

Southeast Tech
ACEN Review of RN Program Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board an update of the ACEN Review of the RN program.

Dean of Nursing Kristin Possehl will provide an overview of the Registered Nursing accreditation visit with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) that occurred on Feb 25-27 at Southeast Tech. Four ACEN site team evaluators visited the Southeast Tech campus and met with faculty, staff, students, and administrators during the accreditation visit. ACEN evaluators also toured and inspected the RN program offered by Southeast Tech at the Huron Community Campus in Huron, South Dakota. The recommendation from the evaluation team during their exit interview is for eight additional years of accreditation (the maximum number of years allowable). The ACEN evaluators complimented Nursing faculty for the high quality of the RN program, our Nursing students, and Southeast Tech facilities. The site team recommendation for re-accreditation will be submitted to the ACEN Evaluation Review Panel (ERP) on June 2, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. After the Evaluation Review Panel, the matter will go before the ACEN Board of Directors for final approval.

The site visitors will prepare a written report for the ERP within six weeks, in which they are recommending that the program be found compliant with all six standards for accreditation. They noted three areas of strength for the program, including student resources and support, the partnership with Huron, and the excellent simulation facilities at both sites. Areas needing development include faculty numbers, some areas of curriculum progression, and documentation of program outcomes.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:

To acknowledge the ACEN Review of the RN program report.