SLO7 Core Curriculum Assessment Report
2011_12

College: School of Nursing
Department: Nursing
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1. **Name(s) and Number(s) of Course being assessed for Oral Communication:**

   Oral communication practice and assessment is integrated throughout the professional nursing curriculum with all clinical courses (course ending in a "1") requiring professional and therapeutic communication with health care members, patients, and family members. These skills are evaluated in two ways in all clinical courses: 1) The AUSON clinical evaluation tool includes 10 behaviors that address communication and collaboration skills; and 2) Therapeutic Communication scores on the nationally-normed HESI specialty and exit exams. Further, all clinical courses have assessments and care plans that require interpersonal and therapeutic communication skills as well as client teaching requiring formal presentation practice. There are several courses that include oral presentations. For this assessment, three have been selected:

   NURS 3220 - Evidence Based Practice  
   NURS 3340 - Professional Nursing Concepts Across Populations  
   NURS 4810 - Professional Nursing Leadership in Microsystems

2. **Number of Students enrolled per year AND number of those students whose work was assessed for oral communication (SLO 7) competency:**

   NURS 3220 – Spring 2012 – 56 enrolled, 56 assessed; Fall 2012 - 54 enrolled, 54 assessed  
   NURS 3340 - Summer 2012 - 56 enrolled, 56 assessed; Fall 2012 - 45 enrolled, 45 assessed  
   NURS 4810 - Summer 2012 - 48 enrolled, 48 assessed; Fall 2012 - 56 enrolled,

3. **Assessment Method(s): Explain how assessment for this SLO - not grading for the course as a whole-was conducted. You may cut/paste rubrics for inclusion here, identify faculty reviewing committees, or identify specific kinds of test questions important to your method.)**

   NURS 3220 includes an evidenced based practice group project where small groups of students analyze available evidence to address a specific clinical question and present their findings at a professional meeting with a professional poster. The presentation is 25% of the entire project grade, which is 25% of the course grade. It is graded with the NURS 3220 Evidenced Based Practice Project Presentation Guidelines by course faculty, the NURS 3220 Evidenced Based Practice Project Presentation by group members and the NURS 3220 Poster Presentation Criteria by SON faculty attending the professional meeting. (See attached rubric)

   NURS 3340 requires a community assessment project done in small groups and presented to the class and course faculty. It contributes 10% of the course grade. The NURS 3340 Community Assessment Group Presentation Evaluation form is used to grade this presentation. (See attached rubric)

   NURS 4810 - Student teams present a nursing unit assessment for 15% of the grade.

4. **If the Assessment methods differ from those initially proposed to the CCGEC, identify the differences and explain the rationale for those changes:**

   NA

5. **Findings: (what add assessment data tell you about student proficiency in this outcome?)**
Grades on the NURS 3220 presentation for Spring 2012 - were 2Bs, 10 As, Avg. 95; Fall 2012 - pending.

All students received an A in NURS 3340 in summer for their presentation, fall is pending

Grades on NURS 4810 Presentations were all As in Summer 2012 with Fall 2012 pending.

6. **How did you (or will you) use the findings for improvement? (What questions /issues/concerns did your data raise for the faculty teaching the course? What discussion did the faculty have about the findings? What future actions to improve student attainment of this outcome will the department / program take as a result of this analysis?)**

Continue to require oral presentations throughout the curriculum, as well as track performance in communication on clinical evaluations and HESI scores.

7. **Additional Comments: (What else would you like the Committee to know about your assessment of this course or plans for the future?)**

8. **Committee Comments**

2.11/4-Report of SOL 7 does not reflect all of assessment rubrics used for evaluating communication such as the clinical evaluation tool is not included. Since the communication is included throughout the nursing program more assessments should be presented to give a more clear view of what all of assessment is included.