TITLE: GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CAMPUS TELECONFERENCE SITES

RATIONALE: In order to provide the College of Nursing guidelines for a decision-making process regarding requests for access to the CON Graduate Program from non-campus sites. The College of Nursing perceives the provision of accessible graduate education as a part of the role of a land grant institution.

POLICY: The College of Nursing evaluates requests from non-campus sites for telecommunication access to the graduate program. Selection of any given site is always dependent on the availability of College of Nursing resources at the time of the site application. The following criteria are used to determine the feasibility of establishing the requested site:

1. There must be a minimum number of three students from that site accepted into the program with all students taking the same sequence of nursing courses simultaneously.

2. The site will be considered an active site as long as there is at least one student completing coursework in the pre-described program sequence for the CON graduate program. Students who have exceptional circumstances (such as failure of a course) and become out of sequence will be required to access the program at an established campus. If there are no students completing coursework at a site that site becomes inactive.

3. The site must be located at least 75 miles from an established campus and have significant rationale for their request.

4. The requesting site must be willing to provide six years of support to the program which will include a dedicated telephone line for the teleconference connection.

5. The College of Nursing will limit the number of sites being accessed to one site, for a two year evaluative period.*

PROCEDURE:

I. The non-campus site will:

   1. Submit in writing their rationale for the requested access to the graduate program by teleconference hook up.

   2. Students interested in participating in the graduate program on the non-campus site must apply through the usual university procedure.

II. The College of Nursing will develop a formal contractual agreement with the non-campus site.

*RECOMMENDATION:
The Graduate Academic Affairs Subcommittee recommends that the college have a two year pilot project with one non-campus site for the evaluation of the effectiveness of this format for offering the graduate program. The college would also have the right to recommend changes/alterations in this format during the two year period in order to facilitate the success of the educational process. Additional sites could be developed after this two year evaluative period depending on the outcome of the pilot project.

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