



February 16, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees

FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President

SUBJECT: Administration of the Admissions Assessment Exam to Nursing Applicants

As part of its program review to improve student success, the Nursing Department has reviewed curriculum, student readiness, and student success rates. Research indicated that current admission practices do not provide enough opportunities for well-qualified students to be accepted and that some less qualified students are entering but not completing.

As a result, we have modified the admissions process to include the Admissions Assessment exam. This test is designed to use in conjunction with GPA and course completions to determine student readiness for the specific knowledge and demands needed to succeed in nursing. The test is offered at over 225 schools and colleges of nursing nationwide, including several in Florida. For the convenience of our students, TCC will become a test administration site. The cost to nursing students for the tests will be \$30.

STAFF RESOURCE: Barbara Sloan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board approve TCC's administration of the test at \$30.