**Institution Profile:**

**Overview:** Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers a two-year nursing program. The Academic Career Mobility Program provides a seamless education in nursing with two exit points, allowing students to choose a career as an LPN or RN. The Nursing Program is offered on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy. Clinical learning experiences are held in healthcare delivery facilities throughout the region, including but not limited to Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Magoffin Counties. Transportation to the community agencies is the responsibility of each student.

**Accreditation:** Big Sandy Community and Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees.

**Founded:** 2003 | **Web site:** https://bigsandy.kctcs.edu/

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**Highlights:**

- Lippincott DocuCare enabled instructors to generate positive student outcomes working with electronic patient documentation.
- DocuCare gave students an opportunity to advance, exercise, expand and apply their critical thinking skills in a creative manner that students enjoyed.
- The majority of students preferred working with electronic patient documentation through DocuCare rather than using handwritten paper materials.

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**Challenges**

Big Sandy’s nursing faculty wanted to move from training in paper-based documentation to EHRs in order to:

- Advance students’ informatics skills
- Ease the transition into healthcare practice
- Encourage critical thinking and self-reflection
- Maximize debriefing and faculty feedback sessions.

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**Solutions**

The leading educational EHR training solution, Lippincott DocuCare provides realistic patient charting experience that’s timesaving and easy to use. DocuCare allowed Big Sandy’s nursing instructors to:

- Create customized, hands-on experiences focused on particular skills or settings
- Provide realistic patient documentation experience which the technology students will encounter in healthcare facilities
- Quickly and easily review students’ progress and deliver specific feedback.

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**Results**

The use of DocuCare for patient documentation in the Big Sandy nursing program resulted in positive short- and long-term student outcomes, including:

- Demonstrated proficiency with electronic patient charting
- Enhanced decision-making capabilities and exam performance
- Greater student confidence heading into the healthcare workforce.

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"I highly recommend the use of DocuCare. It aligns with real-life documentation experiences and can help improve [the] healthcare and communication students provide as they transition into practice after graduation. It also helps aid with debriefing and self-reflection learning sessions for students."

-Collista Allen, Associate Professor of Nursing at Big Sandy Community and Technical College