

TRITON COLLEGE- DISTRICT 504
Nursing Department Advisory Committee Meeting
Associate Degree Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant Programs
9/28/20 (via zoom)
Fall 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am am by Mrs. Geri Brewer

PRESENT:

Libner, Joan, Chairperson, Department of Nursing & Health, Benedictine University
Loverde, Janet, RN to BSN program Director, Benedictine University
Young, Margaret, RN to BSN program Director, Benedictine University

Triton College:

Bowling, Sandra, Coordinator, Nurse Assistant Program
Brewer, Geri, Chairperson Nursing Department
Davis, Cheryl, Faculty, Nursing Department
Everett, Michelle, Retention Specialist
Finch, LaTrice, Faculty, Nursing Department
Harmon, Pamela, Dean of Health Careers and Public Service Programs
Irby, Tiffany, Admission Specialist
King, Tatiana, Nursing Secretary
Mehmeti, Enisa, Faculty, Nursing Department
Ortiz, Liliana, President of Student Nurse Association, 4th semester nursing student

INTRODUCTIONS/UPDATES

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mrs. Brewer presented minutes of 5-28-19. Margaret Young moved that minutes be approved as written. Enisa Mehmeti seconded it.

NURSING PROGRAM

The student perception of the nursing program during the trying time of Covid-19, is that students and faculty have successfully made adjustments to convert lectures and clinical components to online learning. The students have been affected by the change of no or limited clinical rotations at clinical sites. The department implemented the use of a virtual simulation software SwiftRiver to supplement the loss of on-site clinical rotations. The students have adopted the new learning tool of SwiftRiver and so far like the replacement of on-site clinical with virtual simulation learning objectives.

The faculty has discussed keeping SwiftRiver as a virtual simulation learning objective even when on-site clinical rotation become available.

Currently the completion rate is for December 2019 there were 24 students who completed the program, and for May 2020 there were 24 students who completed the program. The nursing program has a 90% completion rate for NCLEX. There is a 100% pass rate for the Hesi exam.

DEAN'S REPORT

Currently Covid-19 has changed the dynamic of the program which began at the end of spring 2020 semester and the beginning of fall 2020 semester. We adjusted the nursing program to implement ERL lectures, on campus lab, and virtual simulated clinicals. We were also able to send students to on-site clinical with limited number of students. We are continuing to seek feedback from our advisory members on how to get the students back into the on-site clinical rotations.

ADMISSIONS

53 students were admitted for the fall 2020 semester and we anticipated 60 students for the spring 2021 semester. The nursing program accepted a 3.0 GPA as the admission requirement due to the TEAS Exam not being available

RETENTION

The newly hired retention specialist meets with about 60%-70% of nursing students, providing the students with tips of success through a virtual workshop. There has been an increase of retention over the last year. Ms. Everett completed a survey with the 1st semester students from the fall 2020 term, and found out that the number one challenge for the students is time management and the number two challenge is test taking. Also from the survey 52% of students indicated another language other than English was used in the home. Ms. Everett encourages open communication between students and faculty, she receives retention alerts from the full-time faculty to meet with students about any academic issues.

CNA PROGRAM

The nursing chairperson and CNA coordinator are partnering together to implement a requirement of successful completion of the CNA program as a prerequisite prior to the entry of the nursing program. The fundamental skills will already be covered in the CNA program, there will be adjustments made to the curriculum for the 1st semester courses (NUR106, NUR 107, NUR 109). The Dean has requested a list of colleges that have already incorporated the CNA certification as part of their admission requirements.

CLINICAL COORDINATOR

One of the department's newest faculty members started as clinical coordinator for the fall 2020 term. Dr. Golden has been seeking new sites for clinical rotations. Due to Covid-19 only three sites approved rotations for the fall 2020 term with limited amount of students for each rotations. SwiftRiver is a product of Nurse Tim which the nursing department is using to supplement the loss of clinical rotations. Ms. Mehmeti an instructor for the 4th semester students (medical surgical III) states that the 4th semester students are given several assignments to mirror a day to day rotation with med pass, different med surg patients, and ED assignments. So far the feedback from the students have been great about the supplement of clinical.