

## 2017-2018 Assessment Cycle CONAP\_Nursing MS

### Mission (due 12/4/17)

#### University Mission

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette offers an exceptional education informed by diverse worldviews grounded in tradition, heritage, and culture. We develop leaders and innovators who advance knowledge, cultivate aesthetic sensibility, and improve the human condition.

#### University Values

We strive to create a community of leaders and innovators in an environment that fosters a desire to advance and disseminate knowledge. We support the mission of the university by actualizing our core values of equity, integrity, intellectual curiosity, creativity, tradition, transparency, respect, collaboration, pluralism, and sustainability.

#### University Vision

We strive to be included in the top 25% of our peer institutions by 2020, improving our national and international status and recognition.

#### College / VP and Program / Department Mission

##### Mission of College or VP-area

*Provide the mission for the College or VP-area in the space provided. If none is available, write "None Available in 2017-2018."*

The mission of the CONAHP is to educate health professionals who promote behaviors and practices to achieve optimal health, deliver safe, quality care, and assume leadership roles in their respective disciplines. The College aims to promote innovation in clinical practice, programs and technology through undergraduate and graduate teaching excellence, research and service.

##### Mission of Program / Department

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The mission of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) is to enhance the health and well-being of the people of Louisiana and beyond through the education and preparation of nurse practitioners, educators and nurse executives.

#### Attachment (optional)

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### Assessment Plan (due 12/4/17)

#### Assessment Plan (Goals / Objectives, Assessment Measures and Criteria for Success)

##### Assessment List

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**Program / Department Assessment Narrative**

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- 1) What strategies exist to assess the outcomes?
- 2) What does the program/department expect to achieve with the goals and objectives identified above?
- 3) How might prior or current initiatives (improvements) influence the anticipated outcomes this year?
- 4) What is the plan for using data to improve student learning and/or operations?
- 5) How will data be shared within the Program/Department (and, where appropriate, the College/VP-area)?

**Assessment Process**

A key component of accreditation in nursing is the systematic assessment and evaluation of the program and how the program meets its program outcomes, student learning outcomes and faculty outcomes. A formal evaluation plan, the ICMSN Systematic Plan for Program Evaluation, is an integral component mandated by our accrediting body (CCNE) and delineates evaluation measures, benchmarks, and timeline for all of the components of the systematic evaluation of the program. The objectives and goals identified above are specifically related to the ICMSN Graduate Program Outcomes and Student Learning Outcomes, a key component in overall program evaluation as noted in the SPPE. Data are examined by the Committees of the ICMSN to determine the attainment of benchmarks that indicate outcomes are being achieved. Ongoing analysis of data and benchmarks inform program decisions related to curricula, teaching-learning practices, and program effectiveness. Results are reported through the formal organizational structure of the ICMSN via the Committees on Curriculum, Evaluation and Communication, the Coordinating Committee, the Graduate Faculty Organization and the Deans Advisory Council. Initiatives for program improvement are always ongoing - in 2017 new program outcomes, student learning outcomes and faculty outcomes were adopted, the SPPE is being revised, the courses in the nursing education concentration are being reviewed, and rubrics for the clinical courses in the FNP concentration were revised - it is the goal that initiatives enhance student performance and improves outcomes.

**Results & Improvements (due 9/15/18)**

**Results and Improvement Narratives**

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## Reflection (Due 9/15/18)

### Reflection

The primary purpose of assessment is to use data to inform decisions and improve programs and operations; this is an on-going process of defining goals and expectations, collecting results, analyzing data, comparing current and past results and initiatives, and making decisions based on these reflections. Recalling this purpose, respond to the questions below.

#### 1) How were assessment results shared in the program / department?

*Please select all that apply. If "other", please use the text box to elaborate.*

Distributed via email (selected)

Presented formally at staff / department / committee meetings (selected)

Discussed informally

Other (explain in text box below) (selected)



Results were shared with the graduate coordinator and department head. Results were also shared with the faculty at the FNP faculty meetings. Results were combined with the other 3 schools in the ICMSN for comparison and shared at the ICMSN curriculum and program evaluation meetings.

**2) How frequently were assessment results shared?**

Frequently (>4 times per cycle)  
 Periodically (2-4 times per cycle) (selected)  
 Once per cycle  
 Results were not shared this cycle

**3) With whom were assessment results shared?**

*Please select all that apply.*

Department Head (selected)  
 Dean / Asst. or Assoc. Dean  
 Departmental assessment committee (selected)  
 Other faculty / staff (selected)

**4) Consider the impact of prior applied changes. Specifically, compare current results to previous results to evaluate the impact of a previously reported change. Demonstrate how the use of results improved student learning and/or operations.**

Results were shared with member of the consortium.

**5) Over the past three assessment cycles, what has been the overall impact of "closing the loop"? Provide examples of improvements in student learning, program quality, or department operations that are directly linked to assessment data and follow-up analysis.**

The administration of the examinations provides students with a mechanism to evaluate their current progress and allows them to do focus assessments. On the FNP exam, we could consider raising the benchmark from a score of 60 (good performance) to a score of 70 (strong performance). We need to reevaluate what is the most appropriate score that should be used as the benchmark for the Focused Scholarly project in NURS 595. This project is challenging and it may be unrealistic to think that 90% of students to make an A.

**Attachments (optional)**

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