

Undergraduate Nursing

Department of Undergraduate Nursing

Major	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP
NURB	25	44	28	34	131	0	236	138	113	173	660	45	158	149	101	153	561	45
NURO	0	0	2	13	15	2	0	0	3	28	31	7	0	1	5	28	34	4
Total	25	44	30	47	146	2	236	138	116	201	691	52	158	150	106	181	595	49

2018-2019:

Major	Summer						Fall						Spring					
	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP	F	S	J	Sr	T	CMP
NURB	16	41	19	45	121	0	271	159	113	157	700	22	163	146	140	151	600	36
NURO	0	0	4	14	18	0	0	1	3	25	29	3	0	0	2	30	32	9
Total	16	41	23	59	139	0	271	160	116	182	729	25	163	146	142	181	632	45

Percentage Change between 2017-2018:

Major	Fall	Total	% Change
NURB	2017	660	6.060%
	2018	700	
NURO	2017	31	-6.451%
	2018	29	
Total	2017	691	5.499%
	2018	729	

1.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2016-2017:

Due to a change in the number of students accepted into the clinical nursing sequence, analysis of trended data will begin fall 2015. Three years of trended data will be analyzed at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year. Once five years of data has been collected, the benchmark will reflect a five year analysis of trended data.

No trends can be assessed until the conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year. However, a decrease in enrollment numbers was noted between 2015-2016 to 2016-2017.

- A decline in enrollment was expected as a result of the implementation of planned decrease in the number of students accepted into the clinical nursing course sequence. This expected enrollment decline was the result of a planned departmental action to improve NCLEX pass rates, address clinical agency overcrowding, overdependence on clinical adjunct faculty, and limited qualified clinical adjunct faculty. This action was supported by University administration.
- Other actions impacting enrollment include those to improve NCLEX pass rates:
 - Decrease the number of students admitted to the clinical sequence for spring 2015 from 90 to 60. This action is based on the increasing difficulty level of the national licensing examination (NCLEX-RN), increasing clinical performance standards as a result of increased patient acuity levels, limited availability of qualified nursing faculty, and constraints on clinical resources (Faculty Congress minutes, September 8, 2014).
 - Revise the CON Retention-Progression policy to only allow one F, D, or W once admitted to the clinical sequence. A trend was noted in the analysis of graduates who failed NCLEX had a history of W's in nursing courses. The new policy was implemented spring 2015 (Faculty Congress minutes, September 8, 2014).
 - Increase admission standards to be more selective. Selection to the clinical nursing sequence will be based on GPA and a standardized test score. A competitive ranking using GPA and standardized test scores will replace the use of a priority admission policy based on the number of nursing prerequisite credits earned at McNeese State University. The new admission criterion was implemented spring 2015 (Faculty Congress minutes, September 8, 2014).
- Collaboration with Nursing department in the new local community college to recruit students to continue their education and obtain the BSN degree.

- Maintain recruitment activities through participation in high school and college career fairs, including participation in all McNeese recruitment events, providing personal tours, and informational sessions for NASH and AHEC groups.
- Group advisement offered to all potential transfer students following evaluation of transcripts. (B. Peterson)
- Initiation of official closure of the ASN program as of December 2013 BOR meeting. The college will assist ASN prerequisite or inquiring students with transferring to the BSN program. The final ASN class will graduate fall 2016.

2017-2018:

A declining enrollment trend is noted over a three-year period (fall 2015-spring 2018). This is a planned decline as a result of accepting 60 clinical students instead of 90. However, there are less than 60 qualified applicants in some semesters.

Plan for Continuous Improvement:

- Gather data on the number of applicants, number of qualified applicants, and number of accepted clinical students. Focus recruiting and retention efforts on students preparing for meeting application standards.
- Nursing Student Services Coordinator will attend Preview Day, Academic Signing Day, and Recruit Southeast Texas week.
- Nursing Student Services Coordinator and faculty volunteers will provide student tours and recruitment activities for AHEC and NASH student groups.
- McNeese Student Nurses Association (MSNA) members provide positive PR for the department by providing community service hours including Dash for Disabilities, Toys for Tots, Heart Walk, and Alzheimers volunteer service. MSNA members will represent the department by providing peer guidance at freshman orientation and clinical nursing orientation.
- Faculty involvement in community service provides positive recruitment PR for the department, such as Be the Match, Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, and Base Camp.
- Faculty involvement in recruitment activities such as recruitment at the Washington-Marion Nurses Aid class and Sulphur Fair.
- Nursing Student Services Coordinator organized a recruitment video highlighting nursing student activities, interviews, and nursing simulation of patient care.
- All faculty emails will include a link to the recruitment video and Nursing Facebook page.
- Provide a social celebration for the cohorts earning 100% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam, promoting recognition for the University and alumni engagement.

2018-2019:

The NURB - BSN program experienced a 6.06% growth in enrollment in 2018-2019 year. The enrollment for the NURO - RN to BSN program experienced a decline of 6.45%.

Plan for Continuous Improvement:

- The NURB - BSN program will continue to implement the strategies on the continuous improvement plan of the previous year to support continued enrollment growth.
 - As a college, the role of the Student Services Coordinator will be re-examined to include more recruitment strategies through social media platforms.
 - Students entering clinical nursing courses in the fourth semester are provided blue backpacks with the CON & HP logo which provided advertisement to the public.
- The decline in enrollment in the NURO - RN-BSN online program was expected due to the phasing out of this curriculum May 2020 and the initiation of a new RN-BSN online program that began July 2019. January 2019, we began a partnership with an online program management (OPM) company called iDesign to develop an online RN to BSN program. Services provided in support of this program include the following:
 - **Instructional design and development**
 - 10 nursing courses and 10 general education/pre-requisite courses are in the process of being developed.
 - Learning architects and faculty collaborate in the creation of these on-line courses that are delivered in an accelerated 7-week format.
 - Courses will be delivered on a carousel with six start times throughout the year.
 - **Marketing of the program**

- iDesign provides an Employer Partnership Executive to solicit partnership with regional hospitals and healthcare systems to drive program enrollment.
- Associate degree prepared registered nurses employed at partner hospitals and healthcare systems who desire a BSN will have the opportunity to enroll in our program at a reduced rate of \$233 per credit hour / \$7,000 for nursing courses. The non-partner rate is \$300 per credit hour / \$9,000 for nursing courses.
- iDesign has also created micro-website advertising the new program
- **Enrollment services**
 - The Enrollment Advisor is responsible for guiding prospective students to complete the application process.
 - As of September 2019, we have 27 students in this program (2 cohorts).
 - New Enrollment Projection for the year 2020 is 190.
- **Student Success Coaches**
 - For every 150 students, iDesign provides a Student Success Coach that is tasked with ensuring student retention and success all the way from matriculation to graduation.

2 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: 70% of BSN graduates will complete the program within seven semesters (BSN graduation/retention rate).

2.1 Data

Graduating semester	Students graduating	Graduated within LSBN defined period of time (7 semesters)	
	N	N	%
Spring 2013	109	108	99.0
Fall 2013	75	74	98.7
Spring 2014	72	70	97.2
Fall 2014	52	52	100
Spring 2015	64	63	98.4
Fall 2015	64	64	100
Spring 2016	78	76	97.4
Fall 2016	80	42	100
Spring 2017	65	45	100
Fall 2017	45	44	97.8
Spring 2018	45	45	100
Fall 2018	22	22	100
Spring 2019	36	36	100

2.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2016-2017:

100% of graduates completed the five-semester nursing clinical program in the established LSBN benchmark of completion/graduation within seven semesters.

- Adopted and building a student tracking system to provide biographical and other evaluative data to determine student characteristic associated with persistence and retention in the BSN program (summer 2017).
- Curriculum Change: Developing a new simulation practicum course NURS 321 – Management of Care practicum (one hour credit) in the sixth semester. To provide orientation to high fidelity simulation and integrate more clinical simulated experiences across the curriculum allowing for more clinical time, clinical/skill competence, student confidence and success (Faculty Congress minutes, August 18, 2015).
- Curriculum Change: Implemented two additional credit hours to NURS 401- Adult Health II allowing for more clinical and simulation hours to improve clinical competence, confidence, and student success.

- Replace HESI with ATI for standardized testing (Faculty Congress minutes, Aug. 20, 2014, Sept. 8, 2014, Oct. 6, 2014, Jan. 14, 2014, Nov. 3, 2014, and March 2, 2015). ATI system offers a remediation program and books to support student success and retention.
- Orientation of new faculty to advisement information to support accurate advisement of students.
- New faculty are assigned an advising mentor and oriented to the advisement process for a semester.
- Maintain CON facebook page as a strategy for student engagement, retention, and recruitment (1169 followers).
- Mentoring continues with faculty providing individual and group mentoring to clinical nursing students.
- Maintain learning resources in the Learning Resource Center and Clinical Simulation labs to provide an environment to support student success, engagement, and retention.

2017-2018:

100% of graduates completed the five-semester nursing clinical program in the established LSBN benchmark of completion/graduation within seven semesters.

- Offering information sessions for students preparing a clinical application to assist with the process.
- Focus on preparing students to meet the eligibility standards for acceptance into clinical nursing.
- Requiring orientation for nursing students accepted to the clinical nursing sequence.
- MSNA members participating in clinical student orientation and providing peer mentoring.
- Providing clinical students and faculty with an online program (Evalue) that will track student clinical information, demographics, clinical time, skills competence, and evaluation of clinical performance. This program will ultimately provide the student a portfolio of clinical nursing competency.
- Providing clinical nursing students computerized testing for all nursing exams. This strategy will prepare students for computerized adaptive testing that is required for the NCLEX-RN exam. This program also provides immediate test review and grading.
- Providing students with mentoring by faculty in the clinical semester the student is enrolled.
- Tracking student exits from the program and interviewing the student to determine reasons for leaving nursing and directing them to programs within the University.
- Pinnacle Award will fund a team building program to teach faculty team building activities to offer students in NURS 100. The purpose of this retention strategy is to build social engagement and nursing cohort loyalty.
- Providing registration and travel to the national AORN Conference for 109 nursing students and nine faculty members, providing national recognition for the McNeese undergraduate nursing program as well as social engagement activities for nursing students as they interact with nurses from across the nation.
- MSNA student organization provides speakers at their monthly meeting that are open to all nursing students (ie: flight nurses, anesthetists, nurse practitioners, nursing administrators, etc).
- Provide a social celebration for the cohorts earning 100% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam, promoting recognition and social engagement for new alumni.
- Offer Nursing Student Appreciation Day by providing breakfast and snacks, vendors, nursing recruiters, and prizes.

2018-2019:

100% of graduates completed the five-semester nursing clinical program in the established LSBN benchmark of completion/graduation within seven semesters.

- The undergraduate nursing program consistently exceeds the benchmark of 70%. Suggest raising the benchmark to 98%.
- Will continue with the previous quality improvement processes.
- Initiated a Student Success Strategic Committee composed of Nursing 100 faculty and the Student Services Coordinator to explore opportunities and examine existing departmental processes to improve the educational experiences for undergraduate nursing students through improvements and/or modifications to Nursing 100, student advising and mentoring procedures, and communication process between students and faculty.

3 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmarks:

- A persistence rate (retained students from fall Y1 to spring Y1) of 85%.
- A retention rate of 70% from Y1 to Y2.
- A retention rate of 55% from Y1 to Y3.

- A retention rate of 45% from Y1 to Y4.
- A 4-year graduation rate of 35%.
- A 5-year graduation rate of 40%.
- A 6-year graduation rate of 45%.

Major:

- NURA - Associates of Science in Nursing (inactive effective 201420)
- NURB - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- NURO - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Online) [RN to BSN Path]

3.1 Data

2012:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate					
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
NURA	8	Same	2	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		Changed	4	50.0	4	50.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	1	12.5
		Total	6	75.0	4	50.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	1	12.5
NURB	231*	Same	160	69.3	108	46.8	78	33.8	63	27.3	42	18.2	47	20.3	49	21.2
		Changed	45	19.5	57	24.7	61	26.4	60	26.0	33	14.3	41	17.7	48	20.8
		Total	205	88.7	165	71.4	139	60.2	123	53.2	75	32.5	88	38.1	97	42.0
Total	239	Same	162	67.8	108	45.2	78	32.6	63	26.4	42	17.6	47	19.7	49	20.5
		Changed	49	20.5	61	25.5	141	59.0	61	25.5	33	13.8	42	17.6	49	20.5
		Total	211	88.3	169	70.7	219	91.6	124	51.9	75	31.4	89	37.2	98	41.0

*4 students were undeclared before declaring NURB.

2013:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate					
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
NURA	3*	Same	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0						
		Changed	1	33.3	2	66.7	1	33.3	1	33.3						
		Total	3	100	3	100	1	33.3	1	33.3						
NURB	247**	Same	155	62.8	110	44.5	61	24.7	47	19.0						
		Changed	46	18.6	53	21.5	75	30.4	77	31.2						
		Total	201	81.4	163	66.0	136	55.1	124	50.2						
Total	250	Same	157	62.8	111	44.4	61	24.4	47	18.8						
		Changed	47	18.8	55	22.0	76	30.4	78	31.2						
		Total	204	81.6	166	66.4	137	54.8	125	50.0						

*1 student was previously undeclared before declaring NURA.

**2 students were previously undeclared before declaring NURB.

2014:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate					
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year	
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	120	59.7	69	34.3	45	22.4	40	19.9						

NURB	201	Changed	41	20.4	44	21.9	45	22.4	49	24.4						
		Total	161	80.1	113	56.2	90	44.8	89	44.3						

2015:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate						
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
NURB	183	Same	114	62.3	69	37.7	52	28.4	37	20.2							
		Changed	41	22.4	46	25.1	47	25.7	47	25.7							
		Total	155	84.7	115	62.8	99	54.1	84	45.9							

2016:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate						
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
NURB	176	Same	112	63.6	72	40.9	49	27.8									
		Changed	37	21.0	45	25.6	49	27.8									
		Total	149	84.7	117	66.5	98	55.7									

2017:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate						
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
NURB	204	Same	160	78.4	99	48.5											
		Changed	22	10.8	42	20.6											
		Total	182	89.2	141	69.1											

2018:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate						
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
NURB	243	Same	178	73.3													
		Changed	30	12.3													
		Total	208	85.6													

2019:

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	Persistence Rate		Retention Rate						Graduation Rate						
					Y1 to Y2		Y1 to Y3		Y1 to Y4		4-Year		5-Year		6-Year		
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
NURB		Same															
		Changed															
		Total															

3.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2018-2019:

NURB cohorts for 2014-2016 fell below the 85% benchmark for persistence from fall one to spring one. NURB cohorts of 2017 and 2018 exceeded the benchmark with a persistence rate of 89.2 and 85.6 respectively.

NURB cohorts from 2014-2017 fell below the benchmark of 70% for retention rate between year one to year two.

- The 2017 and 2018 results are expected due to the redesign of NURS 100 in 2017 as a retention strategy to build social engagement and nursing cohort loyalty.
- Tracking student exits from the program and interviewing the student to determine reasons for leaving nursing and directing them to programs within the university.
- Offering information sessions for students preparing a clinical application to assist with the process.
- Focus on preparing students to meet the eligibility standards for acceptance into clinical nursing.
- Requiring orientation for nursing students accepted to the clinical nursing sequence.
- MSNA members participating in clinical student orientation and providing peer mentoring.
- Fall 2018 Initiated a Student Success Strategic Committee composed of NURS 100 faculty and the Student Services Coordinator to explore opportunities and examine existing departmental processes to improve the educational experiences for undergraduate nursing students through improvements and/or modifications to Nursing 100, student advising and mentoring procedures, and communication process between students and faculty. The plan is to form mentoring / advising groups with the faculty and students that would remain intact through semesters one, two & three. Hand-off of students to clinical faculty would occur once they enter clinical nursing courses in semester four. This strategy will cover year one to year two.

NURB cohorts from 2014 to 2017 exceed the benchmark of 55% for retention rate between year one to year three.

The NURB 2014 cohort did not meet the benchmark of 45% for retention rate between year one to year four; however, the 2015 cohort exceeded the benchmark with a retention rate of 45.9.

- Providing clinical students and faculty with an online program (Evalue) that will track student clinical information, demographics, clinical time, skills competence, and evaluation of clinical performance. This program will ultimately provide the student a portfolio of clinical nursing competency.
- Providing clinical nursing students computerized testing for all nursing exams. This strategy will prepare students for computerized adaptive testing that is required for the NCLEX-RN exam. This program also provides immediate test review and grading.
- Providing students with mentoring by faculty in the clinical semester the student is enrolled.
- Tracking student exits from the program and interviewing the student to determine reasons for leaving nursing and directing them to programs within the University.
- MSNA student organization provides speakers at their monthly meeting that are open to all nursing students (ie: flight nurses, anesthetists, nurse practitioners, nursing administrators, etc).
- Provide a social celebration for the cohorts earning 100% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam, promoting recognition and social engagement for new alumni.
- Offer Nursing Student Appreciation Day by providing breakfast and snacks, vendors, nursing recruiters, and prizes.

Performance Objective 2 Provide a comprehensive curriculum that reflects disciplinary foundations and remains responsive to contemporary developments, student and workforce demand, and university needs and aspirations.

1 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark:

1. 90% of course faculty submit course summaries each semester analyzing student learning outcomes, teaching-learning practices, and curriculum.
2. Curriculum Committee reviews course summaries and curricular assessment data annually and makes recommendations to Faculty Congress for curricular revisions.
3. Program faculty meet a minimum of four times per semester to review evaluation data, curricular offerings, and course rigor.

1.1 Data

A. Course faculty submit complete course summaries each semester analyzing student learning outcomes, teaching-learning practices, and curriculum.

Semester	% that submitted completed course analyses
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Fall 2013	100%
Spring 2014	100%
Fall 2014	94%
Spring 2015	100%
Fall 2015	100%
Fall 2016	100%
Spring 2017	99%
Fall 2017	99%
Spring 2018	95%
Fall 2018	96%
Spring 2019	98%

B. Curriculum Committee reviews course summaries and curricular assessment data annually and makes recommendations to Faculty Congress for curricular revisions.

Curriculum minutes: Sept. 28, 2015

Curriculum minutes: Nov. 30, 2015

Curriculum minutes: March 22, 2016

Curriculum minutes: April 11, 2016

Curriculum minutes: April 25, 2016

Curriculum minutes: September 12, 2016 - Review of Self-Study Standard I

Curriculum minutes: September 19, 2016 - Review of Self-Study Standard II

Curriculum minutes: September 26, 2016 - Review of Self-Study Standard III

Curriculum minutes: October 3, 2016 - Review of Self-Study Standard IV

Curriculum minutes: October 10, 2016 - Mock site visit review

Curriculum minutes: November 14, 2016 - Final Q & A for site review

Curriculum minutes: November 28, 2016 - Semester Review

Curriculum minutes: February 20, 2017- Course summary review

Curriculum minutes: March 13, 2017 - Course summary review

Curriculum minutes: April 10, 2017 - Semester review

Curriculum minutes: September 11, 2017 - Course summary review

Curriculum minutes: November 13, 2017 - Semester review

Curriculum minutes: February 19, 2018 - Course summary review

Curriculum minutes: March 12, 2018 - Course summary review

Curriculum minutes: February 18, 2019- Course summary review of NURS 326.

C. Program faculty meet a minimum of four times per semester to review evaluation data, curricular offerings, and course rigor.

Semester	# of times Curriculum Committee met
Spring 2013	5
Fall 2013	6
Spring 2014	3
Fall 2014	3
Spring 2015	4
Fall 2015	3
Spring 2016	5
Fall 2016	7 (CCNE site visit)

Spring 2017	3
Fall 2017	3
Spring 2018	3
Fall 2018	2
Spring 2019	3

1.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2016-2017:

- Five curriculum meetings held with faculty to review governance, resources, curriculum, and evaluation of the BSN program. A mock site visit was held to prepare faculty for question related to curriculum and evaluation. Fall 2016 semester meeting used to prepare for the CCNE site visit.
- Systematic integration of high fidelity simulation teaching activities through the 6th, 7th, and 8th semesters. simulation Task Force meets monthly and reports to the Curriculum committee.
- NURS 401 will be implemented for the first time in fall 2017. Plans for the extended clinical experiences have been planned.
- Implementation of the new simulation practicum course NURS 321 - Management of Care Practicum (one hour credit) in the sixth semester occurred in spring 2017. This course provide orientation to high fidelity simulation and integrate more clinical simulated experiences in the curriculum. Students were satisfied with the course and reported an increase in confidence with the simulation experience.
- Fifth semester development a mentoring worksheet allowing students to self-reflect and focus on factors that might be impeding success. This may assist faculty to discuss student concerns about the fifth semester courses.
- Review of content and testing items for NURS 319 - Nursing Care of Children to increase the course standards and outcomes.

2017-2018:

The Curriculum Committee has been able to accomplish curriculum review in three semester meetings. Recommend a change in the benchmark to read: Program faculty meet a minimum of three times per semester to review evaluation data, curricular offerings, and course rigor.

2018-2019:

Faculty submit course summaries in electronic form as well as in paper form. Tracking of this data has primarily been through paper submission. The Curriculum Committee met twice in fall 2018 and three times in spring 2019. Fall 2018, the spring 2018 course summaries were reviewed by the committee chair and department head for any major changes that would need to be brought forth to the committee. February 18, 2019, the curriculum committee reviewed a proposal for curricular change that came from review of the course summaries. The committee approved a credit hour revision for NURS 326 and NURS 302. These changes will be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee fall 2019.

- Curriculum committee will re-evaluate the course summary form to ensure the tool currently gathers the appropriate data necessary for continued analysis of student learning outcomes, teaching-learning practices, and ensuring the integrity of the undergraduate nursing programs.
- Curriculum Committee will continue to meet a minimum of three times a semester, with curricular review through course summary evaluation each semester.

2 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: BSN curriculum is 100% compliant with the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Education, Quality, and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) and emerging discipline-specific content.

2.1 Data

2016-2017:

A. Review of BSN curricula for incorporation and integration of The AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, QSEN, and discipline-specific standards (AACN, 2008).

2017-2018:

Review of the BSN curricula for incorporation and integration of the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, QSEN, and discipline-specific standards occurs every four years. The next review will occur in the 2019-2020 academic year. No curriculum changes have occurred since the 2016-2017 review.

2018-2019:

The online RN to BSN Program went through a major curriculum change that resulted in the creation of 10 new nursing courses that integrated professional standards (BSN Essentials, QSEN, ANA standards, LSBN, and discipline specific standards) through the new curriculum. It was approved by the Curriculum Committee September 17, 2018 (agenda & minutes). Course development began January 2019 and will continue to December 2019. Roll out of the new curriculum began July 2019.

2.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2016-2017:

CCNE Site visitors (Nov 2016) reviewed BSN and RN-to-BSN programs to determine integration of the professional standards including the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, QSEN, ANA standards of Care, LSBN standards, and discipline-specific standards. Full accreditation granted for 10 years. (CCNE RE-accreditation, April 2017).

2017-2018:

There is no planned review of the integration of professional standards. The next full curricular review is planned for 2019-2020.

With the addition of NRHP 100 Medical Terminology, medical terminology content will be removed from NURS 210 and the faculty will implement beginning concepts of safety and clinical Judgment. This content will be taught using the QSEN video vignettes. These videos will introduce students to the QSEN standards.

The NURS 425 capstone course will incorporate a quality/safety group presentation that will require students to find evidence for quality-related practice issues and discuss how they could use the quality improvement process to implement and evaluate changes in the clinical practice setting. These presentations will be presented in class time. This will further address the QSEN competency standards.

The RN to BSN program will be going through a major curriculum change in 2018-2019. The RN to BSN curriculum committee will begin to ensure the integration of professional standards through the new curriculum. (The Essentials, QSEN, ANA standards, LSBN, and discipline-specific standards).

2018-2019:

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Performance Objective 3 Faculty outcomes, demonstrate program effectiveness.

1 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark:

1. The expected aggregate faculty outcome for the teaching component of the APR is a mean score of ≥ 35 points.
2. The expected aggregate faculty outcome for the scholarly/professional activity component of the APR is a mean score of ≥ 200 points.
3. The expected aggregate faculty outcome for the University/public service activity component of the APR is a mean score of ≥ 320 points.

1.1 Data

Academic Year	Mean APR score aggregate faculty outcome for teaching
2013-2014	46.54

2014-2015	47.21
2015-2016	48.14
2016-2017	46.57
2017-2018	47.70
2018-2019	47.80

Academic Year	Mean APR score on scholarly/professional activity component
2013-2014	437
2014-2015	355
2015-2016	300
2016-2017	328.70
2017-2018	405
2018-2019	403

Academic Year	Mean APR score on University/public service activity component
2013-2014	1084
2014-2015	758
2015-2016	760
2016-2017	744
2017-2018	761.4
2018-2019	815

1.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2016-2017:

Faculty exceeded the expected APR mean score in the areas of teaching (35), scholarship (200), and service (320), which meets the expected benchmark. An upward trend was noted in faculty scholarship over the past three years (fall 2014-spring 2017). Faculty APR mean for teaching and university service continue to meet the benchmark, but has fluctuated over the past 4 years (fall 2013-spring 2017).

- New faculty attended a three day workshop focused on building fundamental skills of becoming a nurse educator. The workshop focused on test blueprinting, item writing, item analysis, active learning strategies, and curriculum development. Three new faculty attended in summer 2017.
- On May 5, 2016, a Laerdal representative met with the Executive Simulation Committee and presented comprehensive customized assessments and recommendation based on industry standards and best practices. The Laerdal Simulation Education Solutions for Nursing provided a framework for simulation success with detailed recommendations to create key initiatives and goals, executive support and guidance, team roles and faculty preparedness, curriculum plan, training environment fidelity, education practices, and management systems. The initial step of the Executive Simulation Committee was to approve a strategic plan set recommended in the Laerdal Simulation Education Solutions for Nursing. As a result, simulation was strategically integrated throughout the curriculum and specific faculty were educated on simulation methodology.
- Faculty received 11 CON endowed professorships supporting faculty scholarly activity, and one faculty member received the Pinnacle Award supporting Student Success and Retention.
- The Faculty Excellence Committee has developed criteria and rubrics to determine selection of faculty development funding.
- Faculty regularly participate/partner with community organizations/events and the majority of community service activities offered to students. Examples: Be the Match, NAMI, MSNA, American Heart Walk, and BASE Camp for kids with cancer.

2017-2018:

Faculty exceeded the expected APR mean score in the areas of teaching (35), scholarship (200), and service (320), which meets the expected benchmark. An upward trend was noted in faculty scholarship over the past four years (fall 2014-spring 2018). Faculty APR mean for teaching and university service continue to meet the benchmark, but has fluctuated over the past five years (fall 2013-spring 2017).

- The Dean's Council will develop a five-category outcome for the APR process as requested by the university administration.
- The Dean's Council will develop an APR process for the department heads and program coordinators.
- The Dean's Council will develop a new APR process with possible changes in benchmarks for success, evidence criteria, and scoring system.
- The APR teaching category will be adjusted to reflect the new college initiative related to the implementation of testing and evaluation software through the curriculum.
- The department head will write an endowed professorship to support new faculty development in transitioning from practice to education.

2018-2019:

Faculty exceeded the expected APR mean score in the areas of teaching (35), scholarship (200), and service (320), which meets the expected benchmark. The mean score in teaching and scholarship category remained consistent through 2017-2019. There has been a considerable increase in the faculty mean for the service category. This increase can be attributed to the increased participation in university and community organizations and activities that promote the CON and the university with our students.

- The Dean's Council and Undergraduate Nursing program will work to align college and departmental initiatives with university recruitment, retention, and engagement initiatives.
- Reorganization of the College of Nursing and Health Professions to include the formation of the Interprofessional College Committee (ICC). The purpose of this committee will be to:
 - foster scholarly activities through mentoring, faculty development, and peer review;
 - Promote interdisciplinary collaboration;
 - Facilitate the process of faculty evaluation; and
 - Review documentation and recommend qualified faculty for awards and recognition.