Concept Based Curriculum implemented in Fall 2016

The Nursing Department implemented a Conceptually Based Curriculum at the start of the Fall Semester. New cohorts of Associate Degree and Practical Nursing Students began in both Fall and Winter Semesters, with another Associate Degree cohort preparing to start this Summer. The Practical Nursing program will graduate their first cohort from this curriculum in June 2017, with the Associate Degree students graduating in December. While this undertaking has not been without challenges, overall, faculty and students have reported very positive feedback.

Happy Retirement

After dedicating 30 years to GRCC’s Nursing Department as a fulltime faculty member, in addition to her years as adjunct, Sammye Zollman has decided it’s time to retire. When she leaves at the end of June, the department will not only say goodbye to terrific professor, but to someone who never failed to keep students and colleagues laughing with her hilarious stories and quick wit. We also say a heartfelt goodbye to Dr. Kay Ramer. Kay has been a full time faculty member for 27 years, after serving as adjunct faculty in the nursing department. Throughout her service, Kay has shared her passion for nursing and obstetrics with her students, setting the stage for many students to pursue a career in OB nursing. Best of Luck to both Kay and Sammye as they embrace the adventures to come.

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The Nursing Department participated in GRCC’s Community Science Day in November 2016, providing an opportunity for children and families to learn about Nursing through hands on activities.

Study Abroad is preparing for its 8th trip to Costa Rica this summer, led by Professor Sherry Knoppers. A record number of students have expressed interest, resulting in a waiting list.
Goal Met

- Improved Orientation
- Admission Requirements
- Minimum of C in all General Education
- Early Alert

ADN Completion Rates

Goal Met

- Meet with Graduating Class
- Post Grad Check-In
- Test Policy
- Curriculum Changes
- 3-Day Live Review

ADN NCLEX Pass Rates

AD Job Placement Rates

Goal Met

- Working with Career Services to create a Health focused job fair with BSN opportunities
- Maintain Clinical and Community Connections
Goal Met

- Improved Orientation
- Success Plans
- Curricular Revisions with PN focus
- Admission Requirements
- Study & Test Strategies
- Text Anxiety

Goal Partially Met

- Improved Orientation
- Success Plans
- Curricular Revisions with PN focus
- Admission Requirements
- Study & Test Strategies
- Text Anxiety

PN Completion Rates

Goal Met

- Test Policy
- Class Check-In
- Curriculum Changes

PN NCLEX Pass Rates

Goal Met

- Working with Career Services to create a Health focused job fair with BSN opportunities
- Improved transition for PNs into ADN
- Maintain Clinical and Community Connections

PN Job Placement Rates
Graduate Satisfaction–Goal Met

On a scale from 1-4 (1 = Very Dissatisfied to 4 = Very Satisfied), Graduate Survey results revealed a rating of 3.72/4 for the Associate Degree Program and 3.62/4 for the Practical Nursing Program. These particular results are based on the feedback of graduates from Fall 2014 through Winter 2016. (Graduates are contacted within 12 months following program completion).

In Pursuit of Continuing Education & Additional Degrees

Associate Degree Nursing Graduates recognize the importance of continuing their education beyond an Associate’s Degree. Upon completion of the program, 80% of students indicate on Exit Surveys that at a minimum, they intend to pursue a BSN in the near future. Exit surveys for Practical Nursing students yield even higher response percentages in regards to continuing their education beyond a Practical Nursing Certificate.