

EQUIPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

Name of Person Submitting Request:	Dennis Jackson, Marcia Wyatt, & Neomi Sabio
Program or Service Area:	Psychiatric Technology 086 of the Psychiatric Technology Program
Division:	Science
Date of Last Program Efficacy:	2008-09
What rating was given?	Continuation
Equipment Requested	Personal Alarm Transmitters
Amount Requested:	\$23,100.00
Strategic Initiatives Addressed:	"Campus Culture & Climate" and "Student Success"

1. Provide a rationale for your request.

Students enrolled in PSYTCH 086 are required to complete their clinical rotation at Patton State Hospital (PSH) to meet their course objectives. PSH, a forensic mental health facility housing the criminally "insane." PSH maintains a high level of security to prevent physical injury to their employees and our students. Personal alarm transmitters are important tools that ensure safety for our students during their clinical rotations. Following the death of a psychiatric technician at another state hospital, all employees are required to carry a personal alarm transmitter for safety. Napa State Hospital is testing a new security alarm system that is expected to be adapted by PSH in the near future. These new alarms will replace the alarms currently in use.

2. Indicate how the content of the latest Program Efficacy Report and/or most current EIS data support this request. How is the request tied to program planning? (*Reference the page number(s) where the information can be found on Program Efficacy.*)

FTES is reduced due to budget constraints (See page two). PSH clinical experience is an extensive part of the student clinical experience which can't be replicated elsewhere. Students must comply with the hospital's safety requirements.

3. Indicate if there is additional information you wish the committee to consider (*for example: regulatory information, compliance, updated efficiency and/or student success data or planning etc.*).

The Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) requires students to complete a minimum of 270 clinical hours in the area of Mental Disorders. PSH is our major clinical site for this area of study and clinical experience. Since our beginning in 1970, PSH has been the major employer of our graduates. For the last several years, our retention rate has been between 95 and 100 percent (See graph on page two). For the last two quarters of 2012, our graduates have passed their licensure exam with 100% success rate.

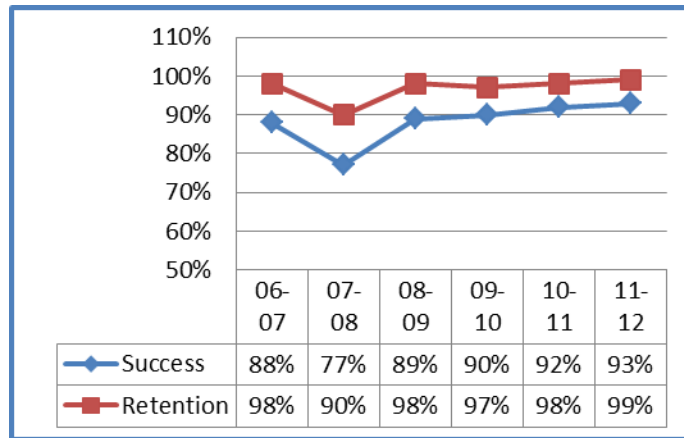
4. Evaluation of initial cost, as well as related costs (including any ongoing maintenance or updates) and identification of any alternative or ongoing funding sources. (for example Department Budget, VTEA or Perkins)

We are requesting 33 personal alarm transmitters at the approximate cost of \$700 each. This will be for 30 students and 3 instructors. We have no other source of funding available for such equipment.

5. What are the consequences of not funding this equipment?

Should this equipment not be funded, our PSYTCH 086 students will not be allowed at PSH to complete their clinical rotations. Without this clinical rotation, all of our PSYTCH 086 students will not complete the Psych Tech program and the Psych Tech Program will not be able to continue. If this occurs, our Board, BVNPT may withdraw our accreditation as a Psychiatric Technician Program. The mission of the Psychiatric Technician Program is to provide the community with graduates who will be competent and professional Licensed Psychiatric Technicians and who are prepared to provide care and treatment to a culturally diverse population. There is no comparable facility, as PSH, in our area to provide forensic mental clinical experience.

Student Success and Retention



Full Time Equivalent Students

