



Helena College Department of Nursing Education
 Meeting Minutes
Nursing Department Community Advisory Board
 March 4, 2022

Members Present: Mikel Allen; Debera Charlton; Tessa McGee; Debra Rapaport; Kristina Kenning; Erin Kuntzweiler; Jamie Valdez; Lisa Zimmerman; Atalyssa Neace; Emily Schuff; Madeline Cade;

Recorded by: Brenda Johnson Meeting was called to order at 12:02pm

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review of Minutes	No corrections to minutes	
Welcome	Debra Rapaport welcomed everyone to the online meeting. She then introduced Madeline Cade as our Senior Cohort representative.	
Update on Cohorts	Deb Rapaport reported on all cohorts. LPNs are at 8 students. 4 in Hamilton at Bitterroot College campus and 4 at Helena College campus, Freshmen cohort is full at 16, Sophomores are at 16 students, Juniors are at 14 and Seniors are full at 16 students.	
Community Partnerships: Feedback	<p>Deb Charlton let everyone know that VA is very happy with Helena College Nursing students. She also mentioned that COVID changes are coming for those not vaccinated. More information will be emailed to Deb Rapaport on these changes.</p> <p>Mikel Allen reported from Shodair that our students are doing really well. They have begun an RN residency program with another one scheduled to start in May with the next round of graduating Nurses. Shodair is also starting to hire LPN's again. Encouraging our students to apply when they graduate. Deb Rapaport mentioned that we would like to use Shodair as OB/PEDS and MedSurg for LPN students in the fall if possible.</p> <p>Tessa McGee from St. Peter's Health reported that summer 2022 internship is coming and will be in touch with Deb Rapaport. She also mentioned that preceptors are asking if they can turn in their student evaluations directly and not back to students. Deb will talk with faculty about changing this.</p> <p>Madeline Cade reported on being a senior and having attended clinical rotations at all locations. She thanks Tessa for her Leadership clinical and thanked her for the summer internship program feeling it had given her a lot of great experience.</p>	
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<p>Community Partnerships: Career Fair</p>	<p>The Spring career fair will be April 12 from 1-3 held in rooms 002/003 and will be in person. We may move up to the Student Center as we've had a lot more requests to participate than the last two years. More details on this will be sent out next week via email.</p>	
<p>Topic Community Partnerships: Survey</p>	<p>Discussion Deb reminded everyone to please fill out the employee/student survey for both LPN and RN. She will be sending it out later today for everyone. This is very important to receive back for our ACEN accreditation.</p>	
<p>Topic RN NCLEX pass rates</p>	<p>Discussion RN pass rates: Calendar 2021 – School 90.3% RN pass rates: Fall 2021 – 10 of 12 students have tested. One failed. This has brought our current pass rate to 80%. State of Montana is at 83.45%. LPN pass rates: Calendar 2020 – School 100% LPN pass rates to date for those graduating in December 2021 – 3 of 3 passed. 2 still to take. All Montana nursing programs are reporting pass rates being down. Changes that Helena College Nursing has implemented is a more NCLEX prep integrated into Leadership. Kristina Kenning spoke on how she's having students take practice ATI tests from prior courses to allow students a chance to refresh. Maddy reported that most of the students felt this was good and she felt it really helped her confidence to know where she is at in each subject.</p>	
<p>Topic Pinning</p>	<p>Discussion Deb reported that Pinning will be held at Helena College in the Student Center on May 6th. Time to be determined. We are allowing students to invite their family so we are not inviting others to the event so we can allow for as many student guests as possible.</p>	
<p>Topic Curriculum Update</p>	<p>Discussion LPN Bitterroot College expansion is going well. We were a little disappointed we didn't fill the LPN program but we do have eight strong students in it now. 4 from Bitterroot College and 4 from Helena College. Deb will begin working on a revised Bridge program for LPN to RN. She hopes to make it more user friendly for those students that need to still work while returning to school. She hopes to have more information on this at our Fall 2022 meeting. Deb is posting a position for a full time simulation coordinator. Name of position subject to change. This person would help to develop a simulation lab and simulations to help with up to 30% of clinical hours being done in the lab and not all 100% in the clinicals. This would allow more students into our program</p>	

	which the Board of Nursing approved last November for us to take up to 20 students in the RN program.	
Topic Faculty: Professional Development	Discussion Deb Rapaport will be participating in a self-study course in April to help with ACEN accreditation in Spring 2024.	
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Topic Community Help	Discussion Students have been invited to the VA to help with their Health Fair. Deb Charlton will provide Kristina with more information.	
Topic Thank you to the community partners	Discussion Deb Rapaport thanked everyone for taking time to attend the meeting and for allowing our students into their facilities.	
Topic Feedback	Discussion At this time there was no further feedback.	

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46pm