Kapi‘olani Community College
Action Request Memorandum
January 6, 2012

TO: Leon Richards, Chancellor, Kapi‘olani Community College
VIA: Dennis Vanairsdale
Chairperson KCC Faculty Senate
FROM: Chris Nadamoto, Nursing Department Chairperson
SUBJECT: Addition of the Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide at Kapi‘olani Community College

1. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED

   Approval is requested to add a new Certificate program in the in the nursing department.

2. RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2012

3. PURPOSE:

   The purpose of this addition is to comply with a request from the Department of Education.

4. SPECIFIC ISSUES:

Proposed Program Description: The School Health Aide Certificate of Competence prepares entry level nurse aides who can function in the school health environment. Students will learn to provide culturally sensitive and competent care to elementary, middle and high school students. Graduates of the 60 hour program are eligible to apply for a School Health Aide position with the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE).

Proposed Special Admission Requirements for School Health Aide: Applicants are selected on a first-qualified first-selected basis. A minimum reading level of 9th grade (a COMPASS test score of 61 or other test equivalent or completion of ENG 21 or higher with a “C” or higher) is required for admission to the program. Applicants must have a current State of Hawaii Nurse Aide Certification. Applicants must not be on probation at Kapi‘olani Community College. Priority in filling this program is given to qualified residents of the State of Hawaii.

Proposed Program Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide the student should be able to:
   • Identify the role of the School Health Aide within the school health system.
   • Provide morally, ethically and culturally competent care within the school health system.
   • Demonstrate appropriate and effective communication and documentation within the school health system.
• Recognize variations from the norm to communicate and document to appropriate health care provider.
• Identify resources for the promotion of care of students in the school health system.

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The issuance of a Certificate of Competence requires that the student’s work has been evaluated and determined to be satisfactory. In order to receive the Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide, a grade of “C” or higher is required in NURS 17.

5. BACKGROUND AND CONSEQUENCES:

The Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide from Kapi’olani will provide the DOE with a more qualified applicant pool. Historically, the DOE has hired applicants with a high school education and CPR training. The Public Health Nurses in the school districts trained the newly hired School Health Aides. However, due to changes in the Dept. of Health organizational structure, Public Health Nurses will no longer be providing training to School Health Aides. The DOE plans to have more qualified School Health Aides given the complexity of many students’ health conditions. Therefore, this Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide at Kapi’olani Community College is necessary to fill the training gap left by Public Health Nurses and upgrade basic training of all future School Health Aides within the DOE system.

6. ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Approval of the addition of the Certificate of Competence in School Health Aide at Kapi’olani Community College effective Fall 2012.