

Kishwaukee College
Nursing
Spring 2022 Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 31st, 2022
Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

External Participants: 8

Amber Davis- NIU- RN- BSN Coordinator
Andrea Cople- Oak Crest- Director of Nursing
Cindy Graves – DeKalb County Health Department – Director of Community Health & Prevention
Corinne Haviley – Kishwaukee Hospital & VW Hospital Chief Nursing Executive
Dana McKinney - Rochelle Community Hospital – Nurse Educator
Dana Siener – NW Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital
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Angie Delmont - Director of Nursing
Cindy Prendergast –Lab Skills and Retention Specialist; Adjunct Instructor
Donna Kayes –Program Coordinator and Nursing Faculty BNA
Dr. Jessica Berek –Associate Dean Office of Instruction
Dr. Terry Funston - Director of Curriculum and Program Development
Jud Curry –Dean of Office of Instruction
Kathy Schnier –Nursing Faculty
Kay Singer –Nursing Faculty
Kelly Soost- Nursing Faculty
Lynnette Meurer - Nursing Faculty
Pat Mitchell - Nursing Faculty
Sherry Haley - Nursing Faculty
Alexis Downey - 2nd Semester Student
Lori Gordon - 4th Semester Student
Tiffany Morris – Administrative Assistant Minutes

I. Semester/Year Program Data (Jud Curry)

a. Enrollment and Admission

- Enrollment update, showing 11.7% decline in enrollment from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022; greatest loss has been in continuing/returning students
- Spring 2022 has seen a significant increase in face-to-face classes offered on campus, compared to a year ago

- Nursing has also experienced significant decline from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022: 18.9%; attributed to both smaller applicant pool for Spring 2022 start and higher than average attrition due to students' personal struggles
- b. Financial Data/10th day report
 - FY21 showed significant increase in Nursing expenses, due primarily to increased staffing costs
 - Smaller class sizes and decreased clinical capacity meant more Ft and PT instructor-hours needed in all areas
 - Covid relief funds have allowed for the introduction of new technologies and online resources

II. AD Nursing Program Updates (Angie Delmont)

- a. Accreditation Status and upcoming reaccreditation with ACEN
 - Kishwaukee College's initial ACEN accreditation was in 2017
 - Re-Accreditation takes place five years after the initial accreditation
 - This year's site visit is September 7, 2022, through September 9, 2022
- b. Current enrollment and admissions
 - ADN Program enrollment is currently 109 students, lower than in the past; maximum enrollment would be 170
 - Applicant pool has shrunk; typical application periods see 70-80 applicants for 40 slots, currently 47 applicants for August 2022
 - Application period has been extended to May 15
 - Possibility of a full 40-student cohort in fall 2022
 - All Nursing programs in Illinois are experiencing similar enrollment declines, but anticipate these to be temporary
 - Kish had 3 students withdraw in fall due to vaccination requirements; one has opted to vaccinate and return
- c. Faculty Changes
 - Full-Time BNA position posted and will be vacant as of June 30th
 - Full-Time OB position vacant as of January 14, 2022, and position is posted
 - Full-Time Mental Health & Community Health will be vacant aft May 30, 2022
 - Congratulations and thank you to Pat Mitchell and Donna Kayes on their upcoming retirements
- d. Fall schedules and clinical sites
 - Many sites have cut down on the number of students they will allow on the floor at one time
 - Pediatric sites were not allowing anyone in during COVID, but that is changing
 - Rockford site for Adult Med-Surg I & II courses has chosen to prioritize placements for RVC over Kishwaukee
 - New sites are being pursued by the DON
- d. NCLEX pass rates and other program data
 - 2020 pass rate declined to 82 percent
 - 2021 was 83 percent
 - State and National rates have declined as well about 5 points, going from 87/88 percent to 82/83 percent

- Currently, Kish's pass rate for 2022 is 97 percent for the October/December 2021 graduates
 - Kish offered a NCLEX review in December for the students, received positive feedback will continue the NCLEX review in the Spring
- e. RN-BSN NIU Dual Enrollment updates (Amber Davis)
- Currently have 9 Kish students dual-enrolled with NIU; 2 of 9 students have graduated and 1 will be graduating in the Spring
 - GPAs range from 3.4-4.0
 - Curriculum is being updated which will help the dual enrollment students
 - Practicum will be 2 classes, heavily project based, students will have fewer NIU courses to take with the same credit hours, this must pass one more committee. Amber is presenting it on Monday.
- f. Retention (Cindy Prendergast, Retention and Lab Skills Specialist)
- Spring 22: lost 3 students for academic reasons and 2 students for personal reasons
 - Brenda Hunt, Kish Nursing alum, suggested an alumni mentoring program to help with retention. Cindy Prendergast has received approval to pilot in Fall 2022 with 10-15 NUR 117 students, depending on the number of Alumni mentors
 - Alumni can reach out to Cindy Prendergast to participate

III. BNA Program Updates (Donna Kayes)

a. CNA Pass Rate

- 2021 Face- to- Face pass rate is 93 percent
- 2021 Hybrid pass rate is 89 percent
- October to March Face-to-Face pass rate is 100 percent
- October to March Hybrid pass rate is 81 percent

b. Enrollment

- January to March offered Hybrid evening class had 6 students enrolled
- There are a total of 8 students registered for second 8-week session; students are having a hard time scheduling testing. Many sites don't have staff or technology to proctor the test.
- Not many students are showing up for the Face-to-Face or Zoom informational meetings, although there are several views of the YouTube video on the website. Many students log off when they hear about the required vaccine.

IV. High Fidelity Simulation (Amanda Ortiz)

- Amanda has been running weekly pediatric simulations since the Fall 2021 to replace clinical time that has been limited
- Currently there is not a simulated electronic charting system for the first year of the program in the sim lab and to address this issue, Amanda created an EMR using google sites. It will be piloted with the evening NUR117 cohort and then presented to faculty for future use.

V. Agency, student, and Alumni Updates/Discussion: Two current Kish NUR students, Alexis Downey and Lori Gordon, shared perspectives:

- Alexis Downey- the flexibility with course being hybrid helped many students with balance between school and home. Students were able to schedule appointments

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