



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents
Chief Academic Officers

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster, President
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SUBJECT: Cecil G. Sheps Center: Study of Associate Degree Nursing Program Success

For several years, many of us have discussed concerns about retention and graduation rates of students who are admitted into our Associate Degree Nursing programs. The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has agreed to analyze the multiple factors that lead to a student's success.

In the near future, you will receive a survey from the Sheps Center for the Nursing Program Director to complete. They will send both a hard copy and an electronic version. The time period that is being addressed in the survey is from Fall 2002 to Spring 2005. Please note the completed survey will need to be resubmitted within 7 days of receipt. I encourage your participation.

The survey will ask questions related to admission and progression policies, services and resources at the community college, classroom and clinical instruction, and faculty and student information. The survey will be reviewed at the Associate Degree Nursing Directors meeting on March 14th. During this time, clarification can be made on any specific questions that are addressed in the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Judith C. Mann at (919) 807-7108, e-mail mannj@ncccommunitycolleges.edu, or Renee Batts at (919) 807-7118, e-mail battsr@ncccommunitycolleges.edu.

We are looking forward to the results of this study and will be sharing the findings at a later date.

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