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2016-2018 EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose: The purpose of the Education Committee is to make recommendations to the Board on matters related to nursing education.

Goal 1: Nursing programs in Arizona meet regulatory requirements of the Board and are sufficient to prepare graduates for safe nursing practice.

Activities:

- Review and make legally sound and evidence based recommendations on nursing program applications (RN, LPN, and APRN) and site surveys for proposal, provisional, full, and renewed approval
- Review and make recommendations on applications from out-of-state nursing programs planning to conduct clinical learning in AZ, if applications are received
- Review and make recommendations on applications for program change
- Review and make recommendations on refresher program applications for initial and renewed approval
- Develop strategies to improve nursing education within the context of faculty shortages and limited clinical sites
- Explore new and innovative processes/strategies for assessing and assuring the quality of nursing education in Arizona.

Goal 2: Nursing programs in AZ maintain a first time NCLEX pass rate of 90% or higher and an on-time graduation rate of 60% or higher.

Activities:

- Monitor quarterly reports and pass rates
- Monitor annual on-time graduation rates
- Recommend strategies for nursing programs with a pattern of lowered NCLEX pass rates or on-time graduation rates, as needed
- Develop action strategies to address lowered pass rates and/or on-time graduation rates statewide, as needed
- Review and provide feedback on proposed changes to the NCLEX® test plan as requested by NCSBN

Goal 3: Changes in rules, statutes, and advisory opinions of the Board related to nursing education are based on available evidence, best practices, and expert opinion.

Activities:

- Review and suggest revisions to proposed rules affecting nursing education and practice
- Review and respond to proposed statutory changes affecting nursing education
- Review, revise and propose advisory opinions related to nursing education, as necessary

Goal 4: Clinical experiences in practice settings and evidence-based use of simulation provide sufficient opportunities for nursing students to develop clinical competence at a novice level

Activities:

- Support efforts to encourage collaboration between education and health care institutions to enhance and improve the preparation of nursing graduates.
- Review existing literature, gather evidence and disseminate information regarding best practices in clinical placements, simulation and preceptorships.
- Evaluate and recommend effective innovative options and alternatives to traditional methods of clinical instruction.
- Support implementation of evidence-based evaluation of clinical competency for all nursing students.

Goal 5: Recommend curriculum strategies based on evidence that promote safe patient care and optimal student outcomes:

Activities

- Review curriculum standards of accrediting agencies and national trends.
- Examine evidence from a variety of sources regarding curricular change.
- Issue at least one Board-approved document to guide programs in evidence-based curricular design or implementation consistent with the Board's public protection mission.

Goal 6: Support the Arizona Action Coalition work related to education, specifically:

Recommendation 4: Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80% by 2020.

Activity

- Review proposals to support access to baccalaureate education.

Goal 7: Education Committee processes and outcomes are sufficient to meet or exceed the goals of the committee.

Activities

- Discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of current policies, practices, and goals of the Education Committee
- Implement strategies to enhance the effectiveness of the Education Committee