

Helena College Department of Nursing Education
Meeting Minutes
Nursing Department Community Advisory Board
September 17, 2021

Members Present: Mikel Allen; Debra Charlton; Sevda Raghieb; Amy Linder; Ryan Loomis; Debra Rapaport; Kristina Kenning; Erin Kuntzweiler; Jamie Valdez; Lisa Zimmerman; Greg Thompson; Atalyssa Neace; Emily Schuff; Cole Mergenthaler

Recorded by: Brenda Johnson This meeting was called to order at 12:01pm

Topic Review of Minutes	Discussion Minutes should read 2 open Nursing instructor positions not one.	Action Brenda Johnson
Topic Welcome	Discussion Debra Rapaport welcomed everyone to the online meeting. Then each member introduced themselves.	Action
Topic Update on Cohorts	Discussion Deb Rapaport reported on all cohorts. LPNs are at 5 students, Freshmen cohort is full at 16, Sophomores are at 15 students, Juniors are full at 16 and Seniors are at 12 students.	Action
Topic Community Partnerships: Feedback	Discussion Deb Charlton let everyone know that VA is very happy with Helena College Nursing students. Mikel Allen and Sevda Raghieb both agreed as well. Amy Linder stated she would like to see our student doing clinicals at Benefis' new urgent care as well.	Action
Topic Community Partnerships: Career Fair	Discussion The Fall 2021 career fair will be November 9 from 1-3 held in rooms 002/003 and will be in person unless COVID 19 protocols change. Students will come through in smaller groups and sanitation available between student meetings.	Action
Topic Community Partnerships: Survey	Discussion Deb reminded everyone to please fill out the employee/student survey for both LPN and RN. It was sent out as an email handout. Deb explained the importance of this survey to our program and our accreditation. She hopes to have it electronic by next term.	
Topic RN NCLEX pass rates	Discussion RN pass rates: Calendar 2020 – School 90.3% RN pass rates: Spring 2021 13 out of 16 students have taken the test. 11 passed the first two and the two that did not passed the second time. This has brought our current pass rate to 85%.	
Topic Board of Nursing / ACEN report	Discussion Board of Nursing is reporting that COVID has had an impact on pass rates across the nation.	
Topic	Discussion	

<p>Curriculum Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program has returned to twice a year acceptance to the ASRN program. The Bridge program will only be by attrition going forward so we can begin taking 16 ASRN student in the spring cohort, this will start spring 2022. Debra is asking the Board of Nursing at their October meeting to increase our cohort size to 20 students each intake starting 2022. • The handbook has been updated reflecting new changes to the program. • Will encourage any student that is currently an LPN to apply directly to the RN program if they meet the requirements. This will help to not hold students up waiting on attrition. Must meet RN application requirements though. 	
<p>Topic Faculty: Professional Development</p>	<p>Discussion Kristina Kenning is looking into becoming an NCLEX course trainer to help students after they graduate but before they test to study.</p>	
<p>Topic GEERs grant</p>	<p>Discussion LPN didactic will be online in spring 2022. Still looking to hire instructors for the Hamilton labs/clinicals. Debra Charlton let Debra Rapaport know that the VA have CBOT in Hamilton / Missoula. This might help. Also, the VA is starting a residency program that should be up and running in 2022.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Topic Community Help</p>	<p>Discussion Students have been invited to the VA for drive through flu clinic. St. Pete's has our students doing nasal swab testing. The state Wellchecks have our students administering flu shots as well. And Kristina Kenning has completed the N95 fit testing for our students.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Topic Pinning</p>	<p>Discussion We will have our fall pinning ceremony on the 17th of December. We plan to have a similar ceremony to our spring one where students can bring a few guests and everyone walks through ending with all students and nurses saying the Nurse Nightingale pledge. At this time we are not inviting the community to attend.</p>	
<p>Topic Thank you to the community partners for allowing our students in</p>	<p>Discussion Kristina Kenning and Debra Rapaport thanked the community partners for allowing our students back in for clinicals. Mikel Allen shared that Shodair is only allowing students in at this time. No other outside guests can visit their site due to COVID.</p>	
<p>Topic Feedback</p>	<p>Discussion At this time there was no feedback.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29pm