

Concept Based Curriculum-Albuquerque, NM

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Summary Report

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The Concept Based Curriculum Conference in Albuquerque was a wonderful experience. There was an opportunity to network with some of the finest minds in nursing across the United States. This conference was well organized and presented in a clear manner. Each of the keynote speakers were well versed in taking the newer curriculum structure in Nursing based on the theory of Jean Giddens and share the “how to” methodology of applying this model to your own curriculum. As the Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the Nursing Program, I found the suggested steps to take both important and urgent to implement. As our program recently was accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education in Nursing (ACEN), it was especially an important conference to attend. My colleague Kathleen Hagan and I were able to confer as to how we could begin the important work of revising the alignment of this newer curriculum within our program. While the ACEN accreditors, approved our program for eight years, it was suggested by the reviewers that revision was needed in how we are applying concept based nursing to our curriculum. This conference has given us the important tools towards achieving this goal and the networking with other schools gave us many new approaches. Coupled with the networking at the Hawaii Strategic Institute (HSI) with other nursing faculty across Hawaii Community College campuses, we now have the tools necessary to begin the hard work of setting up the curriculum and encouraging the collaboration of our faculty united around this goal.

Many thanks for giving me the chance to attend!