

Danville Area Community College Nursing Program
Advisory Council Meeting (Annotated)
October 30, 2017
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions..... Dr. Stephen Nacco, President of Danville Area Community College

Ms. Skinner opened the meeting thanking all for attending. A PowerPoint was displayed.

Dr. Nacco handed out the 2016-2017 DACC Annual Report. He spoke to the Advisory Council about the BSN 3+1 program partnerships and the Eastern Illinois University partnership. He stated that the cost is more economical for students to be in the 3+1 than it is to be in a BSN program. Dr. Nacco thanked the Council their support of the DACC Nursing Program and he thanked the faculty for all their efforts with the students and for their efforts behind the scenes.

At this time all members of the Nursing Advisory Council introduced themselves.

Discussion and Approval of 2016 Meeting Minutes Mary S. Skinner, Director of Nursing Education

The minutes were approved as written.

Clinical Affiliation UpdatesCommunity Members

Director Skinner presented an update on the DACC Nursing Program clinical affiliations. The Council members representing the clinical affiliates indicated there were no issues with the clinicals.

Nursing Program Updates..... Mary S. Skinner, Director of Nursing Education

Current enrollment (see slide) A table was shown on the PPT with each cohort's enrollment. The total for the program was 125.

LPN-to RN Part time program (see brochure). The next PT cohort will be enrolled January, 2019

Simulation Education Center (tour available after meeting) Director Skinner offered to show the Council the new equipment that was received last week after the meeting. She also stated that the Nursing Program is interested in working with the drama department for clinical simulations using standardized patients.

ACEN Standards Update

ACEN Reaccreditation Fall 2018 (see slide) Director Skinner announced that ACEN will be visiting campus next year. The faculty have begun updating and revising our Self=Study Report. The Standards changed since the initial accreditation in 2013. The major changes are in Standard Six, Program Outcomes. ACEN wants to see how we assess our program to ensure students meet our End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes. ACEN is also interested in our NCLEX pass rates, our program completion rates, and our job placement rates. This information was presented on the PPT.

Program Outcomes (see tables on slide).

End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes (see sheet in packet).

Brainstorming Session (interactive)..... Mary S. Skinner, Director of Nursing Education

At this time Director Skinner reviewed the results of last year’s brainstorming session. The results of Council recommendations resulted in a hybrid orientation using Blackboard. It consists of four modules. Module 1—Learning Styles and Study Habits addresses time management and goal setting. Module 2—The Art and Science of Test Taking addresses test taking methods and tool, introduces ATI tutorials, and links to Nurse Tim Student Success 6-Pack. Module 3—Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic addresses approaching the textbook, APA style and college writing, and medication calculation. Module 4—Help, Support and Other Resources provides a study group tool kit, introduces the study cycle. Student Bobbie stated that the Blackboard orientation woke the class up to what the need to do in order to be successful. Dr. Nicole Carter stated that she has seen a change with the incoming students. They are better prepared.

Another program implemented at the recommendation of the Council was the LPN-to-RN part time option. These incoming students also had a Blackboard hybrid orientation. This option attracted working LPNs who seek to progress in their professional practice by becoming RN’s.

Open Forum

Other items discussed:

ATI: Academic Advisor, Amie Musk, asked whether ATI could be used for extra credit. Director Skinner stated that the Nursing Program does not give extra credit, but that ATI is used in other ways. ATI—ATI provides a Live Review of the nursing program content several weeks before graduation.

This past spring, the Comprehensive Predictor was given twice. The first time as a “pre-test” prior to the Live Review and then the second time was a “post-test” after Live Review. It was discussed that more data will be needed to determine if this is an effective method to target knowledge gaps. Director Skinner stated that the two Comprehensive Predictors will be given in this manner in December and again in the Spring of 2018.

The Correctional Center stated that the clinical skills of the DACC students are strong and greatly appreciated by management. It was suggested that students be encouraged to develop their “soft skills.”

Testing--It was suggested that students test more in order to prepare for Boards. Discussion suggested commercial NCLEX prep sites such as U-World. It was felt that test anxiety would be lessened, student could receive tips throughout. ATI was considered fine as long as students had access.

GPA look at grades in program and before program. Review ATI tests. Survey students who failed.

CNA certificate. The Council discussed that some schools require it prior to admission and some don’t. It was pointed out that students can take the CNA exam after successful completion of NURS 192.

Majority of the Advisor Council recommended that prerequisites need to be required.

Closing Remarks Mary S. Skinner, Director of Nursing Education

- Future plans

- Ideas for Professional Development programs
- Simulation Education Center
- Contact hour in-services
- Community Needs Assessment

Director Skinner stated that the program is contracting with a Laerdal consultant for the simulation program. The grand plan is to expand the simulation education center beyond the nursing program and make it available as a college and community resource.

Another future plan is to bring in presenters for nursing contact hours.

Dean Sturgeon recognized Director Skinner for all the changes in the direction of the nursing program and the initiation of the simulation education center.

Adjournment

Mary S. Skinner, MSN, RN
Director of Nursing Education