

# **Undergraduate Nursing**

#6 Plan cycle - 6 Plan cycle 2020/2021 7/1/20 - 6/30/21

# Performance Objective 1 Increase enrollment, persistence, retention, and graduation rates for each program offered by the department.

### 1 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: Increase enrollment by 5% each year, overall and in each program offered by the department.

Prior to 2018-2019, the benchmark was track student enrollments at each level. Maintain or exceed the previous year's enrollment.

- NURA ASN Nursing (inactive effective 201420)
- NURB BSN Nursing
- NURO BSN Nursing Online (RN to BSN Path)

### 1.1 Data

# 2013-2014:

Major			Sur	mmer	ſ				F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NURA	11	14	2	7	34	0	42	28	40	41	151	38	34	37	29	32	132	0
NURB	45	56	21	31	153	0	323	189	172	310	994	73	211	163	169	298	841	72
NURO	0	0	3	20	23	0	2	0	6	29	37	1	55	1	5	42	53	19
Total	56	70	26	58	210	0	367	217	218	380	1182	112	250	201	203	372	1026	91

# 2014-2015:

Major			Sur	mmer	-				F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NURA	7	8	6	9	30	0	11	27	26	20	84	27	2	16	16	15	49	0
NURB	36	67	22	30	155	0	276	188	163	318	945	52	164	145	132	280	721	64
NURO	2	0	4	20	26	0	3	1	8	39	51	9	2	2	3	32	39	14
Total	45	75	32	59	211	0	290	216	197	377	1080	88	168	163	151	327	809	78

# 2015-2016:

Major			Sur	nmer	,				F	all					Sp	ring		
iviajoi	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NURA	0	1	4	1	6	0	0	2	19	12	33	32	0	0	7	3	10	0
NURB	24	35	13	25	97	0	242	114	128	269	753	64	165	107	118	226	616	79
NURO	0	0	0	15	15	2	2	1	2	28	33	6	2	0	3	25	30	6
Total	24	36	17	41	118	2	244	117	149	309	819	102	167	107	128	254	656	85

# 2016-2017:

Major			Sur	nmer					F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NURA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
NURB	20	27	15	16	78	0	232	127	95	194	648	42	139	117	100	172	528	45
NURO	2	0	1	13	16	0	4	0	2	32	38	8	3	1	4	25	33	11
Total	22	27	16	26	94	0	236	127	102	228	693	68	142	118	104	197	562	56

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# 2017-2018:

Major			Sui	mmer	•				F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
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			Sui	mmer	-				F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
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

# 2019-2020:

Major			Sui	mmei	-				F	all					Sp	ring		
iviajoi	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NRFP	0	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	3	11	14	0	0	0	2	14	16	1
NRPP	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	0	0	3	22	25	0
NURB	31	44	28	41	144	0	248	156	136	177	717	40	153	158	138	174	623	52
NURO	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	7	0	0	0	7	7	5
Total	31	44	30	61	166	0	248	156	139	221	764	47	153	158	143	217	671	58

# 2020-2021:

Major			Sui	nmer	•				F	all					Sp	ring		
Major	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР	F	S	J	Sr	Т	СМР
NRFP	0	0	3	11	14	1	0	1	4	12	17	5	0	2	5	16	23	2
NRPP	0	0	4	37	41	2	0	1	8	59	68	11	0	2	12	61	75	5
NURB	25	46	33	17	121	0	212	171	129	194	706	42	126	164	125	187	602	48
NURO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	25	46	40	65	176	3	212	173	141	267	793	60	126	168	142	264	700	55

# Percentage Change between 2017-2018:

Major	Fall	Total	% Change
NURB	2017	660	6.060%
NORB	2018	700	0.000%
NURO	2017	31	-6.451%
NORO	2018	29	-0.431%
Total	2017	691	5.499%
Total	2018	729	J.499%

### Percentage Change between 2018-2019:

Major	Fall	Total	% Change
NURB	2018	700	2.429%
NORB	2019	717	2.429%
NURO	2018	29	-44.828%
NORO	2019	16	<del>-44</del> .020 <i>7</i> 0
Total	2018	729	4.8%
Total	2019	764	4.0%

# Percentage Change between 2019-2020:

Major	Fall	Total	% Change
NRFP	2019	14	21.428%
NRFP	2020	17	21.420%
NRPP	2019	17	300%
INKEE	2020	68	300%
NURB	2019	717	-1.534%
NORB	2020	706	-1.554%
NURO	2019	16	-96.721%
NORO	2020	2	-90.721%
Total	2019	764	3.795%
Iotai	2020	793	3.195%

# 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:
  - 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.

# • 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

### 2019-2020:

### 2020-2021:

The NURB - BSN program experienced a -1.534% decline between Fall 2019 and Fall 2020. The decline was experienced in the spring 2020 semester. Overall, the enrollment for the university experienced a decline in first-time freshman enrollment for the semester.

The enrollment for the NURO - RN to BSN program experienced a decline of -96.721% which was expected due to the phasing out of this program and the initiation of the new online RN-BSN program which began July 2019.

Students enrolled in the new RN-BSN program are coded as NRFP or NRPP, the latter being enrolled students who received the partner tuition rate and the other receiving the standard tuition rate. We experienced substantial growth in the student enrollment from partner healthcare facilities (300%) which is our marketing strategy to increase enrollment in the program.

#### 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.
  - College participation in Student Preview Days and Fall All Call.
  - 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 in May 2020 and the initiation of a new RN-BSN online program that began July 2019.

• 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.

### Instructional design and development

- 10 nursing courses and 9 general education/pre-requisite courses were developed.
- Courses will be delivered on a carousel with six start times throughout the year. The first session began in July 2019.
- An Orientation course for new students and a Virtual Student Union (VSU) were created for student support for success.

### Marketing of the program

- iDesign provides an Employer Partnership Executive to solicit partnerships with regional hospitals and healthcare systems to drive program enrollment. This initiative has provided a 300% return on investment.
- 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.
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### • Enrollment Services

• The Enrollment Advisor is responsible for guiding prospective students to complete the application process.

### Student Success Coaches

 The Student Success Coach is our retention strategy. This person is responsible for encouraging students to register for each semester, monitors students' progress in all courses, and often works in unison with the course faculty and program coordinator to assist students as needed.

### 2 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: 98% of BSN graduates will complete the program within seven semesters (BSN graduation/retention rate).

Prior to 2019-2020, the benchmark was 70% of BSN graduates will complete the program within seven semesters (BSN graduation/retention rate).

### 2.1 Data

Graduating semester	Students graduating	defined pe	within LSBN eriod of time nesters)
	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

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Graduating semester	Students graduating	defined	ed within LSBN I period of time semesters)
	N	N	%
Fall 2019	40	34	75.55
Spring 2020	52	52	85.24
Fall 2020	42	35	74.47
Spring 2021	48	52	85.25

### 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.

### 2019-2020:

The LSBN benchmark of 70% of BSN graduates will complete the program within seven semesters (BSN graduation/retention rate) was achieved for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Graduation Rate Semester:	Fall 2019	Sp 2020	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Fall 2021	Spring 2022
LSBN (7 semesters) Semester of Entry	F17	Sp 18	Fall 17	Sp 18	Fall 18	Sp 19
# of students admitted to original cohort targeted to graduate	45	61	47	61		
# of graduates from the original cohort	34	52	35	52		
# of non-graduates from the original cohort	11	9	12	9		
Graduation Rate (Benchmark 70% or higher)	75.55	85.24	74.47%	85.25%		

#### 2020-2021:

The LSBN benchmark of 70% of BSN graduates will complete the program within seven semesters (BSN graduation/retention rate) was achieved for the 2020-2021 academic year.

- The recommendation to increase the benchmark to 98% is unrealistic. Prior calculations of graduation rates differ from the process used to calculate graduation rates according to calculations for reporting data to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The attached chart is consistent with program calculations for LSBN annual reports. This method gives an accurate report of true retention of entering cohorts of students into clinical nursing course sequence. The undergraduate nursing program consistently exceeds the benchmark of 70%.
- Historically, it appears cohorts that graduate in spring has a lower graduation rate than cohorts that graduate in the fall. I am not sure of the reason.
- To promote continuous quality improvement for University reporting purposes, a reasonable benchmark would be 75% and to use the provided table contents for data.
- In the spring of 2020, we began the Student Success Strategy beginning with 3 Nursing 100 courses. Students registered for each NURS 100 course would receive academic advising and mentoring from their assigned faculty. This process would continue until the students entered the nursing clinical sequence of students. This process abruptly came to hold with the COVID-19 forced closure of face-to-face instruction. The 3 faculty continued with NURS 100 online and continued to communicate with students virtually and by email. However, the Student Services Coordinator, Assistant Department Head, and Department Head advised all pre-requisite and clinical nursing students through the conduction of multiple Zoom advising sessions. This was necessary because faculty did not have VPNremote access to the university Banner system to have access to student records for advisement purposes.
- In Fall 2020 the use of the NURS 100 Student Success Cohorts was resumed until the abrupt cessation of class due to Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Upon the resumption of classes, virtually September 18, the Department Head and Assistant Department Head worked out of the SEED Center daily conducting 8-10 virtual advising sessions for the approximately 400 to 500 transfer and pre-requisite students. Academic advising for the approximately 270 clinical students was done by the semester coordinators. Alternate registration PIN numbers were provided to faculty.
- In spring 2021, all undergraduate nursing faculty were assigned 20-25 students for academic advising. Advising workshops and 1:1 assistance were provided to faculty to provide them with the necessary tools to ensure faculty and student success. Virtual advisement and email have now become very efficient methods for advising students. Faculty were more accessible to students and no longer was there a need for face-to-face meetings which relieved the strain of both faculty and students due to COVID-19 social distancing precautions and the obstacles caused by post-hurricane recovery.

### 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:

			Persi	stence		R	etent	ion Ra	te			Gr	adua	tion R	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	ate	Y1 1	to Y2	Y1 1	to Y3	Y1 1	to Y4	4-`	Year	5-`	Year	6-`	Year
	0.20	major.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	2	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NURA	8	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
		Same	160	69.3	108	46.8	78	33.8	63	27.3	42	18.2	47	20.3	49	21.2
NURB	231*	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	<i>7</i> 5	32.5	88	38.1	97	42.0
		Same	162	67.8	108	45.2	78	32.6	63	26.4	42	17.6	47	19.7	49	20.5
Total	239	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

<sup>\*4</sup> students were undeclared before declaring NURB.

# 2013:

			Persi	stence		R	etent	ion Ra	te			Gra	adua	tion Ra	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	ate	Y1 1	to Y2	Y1 1	to Y3	Y1 <sup>-</sup>	to Y4	4-`	Year	5-`	Year	6-\	⁄ear
	0120	Major.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NURA	3*	Changed	1	33.3	2	66.7	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		Total	3	100	3	100	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
		Same	155	62.8	110	44.5	61	24.7	47	19.0	22	8.9	20	8.1	1	0.4
NURB	247**	Changed	46	18.6	53	21.5	75	30.4	77	31.2	20	8.1	33	13.4	10	4.0
		Total	201	81.4	163	66.0	136	55.1	124	50.2	42	17.0	53	21.5	11	4.4
		Same	157	62.8	111	44.4	61	24.4	47	18.8	22	8.8	20	8.0	1	0.4
Total	250	Changed	47	18.8	55	22.0	76	30.4	78	31.2	20	8.0	33	13.2	10	4.0
		Total	204	81.6	166	66.4	137	54.8	125	50.0	42	16.8	53	21.2	11	4.4

<sup>\*1</sup> student was previously undeclared before declaring NURA.

# 2014:

			Persi	stence		Re	etent	ion Ra	te			Gr	adua	tion Ra	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	Rate		to Y2	Y1	to Y3	Y1	to Y4	4-`	Year	5-`	Year	6-`	Year
	0120	Major.	# %		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	120	59.7	69	34.3	45	22.4	40	19.9	25	12.4	33	16.4	35	17.4
NURB	201	Changed	41	20.4	44	21.9	45	22.4	49	24.4	14	6.9	36	17.9	42	20.8
		Total	161	80.1	113	56.2	90	44.8	89	44.3	39	19.4	69	34.3	77	38.3

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Retention Rate	Graduation Rate

<sup>\*\*2</sup> students were previously undeclared before declaring NURB.

Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	l	stence ate	111012		Y1	to Y3	Y1	to Y4	4-`	Year	5-\	⁄ear	6-\	Year
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	114	62.3	69	37.7	52	28.4	37	20.2						
NURB	183	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:

			Persi	stence		R	etent	ion Rat	te			Gra	adua	tion R	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	Rate		to Y2	Y1	to Y3	Y1	to Y4	4-`	⁄ear	5-\	Year	6-\	Year
	0.20	major.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	112	63.6	72	40.9	49	27.8	39	22.2						
NURB	176	Changed	37	21.0	45	25.6	49	27.8	44	25.0						
		Total	149	84.7	117	66.5	98	55.7	83	47.2						

# 2017:

			Persi	stence		R	etent	ion Rat	:e			Gra	adua	tion R	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	ate	Y1 ·	to Y2	Y1 ·	to Y3	Y1 1	to Y4	4-\	⁄ear	5-`	⁄ear	6-`	⁄ear
	0.20	major.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	160	78.4	99	48.5	71	34.8	55	26.9						
NURB	204	Changed	22	10.8	42	20.6	57	27.9	63	30.9						
		Total	182	89.2	141	69.1	128	62.7	118	57.8						

# 2018:

			Persi	stence		Re	etentio	on Rate	)			Gra	adua	tion R	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	Rate		to Y2	Y1	to Y3	Y1 -	to Y4	4-\	<b>Year</b>	5-`	⁄ear	6-`	⁄ear
	0.20	major.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	178	73.3	128	52.7	92	39.7								
NURB	243	Changed	30	12.3	49	20.2	58	23.9								
		Total	208	85.6	177	72.9	150	61.7								

# 2019:

			Persi	stence		Re	tenti	on Rat	е			Gr	adua	tion R	ate	
Major	Cohort Size	Same Major?	R	ate	Y1	to Y2	Y1	to Y3	Y1 ·	to Y4	4-\	Year	5-`	⁄ear	6-`	⁄ear
	0.20	iviajoi .	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	165	77.8	124	58.5										
NURB	212	Changed	25	11.8	36	16.9										
		Total	190	89.6	160	75.5										

# 2020:

	Cobort	Somo	Persistence	Re	etention Ra	ite	Gr	aduation Ra	ate
	Conon	Same							

Major	Size	Major?	R	ate	Y1 ·	to Y2	Y1 1	to Y3	Y1 :	to Y4	4-`	⁄ear	5-\	<b>Year</b>	6-\	Year
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
		Same	131	74.4												
NURB	176	Changed	27	15.3												
		Total	158	89.8												

### 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 participate in clinical student orientation and provide peer mentoring.
- Fall 2019 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.

### 2019-2020:

The persistence rate for the Fall 2019 cohort exceeded the benchmark of 85% by 4.6%. Cohorts 2015, 2016, and 2017 exceeded the **Year 1 to Year 4** retention rate benchmark of 45% with a rate

of 45.9, 47.2, and 57.8, respectively. This is evidence of a consistent upward trend! The 2014 cohort did not reach the graduation benchmarks for 4 year (35%) 19.4%, 5-year (40%) 34.3%,

positive student outcomes. The following will be continued:

and 6-year (45%) 38.3%. The strategies we use to influence student persistence and retention continue to assist us in producing

- Active and engaging NURS 100 course sections that foster student-to-student and student-tofaculty connections. Current teaching and learning activities enhance social engagement and build camaraderie among entering cohorts of students.
- 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 participate in clinical student orientation and provide peer mentoring.
- Offer Nursing Student Appreciation Day by providing breakfast and snacks, vendors, nursing recruiters, and prizes.

### 2020-2021:

The persistence rate for the Fall 2020 cohort exceeded the benchmark of 85% by 4.8%. One week after classes began, the area experienced widespread devastation caused by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Many students were displaced when classes re-started on September 18, 2020. Faculty used Zoom and Micro-Soft Teams to maintain consistent contact with students. Classes instruction was delivered synchronously and asynchronously via connected communication technology. The Undergraduate Nursing Program Department Head and Assistant Department Head conducted 8-10 Zoom sessions to conduct advising for registration.

These retention efforts enabled students from Cohorts 2019, 2018, and 2017 to exceed retention benchmarks for year 1 to year 2, year 1 to year 3, and year 1 to year 4.

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 three times per semester to review evaluation data, curricular offerings, and course rigor.

### Prior to 2019-2020, the benchmark was:

- 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				
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%				
Fall 2019	100%				
Spring 2020	100%				
Fall 2020	100%				
Spring 2021	100%				

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.

Curriculum minutes: October 21, 2019 - Course Summaries were reviewed. Committee members approved to increase credit hours to NURS 302 to 4 credit hours and the new Informatics course NURS 327 will be 2 credit hours. These changes will be reflected in the Spring 2020 catalog.

Curriculum Committee did not meet in Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 due to COVID-19 closure and Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Curriculum Committee Minutes: February 12, 2021 - Course summaries reviewed.

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				
Fall 2019	2				
Spring 2020	0				
Fall 2020	0				
Spring 2021	4				

# 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 Pacticum
  (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.

#### 2019-2020:

Faculty met the submission benchmark for course summaries despite teaching virtually in Spring 2020. The Department Head used the Undergraduate faculty Communications Moodle course to communicate and plan for the Spring 2020 semester. Document submission was accomplished through the making of assignments for faculty submissions. This process allowed for easy tracking and a safe repository for all important curriculum evaluation documents.

Due to the COVID-19 closure, the Curriculum Committee did not meet. Though we had access to Zoom, we did not have access to the intranet and other resources we used for the evaluation of the curriculum.

### 2020-2021:

The processes used in Spring 2020 served us well after the Hurricane. the Moodle Faculty Communications was used once more. The Department Head used the Moodle course to organize and plan the Fall semester. All useful forms were placed in the course for easy retrieval for faculty. Assignments were set up for faculty to submit course summaries and other important curriculum evaluation documents. All policies and procedures were also placed in the course for easy retrieval. Instead of using email, all-important announcements were sent as Announcements. This process provided a repository for all announcements for easy retrieval for faculty in lieu of scrolling through numerous emails. This process was also used for communicating with pre-requisite and clinical nursing students. The Department Head created a Moodle communications course for both. Students were populated in their respective courses and that was the mechanism for communicating en masse with all of our students. All necessary forms were placed on these sites as well.

# 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.

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.

#### 2019-2020:

The new online RN-BSN program launched in July 2019. All courses reflect the 2018 BSN Essentials.

#### 2020-2021:

We received the revised Essentials of Baccalaureate Education of Professional Nursing Practice in April 2021. Curriculum revisions are slated to begin in the 2021-2022 academic year.

### 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:

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 on September 17, 2018 (agenda & minutes). Course development began in January 2019 and will continue to December 2019. The rollout of the new curriculum began in July 2019.

### 2019-2020:

There is no planned review of the integration of professional standards. The next full curricular review is planned to begin in 2021-2022.

# 2020-2021:

There is no planned review of the integration of professional standards. The next full curricular review is planned to begin in 2021-2022.

### 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			
2019-2020	57.85			
2020-2021	39.17			

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				
2019-2020	_				
2020-2021	350				

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				
2019-2020	_				
2020-2021	705				

# 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 where 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.

### 2019-2020:

Faculty exceeded the expected APR mean score in the areas of teaching (35). Data is not available for the mean performance score for Scholarship and Service. At the time this analysis of data was completed, the College of Nursing and Health Professions intranet was destroyed by Hurricanes. Teaching was the only data retrievable. Since that time, a plan was made to contain data utilizing the Microsoft Onedrive.

#### 2020-2021:

Faculty exceeded the expected APR mean score in the areas of teaching (35), scholarship (200), and service (320), which meets the expected benchmark. However, the mean teaching score declined 18.68 points from the 2019-2020 academic year. There were also declines in scholarly activity as well. This is not surprising considering what the faculty have experienced this academic year. Like our students, the faculty experienced the devastation of personal property and disruption in electrical and internet services, as well as other important necessities of life. Many live in alternate housing arrangements for 6 months and beyond. All faculty reported for duty on September 18, 2020, to resume teaching virtually. Hotspots were made available for faculty and students who did not have interest services. Teaching and scholarly activity scores were negatively impacted by this situation.

The service mean score continued to remain steady well above the benchmark at 705. This is not surprising. Those faculty who could assisted others in their time of need.