

Mennonite College of Nursing Plan for College Assessment DNP Program

Graduate – DNP Program

Purpose

The Plan for College Assessment (PCA) is used to assess program outcomes and to promote continuous quality improvement of all college programs. Student Outcomes and Faculty Accomplishments stem from the college mission, philosophy, and College/Program goals and outcomes.

Data collection for the PCA occurs on an ongoing basis, but is evaluated each year for the previous year. Data are distributed to faculty/student committees and administrative personnel for the purpose of institutional analysis and problem-solving. This allows for course, program, and/or curricula changes to be developed in the subsequent year. The PCA reflects an organized “feedback loop” to assess and evaluate the undergraduate and graduate program.

Mission

The MCN mission serves as the foundation for the entire nursing program, and is assessed every five years. An ad hoc committee consisting of representation from the Prelicensure, RN to BSN, and Graduate Program and Curriculum Committees assess the Mission statement in October of every 5th year to determine appropriateness to baccalaureate and higher nursing education, and to determine its accordance with the University mission and Graduate School mission.

Philosophy

The philosophy reflects the beliefs of faculty, needs of society and standards of professional nursing. The MCN philosophy should be reflected throughout the curriculum. The philosophy is assessed every 5 years in conjunction with the Mission.

PCA Primary Constituents

- 1) Doctoral Students
- 2) Faculty/Staff
- 3) Alumni
- 4) Clinical Agencies & Employers
- 5) Graduate Program & Curriculum Committee

Program Outcomes:

- Engage in organizational and systems leadership to create practice environments that improve health care outcomes
- Participate in evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship to improve health care practice and outcomes
- Synthesize scientific, theoretical, and technological data from a variety of disciplines to improve health care systems and health outcomes for individuals and populations
- Demonstrate leadership in development and implementation of health policy
- Collaborate with intraprofessional and interprofessional teams to create change in health care systems

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| Data | Data Collected | Data to Committee | Committee Review | Report to AD for Academics | Expected Outcomes |
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| Course Recommendation Forms include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Site evaluations Evaluations of Preceptors | By 06/15 of each year completed by Course Leader & coordinated by the Academics & Special Academic Projects Manager | Associate Dean for Academics responsible 10/01 each year | GPCC – 10/01 - 05/01 of each year | 05/15 of each year | 80% of the course recommendation forms will be completed |
| Skyfactor Exit Survey | Immediately before each cohort graduation coordinated by the Academics & Special Projects Manager | Associate Dean for Academics responsible by 10/01 each year | GPCC - 10/01-12/01 of each year | 12/15 of each year | 75% satisfaction on survey components |
| Graduation, Retention, Attrition Rates | Annually in May coordinated by the Assistant Dean for OSFS | Assistant Dean OSFS responsible by 09/01 each year. | GPCC - 09/01-05/01 of each year | 06/01 of each year | Completion rate is 70% or higher |
| Employment Rate | Annually in May & July coordinated by the Sequence Leaders & Assistant Dean for OSFS | Sequence Leaders & Assistant Dean for OSFS responsible by 09/01 | GPCC – 10/01/12/01 of each year | 12/01 of each year | Employment rate is 70% or higher |
| Time to Graduation | Annually in June coordinated by Graduate Program Coordinator & DNP Program Leader | Graduate Program Coordinator responsible by 09/01 of each year | GPCC - 09/01-12/15 | 12/15 of each year | 80% of DNP students will graduate within the 5 year time limit |
| Completion of Scholarly Project | Annually in August coordinated by Graduate Program Coordinator & DNP Program Leader | Graduate Program Coordinator & DNP Program Leader responsible by 09/01 of each year | GPCC - 09/01-12/01 of each year | 12/15 of each year | 80% of DNP students will complete the scholarly project within the 5 year time limit |
| Refereed Publications & Presentations | Annually in June coordinated by Graduate Program Coordinator | Graduate Program Coordinator responsible by 09/01 of each year | GPCC - 09/01-12/01 of each year | 12/15 of each year | |
| ISU/MCN Alumni Survey (includes employment rates) | Every 2 years in May | Associate Dean for Academics by 02/01/2017 | GPCC - 02/01-05/01 | 05/15/2017 | 75% satisfaction among those completing the survey |

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| Admission Criteria | Every 3 years in May | Graduate Program Coordinator & Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Program responsible by 03/01/2017 | GPCC - 01-05/01 | 05/15/2017 | Admission criteria are appropriate and congruent with University guidelines |
| Specific Program/Sequence Policies | Every 3 years in May | Graduate Program Coordinator & Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Program responsible by 03/01/2017 | GPCC - 01-05/01 | 05/15/2017 | Program/Sequence policies are appropriate and are congruent with University guidelines |
| Curriculum Evaluation | Every 4 years in May | Graduate Program Coordinator & Sequence Leaders responsible by 05/01/2020 | GPCC - 03/01-05/01 | 05/15/2020 | Curriculum is appropriate to meet the program outcomes. |
| Mission, Vision, Philosophy, & Outcomes | Every 5 years in May catalog & websites | Associate Dean for Academics & Graduate Program Coordinator are responsible by 02/01/2018 | 03/01-05/01 | 05/15/2018 | Mission, vision, philosophy, and outcomes are appropriate and congruent with University mission. |