

**Purchase Request #15  
Regular Board Meeting March 22, 2016  
Consideration of Approval of Additional  
Funds for Docucare Charting System**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of additional usage codes for the DocuCare simulated patient charting system from Lippencott Williams & Wilkins for the Nursing department.

**BACKGROUND**

This request will increase our current annual contract to cover the codes already issued to our students as well as cover the necessary codes to be assigned to our students in May 2016.

Lippencott, Williams & Wilkins is a sole source provider of Docucare Simulated Charting Solutions and is exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The DocuCare simulated charting system utilized in clinicals, simulation and the hospital lab allows students to input patient information into the DocuCare electronic health record. The system includes over 200 pre-populated, simulated patient records and cases, as well as links within cases to clinical decision making resources. The charting system provides students with evidence-based, up-to-date content that is used by thousands of nurses on a daily basis.

**BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

In July 2015 the Board approved an estimated expenditure of \$27,644.40 for items and services. This request would increase the total amount approved by \$18,000.00 to a total of \$45,644.40. This expenditure will be funded by the Nursing departments' Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The initial contract term is July 29, 2015 through July 28, 2016.

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