

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of March 13, 2012

ITEM # 13

ITEM TITLE:

Enrollment Growth and Retention Program – Associate Degree Nursing/RN Programs Grant for Merritt College

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider approval to Merritt College Apply for the Enrollment Growth and Retention Program – Associate Degree Nursing/RN Programs Grant

ITEM SUMMARY:

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges award grants to community college districts with associate degree nursing programs to expand enrollment and reduce program attrition by providing diagnostic assessments, developing and offering pre-entry coursework to prospective nursing students, and diagnostic assessments and supportive services to enrolled nursing students. Supportive services include tutoring, case management, mentoring, and counseling services.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

The California Community College Chancellor's Office
Allocation amount will be between \$232,000 and \$363,000 for one year

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The intent of the legislation was to facilitate both the expansion of associate degree nursing programs and to improve completion rates in those programs. These grants provide funds to local community college Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs to assist in the development of activities addressing the nursing shortage by increasing the capacity of the college's nursing program to enroll additional students and by increasing the number of students who graduate and pass the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX). These funds may only be used to augment existing community college nursing program capacity/student cohorts and funding received through the Full-Time Equivalent Student apportionment process.

DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:

The goals of the grant are:

- Increase enrollment capacity in ADN - RN programs;
- Determine, through diagnostic assessment, those students who are ready to enter the nursing program and who are most likely to succeed;
- Provide pre-entry preparation for students who do not achieve the diagnostic assessment cut score;
- Provide support to students enrolled in the nursing program to increase the program retention and completion rate to 85 percent or more; and
- Increase the number of students who complete the college program and pass the national licensure exam by a reasonable percentage.

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:

July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2014.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: George Herring
President of Merritt College

Date: 3-5-12

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Debbie Budd
Dr. Debbie Budd, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

Date: 3-6-12

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: Ron Gerhard
Ron Gerhard, Chief Financial Officer

Date: 3-6-12

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: _____
General Counsel

Date: _____

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Wise E. Allen
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor

Date: 3-15-12