



## Spring Advisory Meeting

Date & Time: 3.26.13 – 6:00pm

East Grand Forks Campus

**Attendees:** Laura Dunning, Sue Hibma, Kristi Stoltman, Barb Boguslawski, Roxanne Fabian, Shauna Paulson, Dorinda Sorvig, Nancy Carda, Kari Koenig, Candi Seyfried, Loretta Vobr, Mary Amundson, Donna Craigmile, Jodi Stassen, Karen Znajda, Suzzane Lien-AD Student, Marcus Steien-PN Student, Chelsa Haaland-PN Student, Anthony Hipp-AD Student

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome	Action	Follow-Up
Introductions				
1. Update related to structure of NCTC Nursing Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dean of Nursing, 2 Nursing Coordinators, Filling of vacant positions.</li></ul>	Jodi	Jodi explained the new structure due to resignations.	No questions were asked about this	
2. NLNAC updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AD Site Visit Spring 2015</li><li>PN apply for candidacy</li></ul>	Kari/Dorinda	AD program is preparing for their site visit in 2015 by updating their systematic evaluation plan to be in compliance with the new 2013 standards.  The PN program needs to have applied for candidacy by 2016. NLNAC only accredits	Some concern voiced on this drastic decrease in	Will continue to keep the committee updated as

		<p>diploma programs. The standard credit amount for NLNAC is less than 40. There will be some major curriculum changes within the PN program to be in compliance with NLNAC. Health force MN is developing a state wide PN curriculum that we will be able to adopt from when it comes time to develop our new curriculum. We will potentially implement the new curriculum in 2015</p>	<p>credits. Dorinda reassured the committee that there are some PN programs in the state that are less than 40 credits and have excellent pass rates.</p>	<p>changes are made and request approval where needed.</p>
<p>3. Number of attempts to repeat PN nursing courses</p>	Jodi	<p>A PN student can currently attempt each PNSG course 3 times. We are proposing that we change this to 2 attempts in order to help increase our NCLEX pass rates.</p>	<p>All were in favor of this and also thought the PN program should consider going with 2 attempts in the program versus 2 attempts in each course which would be in compliance with how the AD program is doing it. A motion was made and carried to decrease the number of allowed attempts from 3 to 2 for all PNSG required courses</p>	<p>This will be brought to AASC for approval.</p>
<p>4. AAS degree programs over 60 credits</p>	Jodi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree Credit Cap Legislation<sup>1</sup>. Minnesota Legislation (2007) directed that degree programs be limited to a length of 60 or 120 credits unless an exemption is granted.</li> <li>• Review of Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree programs over 60 credits to be completed by December 31, 2013. AAS</li> </ul>	<p>All nursing faculty agreed to eliminate Intro to Public Speaking to bring the program in compliance with the 60 credits. The committee agreed and made a</p>	<p>This will be brought to AASC for approval.</p>

		degree programs that exceed 60 credits must be reviewed by: 1) college program advisory committees; and 2) academic affairs and standards councils to determine the appropriate program credit length.	motion that this good course be eliminated since it is still required in the AD program and speeches and reports are currently required in many PN courses.	
5. PN Curriculum – anticipated changes	Dorinda	Curriculum will be changing due to NLNAC requirements as mentioned in item 2.	More information will be presented on this at the fall 2013 advisory meeting.	
6. NCLEX pass Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AD</li> <li>• PN</li> </ul>	Kari/Dorinda	<p>RN pass rates are slightly below the national average. The changes in the test blueprint will be implemented in April for the AD NCLEX. The content did not change drastically, but the difficulty level of several items did. The ATI live review will be required for all students starting in fall 2013. ATI also has a new policy where they will refund the cost of the live review and locate another review for students to take if they are not successful on NCLEX the first time.</p> <p>PN pass rates are slightly below 75% in EGF and increased slightly in TRF to 82.98%. The Board of Nursing Action Plan was submitted last year. Representatives from the Minnesota Board of Nursing will make a visit in April and report recommendations to us. ATI has been implemented on the EGF campus and faculty are increasing active learning techniques and</p>	Will update the committee at the fall 2013 meeting.	

		taking item writing courses to improve their tests.		
7. Update on MBON- PN corrective action plan.	Dorinda	See information in item 6 regarding this.		
8. Combining TRF & EGF PN programs-MBON	Dorinda	The MBON recommends we combine the two nursing programs into one. This committee also recommends that we do that especially since we are making some major curriculum changes.	This will need to be submitted to the MBON for approval.	
9. RN program entry standards (review of points)	Kari	RN program uses a points system, mainly in the sciences courses, for admission to the program. We accept most Chemistry's for the Chemistry requirement. However, we recommend the NCTC survey. Per our new policy, students will only receive the 3 extra bonus points for survey of Chemistry if they take the NCTC course.		
10. Employer satisfaction survey of AD graduates from FY 12	Kari	Per NLNAC requirements, we need 50% return rates on the 6-12 months employer satisfaction survey. The return rate has been poor. Kari asked for recommendations on how to make that better. Christi Stoltman said to send the Altru ones to her and she will get them to the appropriate departments.	We will continue to resend the surveys through email and ask the committee for further input at the fall 2013 advisory meeting	
11. Desired standard skill set of both PN & RN new grads	Kari/Dorinda	There were no major concerns in this area. One suggestion was to continue to promote the importance of good people skills amongst the students.		