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RE: Report on Enrollment in Nursing Degree Programs

Education Code Section 89276 requires the California State University to provide to the legislature an annual report regarding the status of the university’s entry-level master’s (ELM) nursing programs, including, the number of programs created, the number of licensed registered nurses resulting from the entry-level master’s pre-licensure program component, and the number of nurses with a master’s degree in nursing that have graduated from the ELM programs.

California State University Nursing Enrollment (in FTES)

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<th>ELM Base Year 2005-06</th>
<th>BSN Base Year 2006-07</th>
<th>2009-10</th>
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<tr>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>BS Nursing (BSN)</td>
<td>4,190.0</td>
<td>4,355.7</td>
<td>5,250.2</td>
<td>4,893.0</td>
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<td>San Francisco</td>
<td>MS Nursing (traditional MSN)</td>
<td>1,006.5</td>
<td>919.4</td>
<td>960.0</td>
<td>911.2</td>
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<td>San Jose</td>
<td>Entry-Level MS Nursing(ELM)</td>
<td>N.A.</td>
<td>554.1</td>
<td>773.9</td>
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<td>San Luis Obispo</td>
<td>All Masters Nursing Programs</td>
<td>1,006.5</td>
<td>1,473.5</td>
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1 The base established for CSU entry-level Master’s nursing programs was equal to the 443 FTES funding support level received in 2005-06.

CSU has maintained its commitment to fund 443 full-time equivalent students (FTES) in the ELM program, although total ELM enrollment has decreased over the past two years from its peak in 2009-10 due to reduced State funding levels and

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the high cost of nursing instruction. Despite CSU budget reductions, BSN nursing enrollments for 2011-12 are 16 percent higher than the 2006-07 BSN base year enrollments. ELM enrollments are almost 20 percent above the 443 FTES baseline established in 2005-06.

ELM PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Number of Programs Created. Following the signing of SB 1245 into law in September 2004, CSU established nine ELM degree programs at campuses across the state. Humboldt, Bakersfield, and Northridge campuses started ELM programs but could not maintain enrollments sufficient to sustain the programs. Following state funding support for masters nursing program enrollment growth in fiscal year 2006-07, there are currently seven state-supported ELM programs at the following CSU campuses: Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

ELM to RN Success Rate. The California Board of Registered Nurses (BRN) does not release data on entry level MSN graduates whom go on to earn RN board certification. Although data is unavailable, it is reasonable to expect that most students enroll in the ELM program with the intention of becoming registered nurses.

ELM Graduates. The total enrollment in the ELM program for academic year 2011-12 was 530 FTES. During that academic year, 277 MSN degrees were conferred in this four to six semester program.

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Sincerely,

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