



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Associate Degree Nursing Programs

FROM: Renee Godwin Batts
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SUBJECT: Cecil G. Sheps Center: Study of Associate Degree Nursing Program Success

Many of us have discussed concerns about retention and graduation rates of our students. In the near future, you will receive a survey from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The survey will gather information about each Associate Degree Nursing program at our community colleges during the time period of 2002 through 2005. The survey will be sent out both electronically and hard copy to all of our Associate Degree Nursing Programs.

I would like to clarify that the Cecil G. Sheps Center has agreed to analyze the multiple factors that lead to student success for the North Carolina Community College System. The study by the Sheps Center is a study that the North Carolina Community College System requested. We are working in collaboration with the Sheps Center. I need to clarify that this is not a parallel study with the North Carolina Center for Nursing; I know that some of you have recently received a survey from the North Carolina Center for Nursing, but these are two separate events.

President Lancaster sent a memorandum to the Presidents and Chief Academic Officers on February 26, 2008 (see CC08-052) that you may have seen informing them of the Sheps Center study. I am sure you understand the importance of completing the survey from the Sheps Center and returning it within seven days of receipt. I look forward to the opportunity of attending the Associate Degree Nursing Director's meeting on March 14, 2008. At that time, I will provide clarification and answer any specific questions you may have about the survey. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact me at (919) 807-7118 or battsr@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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

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