Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing [DNP] [PMHN]

Cycles included in this report:
Jun 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

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1 Is this program offered via Distance Learning?

50-99% Distance/Traditional

2 Is this program offered at an off-site location?

No

2.1 If yes to previous, provide addresses for each location where 50% or more of program credits may be earned.

3 Example of Program Improvement

2021-2022:
There will be ongoing monitoring for areas in need of improvement, especially as the first classes role out.

We did add a requirement for graduate-level statistics within the past five years for admission to the program. We are discussing how to address this if they do not meet this criteria—i.e., review course for those with graduate-level statistics prior to the fall course, requiring a statistics course between acceptance into the program and fall start date (we may offer the current 605 statistics course during the summer for instance). This has not been decided at this time.

2022-2023:
We will be working on the CCNE self-study. We did offer the 605 course in an extended summer session last summer and have started one for this summer. I anticipate having much more data next year as our first cohort will graduate in the fall and the spring.

4 Program Highlights from the Reporting Year

2021-2022:
The inaugural class is invested in completing the program and we are soliciting feedback from them. One of the interesting things is that several of the students expressed that they waited for us to start the program rather than seeking a DNP program elsewhere.

2022-2023:
We admitted our second cohort in fall 2022. So far things are progressing well with both the first and second cohorts. We have not been able to analyze if the addition of the pre-req of graduate statistics made a difference. The self-study will help with this.

5 Program Mission

McNeese State University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed to educate advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to perform at nursing's highest practice level in service to a specific patient population. This practice-focused program will allow the APRN to provide for transformative change in the delivery and outcomes of healthcare services to disenfranchised patients, families, and communities. Building on the knowledge and competencies of a master's degree in advanced practice nursing, DNP graduates will deliver patient-centered care as a leader of an interdisciplinary team which emphasizes evidence-informed practice, quality improvement, and healthcare informatics.

6 Institutional Mission Reference

One of the core values for McNeese State University is to be the first choice for students. The purpose of the program is to educate and train nurse practitioners to provide treatment for disenfranchised patients with psychiatric issues. One hundred percent of the state of Louisiana is a psychiatric healthcare provider shortage area. This allows us to expand the University's mission of changing lives beyond students to persons with psychiatric issues being able to have those illnesses effectively treated leading to healthier lives for them.

7 Assessment and Benchmark

We will be developing data points at the end of the summer with the first year's data.

7.1 Data

2021-2022:
We are going to be developing the data points after the summer semester ends with one year of data.

2022-2023:
There is a rough draft of the SPPE, and data points should be collected for the CCNE self-study.

7.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2021-2022:
We are going to be working on the DNP data. We will have our first year's data at the end of the summer semester.

2022-2023:
The CCNE self-study will assist in evaluating the rollout of the program. I anticipate having data points for this program by next year.

End of report