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Barbara Patton Named to Western University's College of Graduate Nursing Advisory Board

Los Angeles, CA – Barbara Kaye Patton, EMBA, BSN, RN, Senior Vice President of Hospital Operations, The Camden Group, was recently appointed to serve on the Graduate Nursing Advisory Board of Western University in Pomona, California. The appointment is for two years.

The Board, comprised of nursing leaders and educators from Southern California, provides guidance and recommendations to the Dean of Nursing to support the College of Graduate Nursing's strategic plan.

Ms Patton has more than 30 years of healthcare leadership and management experience with progressive tertiary medical centers. As senior vice president of The Camden Group, she directs the consulting group's hospital operations, management, and nursing services practice. She has been involved with multiple turnaround situations, provided interim management at the COO and CNO levels, and conducted departmental operations improvement assessments.

Ms. Patton received her BS in nursing from California State College, Fresno, an Executive MBA from Claremont Graduate School, and has completed a fellowship in Nursing Administration at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

The College of Graduate Nursing at Western University was founded in 1998. The online/campus based program includes a Master of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing – Entry, a Master of Science in Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner, and a Family Nurse Practitioner certificate. In January, the first MSN-E students achieved a 97% pass rate on the NCLEX exam.

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