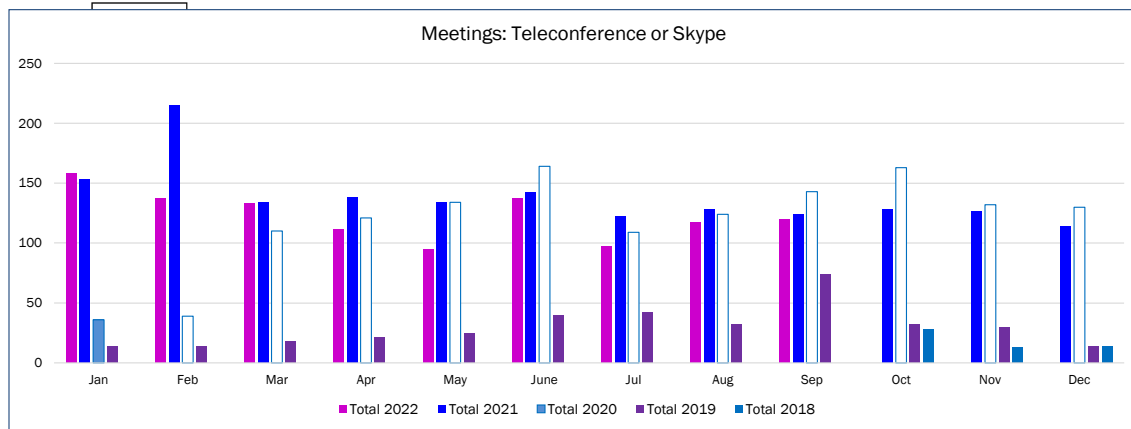
Written Correspondence Received (Incoming)

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	3,738	3,655	2,729	1,407	2,509
Feb	3,863	4,393	2,593	1,338	1,465
Mar	4,017	3,737	3,717	989	1,465
Apr	3,381	3,426	3,328	1,129	1,466
May	3,705	3,334	3,322	1,353	1,317
June	3,904	3,545	2,588	1,496	1,318
Jul	2,824	3,252	2,518	2,015	1,317
Aug	3,264	3,302	2,688	1,918	1,444
Sep	2,668	3,463	2,514	2,377	1,445
Oct		3,842	2,875	1,984	1,359
Nov		3,489	2,690	1,827	1,244
Dec		3,298	2,741	1,684	1,212
Total	**31,364**	**42,736**	**34,303**	**19,517**	**17,561**

Written Correspondence Responses (Outgoing)

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	2,955	3,065	1,957	930	1,631
Feb	3,188	3,565	1,952	1,018	991
Mar	2,927	2,998	2,942	857	992
Apr	2,790	2,141	2,864	1,015	992
May	2,902	2,557	2,556	1,272	733
June	3,227	2,835	2,262	1,299	734
Jul	2,047	2,696	2,708	1,754	734
Aug	2,584	2,740	2,365	1,135	946
Sep	2,784	2,598	2,374	2,048	947
Oct		2,870	2,602	1,823	976
Nov		2,681	2,368	1,641	855
Dec		2,505	2,282	1,487	887
Total	**25,404**	**33,251**	**29,232**	**16,279**	**11,418**

Telephone Correspondence Received (Incoming)

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Telephone Correspondence Responses (Outgoing)

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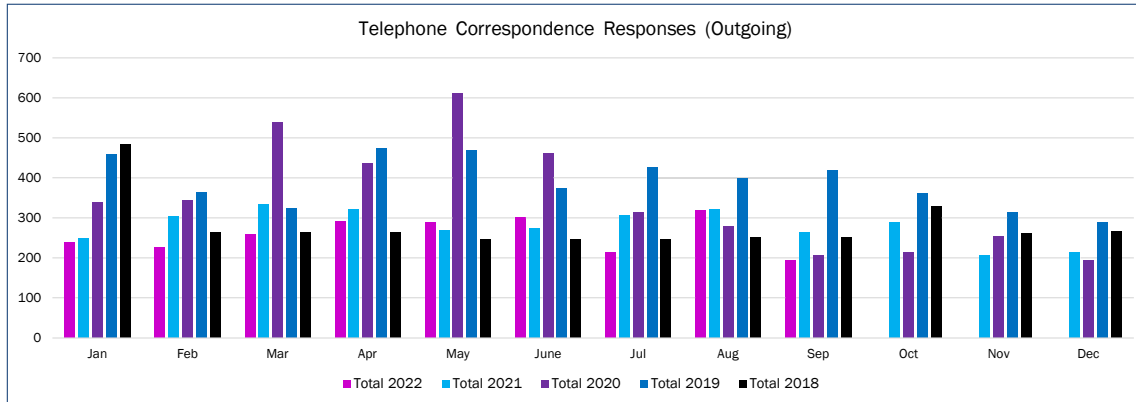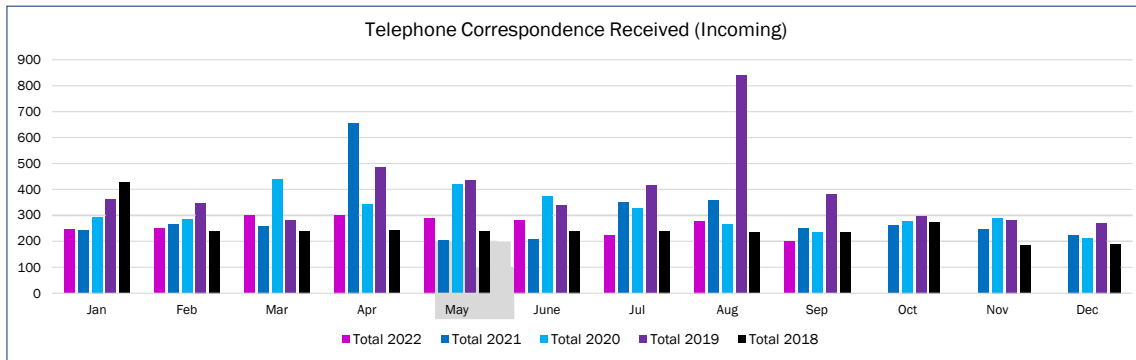
Scope of Practice Questions

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	98	67	90	62	143
Feb	76	110	78	62	81
Mar	146	92	90	133	81
Apr	115	104	74	138	81
May	97	105	95	139	82
June	96	120	96	115	83
Jul	86	119	96	66	83
Aug	120	55	60	104	96
Sep	143	112	78	89	96
Oct		134	51	111	85
Nov		119	61	101	52
Dec		98	63	80	35
Total	**977**	**1,235**	**932**	**1,200**	**998**

Psychiatric Technician Examination Development Session Preparation

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	2	0	10	20	5
Feb	1	0	19	10	1
Mar	0	0	1	8	0
Apr	1	0	2	16	0
May	0	1	2	0	1
June	1	0	0	1	0
Jul	0	0	0	9	1
Aug	0	0	0	6	11
Sep	36	2	0	6	11
Oct		0	0	12	0
Nov		0	0	0	0
Dec		4	0	12	4
Total	**41**	**7**	**34**	**100**	**34**

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Course Certification and CE Provider Applications

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	18	34	22	27	42
Feb	18	39	18	10	30
Mar	30	24	12	6	31
Apr	62	8	10	9	31
May	28	29	10	5	17
June	16	18	27	5	18
Jul	5	8	22	44	17
Aug	49	21	19	8	32
Sep	21	15	42	21	32
Oct		30	55	12	26
Nov		35	39	19	12
Dec		1	40	25	4
Total	**247**	**262**	**316**	**191**	**292**

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Approved License Certifications Issued in Breeze

Month	Total 2022	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	248	269	353	362	244
Feb	345	297	295	309	270
Mar	449	313	375	274	530
Apr	404	407	248	370	447
May	221	576	155	254	370
June	239	522	254	335	510
Jul	259	334	368	519	353
Aug	217	449	380	557	508
Sep	195	298	434	185	617
Oct		351	462	507	285
Nov		273	313	306	325
Dec		378	421	574	414
Total	**2,577**	**4,467**	**4,058**	**4,552**	**4,873**

*Education Division team assumed responsibility for IV/BW certifications in March 2019