

Sentara College President Selected for CCNE Committee

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The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has appointed Dr. Angela Taylor, president of Sentara College of Health Sciences, to the CCNE Standards Committee. The Standards Committee forms every five years for an analysis of the accreditation standards and key elements for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

The Standards Committee will develop and implement a process for reviewing the accreditation standards, seeking input regarding the current and proposed standards from the CCNE community of interest, and considering that input in the revision process, last revised in 2018.

"I am excited to be part of this committee and continue my work with CCNE," said Taylor.

As a CCNE team leader for site visits and a Substantive Change Review Committee member, Taylor's love for CCNE began early in her academic career when she was at Christopher Newport University for one of the first CCNE evaluations.

"I learned what they were looking for and how to write to the standards, and it has served me well over the years," said Taylor.

She added that being part of this committee will allow her to help revise, if needed, some of the standards by which accreditation decisions for compliance or noncompliance are rendered.

Additionally, she is excited to bring a different voice to the committee.

"There are few schools of Nursing that are not in traditional colleges and universities, and I can bring a different voice to that committee and perhaps provide perspectives that they may not consider outside that traditional college and university experience," she said.

For Taylor, being able to bring this diverse experience outside of traditional academic settings proves how much CCNE values the expertise and knowledge of those selected.

"The diverse representation of the Standards Committee members takes CCNE a step beyond just having personnel in their offices as liaisons and accreditation experts for accreditation, with committee members using real-world experiences from nursing education," said Taylor. "It will help to expand on application of the standards and evaluating them from different nursing perspectives and real-world experiences."

ABOUT SENTARA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Sentara College of Health Sciences is an accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher learning that confers master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees in nursing and allied health disciplines,

in addition to multiple certificate courses. The 130-year-old college is among the most selective in the region, and boasts consistently excellent outcomes for student retention, placement, and licensure rates. Many of the college's graduates go on to enjoy rewarding careers in the highly respected Sentara Healthcare System. Learn more at sentara.edu.