



DEGREE QUALITY ASSESSMENT BOARD

July 14, 2015

File: 60100-20/KUC/0405KUC0001
60100-20/KUC/GEN

Dr. Salvador Ferreras
Provost and Vice-President Academic
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
12666 72nd Ave
Surrey BC V3W 2M8

Dear Dr. Ferreras:

On May 5, 2015, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) made a written request to the Degree Quality Assessment Board (Board) for determination on whether changes to its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN) degree programs would constitute new degrees and require approval of the Minister.

The Board considered the KPU request at its meeting on June 15, 2015 and determined that the changes to both degree programs were substantive enough to constitute new degrees. Therefore, both the BSN and BPN degree programs are required to be posted on the Post-Secondary Institution Proposal System (PSIPS), for the required 30-day peer/public review period and obtain approval from the Minister.

As KPU has exempt status to the baccalaureate level, the Board will not review the BSN and BPN degree proposals unless they are forwarded to the Board by the Minister. However, the Board suggests that KPU review the two degree proposals and clarify any inconsistencies, (e.g. number of new/deleted courses, program credits etc.), prior to posting them on PSIPS.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Secretariat at DQABSecretariat@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicholas Rubidge
Chair

pc: Dr. Tru Freeman, Dean
Faculty of Health