

2016-2017 Annual-End-of-Year Committee Report

Committee Name: Associate Degree Nursing Advisory Committee

Chairperson: Lourdes Cardenas

List of members: Andrea Anderle, Lourdes Cardenas, Connie Carter-Barnes, Melody Chandler, Gina Ross, Andy Kumor, Brandi Ward, Sam Whatley, Kathy Williamson

Dates of meetings: 10/27/2016; Spring Update Letter sent 4/4/2017

Accomplishments:

- Graduated 78 students in May, 2016.
- NCLEX pass rate as for 2015 graduates: 88.46%; 2016 pass rate for 2016 graduates as of October 1 (unofficial) 93.67%.
- Implemented Admission Point System for ranking of program applicants.
- Admitted 60 students into the LVN-RN Transition Program in summer, 2017 and 75 students into the Generic Program in fall, 2017.
- Implemented a mandatory orientation for students accepted into the ADN Programs
- Continued providing faculty advising for students already in the ADN program. Faculty meets with assigned list of students 2 times/semester to discuss progress and issues that may be affecting the learning experience. Student comments have been positive.
- Using HESI Specialty Exam conversion scores as test grades to increase student effort on exams.
- Increasing the use of HESI Adaptive Quizzing for review of course material; feedback from students has been positive.
- Joined the Consortium for Advancing Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas to provide ease of articulation from ADN to BSN programs.
- Purchased 4 IV arms, a cervical exam simulator, 2 geriatric simulators, and 2 sequential compression hose systems for the simulation lab.
- Will be implementing online testing using ExamSoft in the summer of 2017 for all courses taken after admission to the ADN Program. The software provides for greater test security, test and question banking, and statistical analysis of tests, questions, and class performance. Students will be required to bring a laptop or iPad to class on test days.
- Faculty training for Examsoft began 4/25/2017; additional training to be done in May.
- Many students are requesting assistance from Special Services for accommodations.
- Increased number of students are receiving assistance with textbooks, childcare, and fuel for travel from New Beginnings.

Recommendations:

None

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<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/CollegeEffectiveness/Committees.aspx>

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