

From the President's Desk

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The Delta Advantage #3

Instructors-Caring – They CARE! That's what many of our past students and graduates have to say about our instructors.

100% Pass!

Congratulations to Ms. Jenks and the Delta, BR Practical Nursing Division for achieving a 100% Pass Rate for the two most recent graduating classes! Actually congratulations go to all of the Delta, BR employees for this accomplishment—admissions, financial aid, administration, and instructional staff.

We have made many improvements in this program over the past year that have really made a difference for our graduates. Some of the changes:

- Hurst Review is provided by the college to all graduates;
- Standardization of syllabi, course outlines, and lesson plans;
- Renewed emphasis on internet study tools;
- NCLEX-PN exit exams given to all seniors eight weeks prior to graduation to help students understand their strengths and weaknesses as well as their readiness to take and pass their licensure exam.

Calendar – Delta, BR and BLC

Non-PN Night Start-Monday	Oct 15
PN Day Orientation-Monday	Oct 22
On-Site Advisory Board Meeting-Wed	Oct 24
PN Day Graduation-Thursday	Oct 25
Veterans Day Holiday-Friday	Nov 9
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	Nov 12
Thanksgiving Holiday-Thur & Fri	Nov 22-23
Non-PN Graduation-Tuesday	Nov 27

Report of School Visit Made by BLC

As many of you are aware, I was out of the office last week to serve as part of an accreditation team to renew accreditation for a school in Texas. This school had one main campus and three branch campuses and was very similar to our schools in their program offerings and organizational structure.

Although it is a lot of work, I really enjoy being a part of an accreditation team because I get to see how other schools operate – I always come back with a few good ideas and I always give the school a few good ideas of my own.

But what I come away with most of all is a renewed desire to promote and improve our school.

On the instructional side, there is no comparison, our schools are head and shoulders above most that I have visited in program content, instructor tenure and preparation, program coordinators, and instructional equipment and supplies. We have the best student satisfaction ratings I've seen thus far in these areas.

On the administrative side, although our personnel are second to none, our processes and procedures can be improved. So what I'm most motivated to do as a result of this latest visit is to spend more time and effort on our admissions and financial aid policy and procedure; removing as many barriers to entry as possible.

We need to do a better job of telling our story to those who ask – prospective students. We will be working diligently over the next several months to improve our services in admissions and financial aid to better inform prospective students of who we are and what we can do for them.

Marriage/Relationship Tips – The Enemy

“You are not the enemy!” This phrase is one of the best bits of marital advice I've ever heard.

When a man and woman enter into marriage, both have preconceived ideas and expectations of what their spouse is to be. When these expectations are not met, our natural response is to make our mate what we want them to be instead of letting them be who God created them to be.

When we try to push each other into the molds we've created, there is conflict which produces all types of problems with our mind, will and emotions.

When conflicts arise and tempers flair, we need to step back and realize that our spouse is not the enemy – Satan is.

Jesus said, “*The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.*” John 10:10. Satan is the author of confusion. His desire is to destroy your marriage as marriage is not only ordained by God but it is right & good in His sight.

So when you are tempted to think ill of your mate, stop and remind yourself that he/she is not the enemy. Then ask God to show you what the enemy is trying to do and where the real problem lies. With an open mind to God's guidance you'll find your spouse becoming more and more your very best friend – just like God intended.

“*Let no one seek his own good, but that of the other*” I Corinthians 10:24.