

Program-Level Assessment: Annual Report

Program: RN to BSN Program Department: Undergraduate Prelicensure Programs

Degree or Certificate Level: Bachelors College/School: School of Nursing

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In what year was the data upon which this report is based collected? Academic year 2020-2021

In what year was the program's assessment plan most recently reviewed/updated? 2020

1. Student Learning Outcomes

Which of the program's student learning outcomes were assessed in this annual assessment cycle?

AY 2020-2021: Student Learning Outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 4

SLO #1 Relate to people as unique individuals possessing worth, dignity, and potential for self- actualization.

SLO #2 Synthesize theoretical and empirical knowledge from the humanities and natural, social, behavioral, and nursing sciences to provide safe, effective nursing care.

SLO #3 Establish relationships based on understanding of self and others, and of interpersonal and group dynamics.

SLO #4 Practice in a variety of settings with clients of all ages and diverse sociocultural backgrounds.

2. Assessment Methods: Artifacts of Student Learning

Which artifacts of student learning were used to determine if students achieved the outcome(s)? Please identify the course(s) in which these artifacts were collected. Clarify if any such courses were offered a) online, b) at the Madrid campus, or c) at any other off-campus location.

SLO #1 Artifacts of Learning

- a. Direct Measure (NURS 3107, 3447): Satisfactory online discussion board response about Program Learning Outcome (PLO) #1, application of concepts with supporting evidence and references.
- b. Direct Measure (NURS 3207): Satisfactory completion of a plan of care for clients in case scenarios using health assessment findings.
- c. Direct Measure (NURS 3457): Satisfactory preparation of a community project (CP) plan and implementation and evaluation of the CP.
- d. Indirect Measure (NURS 3107, 3447, 3457): Satisfactory online discussion board posting focused on self-reflection about PLO#1.

Level: Achieved for all courses.

All courses offered online.

- a. (See Appendix I and B)
- b. (See Appendix R for rubric)
- c. (See Appendix D)
- d. (See Appendix B, I, and 0)

SLO #2 Artifacts of Learning

- a. Direct Measure (NURS 3447, 3207, 3457, 3807, 4107): Satisfactory on-line discussion board response about PLO #2, application of concepts with supporting evidence and references.
- b. Direct Measure (NURS 3107,3447): Exams (Evaluation: Satisfactory Completion).
- c. Direct Measure (NURS 3107): Completes IHI Open School Basic Certificate in Quality & Safety. (Successful Completion).
- d. Direct Measure (NURS 3207): Video-recorded health history and head to toe physical assessment using a family member, friend, or co-worker.
- e. Direct Measure (NURS 3447): Population-Focused paper focusing on 3 core functions of public health with a vulnerable population. Supportive references included.
- f. Indirect Measure (NURS 3107, 3207, 3447, 3457, 3807): Satisfactory online discussion board response focused on self-reflection about PLO #2.

Level: Achieved for all courses.

All courses offered online.

- a. (See Appendix B, R, 0, S).
- d. (See Appendix F for rubric)
- e. (See Appendix C for rubric).
- f. (See Appendix I, R, B, O, S for Rubric).

SLO#3 Artifacts of Learning

- a. Direct Measure (NURS 3107, 3447, 3807, 4107): Satisfactory on-line discussion board response about PLO #3, application of concepts with supporting evidence and references.
- b. Direct Measure (NURS 3457): Conducts interview with assigned preceptor in community agency.
- c. Direct Measure (NURS 3457): Community Project plan, implementation, and evaluation.
- d. Indirect Measure (NURS 3107, 3447, 3457, 3807, 4107): Satisfactory online discussion board response focused on self-reflection about PLO #2.

Level: Achieved for all courses.

All courses offered online.

- a. (See Appendix I, C, S for rubric).
- b. (See Appendix for O rubric).
- c. (See Appendix D for rubric).
- d. (See Appendix Q, B, O, S for Rubric).

SLO #4 Artifacts of Learning

- a. Direct Measure (NURS 3447, 3807): Satisfactory on-line discussion board response about PLO #4, application of concepts with supporting evidence and references.
- b. Direct Measure (NURS 3457): Community windshield survey.
- c. Direct Measure (NURS 3457): Community Project plan, implementation, and evaluation.
- d. Direct Measure (NURS 4107): Satisfactory completion of a case study focused on understanding SLO#4.
- e. Indirect Measure (NURS 3447, 3807): Satisfactory online discussion board response focused on self-reflection about PLO #2.

Level: Achieved for all courses.

All courses offered online.

- a. (See Appendix B, S for rubric).
- b. (See Appendix O for rubric).
- c. (See Appendix E for rubric).
- d. (See Appendix B, S for Rubric).

3. Assessment Methods: Evaluation Process

What process was used to evaluate the artifacts of student learning, and by whom? Please identify the tools(s) (e.g., a rubric) used in the process and include them in/with this report.

SLO #1 Evaluation Process

For a, b, c, d: Course professor will identify the percentage of students who score "satisfactory" (grade =77% or higher) on the discussion boards, assignments, or tests for Level (Achieved). If >15% of students score less than satisfactory on discussion boards, assignments, or tests a detailed analysis of the assignment and preparation materials will be conducted and presented with the course summary.

- a. (See Appendix I and B)
- b. (See Appendix R for rubric)
- c. (See Appendix D)
- d. (See Appendix B, I, and 0)

SLO #2 Evaluation Process

For a, b, c, d, e, f: Course professor will identify the percentage of students who score "satisfactory" (grade =77% or higher) on the discussion boards, assignments, or tests for Level (Achieved). If >15% of students score less than satisfactory on discussion boards, assignments, or tests a detailed analysis of the assignment and preparation materials will be conducted and presented with the course summary.

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- c. (See Appendix D for rubric).
- d. (See Appendix Q, B, O, S for Rubric).

SLO #4 Evaluation Process

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- c. (See Appendix E for rubric).
- d. (See Appendix B, S for Rubric).

4. Data/Results

What were the results of the assessment of the learning outcome(s)? Please be specific. Does achievement differ by teaching modality (e.g., online vs. face-to-face) or on-ground location (e.g., STL campus, Madrid campus, other off-campus site)?

All courses are taught online.

For SLO #1:

NURS 3107 (Summer 2020 and Fall 2020) - 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3447 (Spring 2021) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3207 (Summer 2020 and Spring 2021)—100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3457 (Spring 2021) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

For SLO #2:

NURS 3107 (Summer 2020 and Fall 2020) - 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3447 (Spring 2021)—100% of students met the Achieved Level for "a", "e" and "f"; For "b" (not evaluated-exams were removed based on student feedback.

NURS 3207 (Summer 2020—100% of students met Achieved Level)

NURS 3457 (Spring 2021 –100% of students met Achieved Level)

NURS 3807(Fall 2020) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

For SLO #3:

NURS 3107 (Summer and Fall 2020) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3447 (Spring 2021) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3207 (Summer 2020 and Spring 2021) - 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3457 (Spring 2021) -100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3807 (Fall 2020) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

For SLO #4:

NURS 3447 (Spring 2021) – 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

NURS 3457 (Spring 2021) -83% met the Achieved Level for "b"; 100% met Achieved Level for "c".

NURS 3807 (Fall 2020) - 100% of students met the Achieved Level.

5. Findings: Interpretations & Conclusions

What have you learned from these results? What does the data tell you?

With the exceptions of SLO#4 (NURS 3457), 100% of students achieved a score "satisfactory" (grade =77% or higher) on the discussion boards, assignments, or tests for Level (Achieved). This data tells us that the course content in NURS 3107, 3447, 3457 (plus clinical component), 3207, and 3807 provide adequate opportunities for students to met SLO outcomes 1-4.

For SLO #4 (NURS 3457), one student in the course did not complete did not perform satisfactory on "b"—Community Windshield Survey which brought percentage down to 83%.

6. Closing the Loop: Dissemination and Use of Current Assessment Findings

A. When and how did your program faculty share and discuss these results and findings from this cycle of

assessment?

These findings will be reported to the UPPC and shared with the RN-BSN program faculty during the August 2021 UPPC and program meeting

B. How specifically have you decided to use these findings to improve teaching and learning in your program? For example, perhaps you've initiated one or more of the following:

Changes to the Curriculum or Pedagogies

- Course content
- Teaching techniques
- Improvements in technology
- Prerequisites

Changes to the Assessment Plan

- Student learning outcomes
- Artifacts of student learning
- Evaluation process

- Course sequence
- New courses
- Deletion of courses
- Changes in frequency or scheduling of course offerings
- Evaluation tools (e.g., rubrics)
- Data collection methods
- Frequency of data collection

Please describe the actions you are taking as a result of these findings.

We are conducting a comprehensive review of the RN-BSN curriculum. At this time, no specific changes are being made to the curriculum.

If no changes are being made, please explain why.

No major changes are being made to the curriculum at this time. Only minor changes and updates in some courses.

- 7. Closing the Loop: Review of Previous Assessment Findings and Changes
 - A. What is at least one change your program has implemented in recent years as a result of assessment data?

 One change implemented was hosting an RN to BSN Virtual Coffee Hour to connect more with students in an online program. However, this was not well-attended by students given that the students are primarily working full-time hours, 12-hour shifts. Several minor course changes were made to make the learning experience more conducive to students including faculty hosting live virtual office hours, more faculty Panopto/Zoom recordings to review assignments, course content, etc.
 - **B.** How has this change/have these changes been assessed?

These changes have not been directly measured but can be indirectly measured by student achievement of SLOs.

C. What were the findings of the assessment?

Students are successfully achieving the SLOs. No significant changes in students achieving these SLOs.

D. How do you plan to (continue to) use this information moving forward?

We will continue to monitor achievement of the SLOs and make changes when needed.

IMPORTANT: Please submit any assessment tools and/or revised/updated assessment plans along with this report.

Appendix B:

$NURS\ 3447 \hbox{-} \ \textbf{Public Health Nursing for RNs Discussion Board Grading Rubric:}$

Grade	Behavior
9-10	Consistently supports discussion statements with text, readings, and/or lecture content, with correct A.P.A. reference citation
7-8	Provides weak support for responses to seminar discussion
4-6	Responses primarily anecdotal or opinion based without appropriate supportive documentation
1-3	Inadequate or incomplete responses
0	No response

Appendix C:



NURS 3447 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING: THEORY & PRACTICE Spring 2020

Population Focused Analysis Project

DESCRIPTION: This project integrates the core functions of public health: assessment, policy development, and assurance. The project focuses on identifying a population with health problems, assessing the quantitative and qualitative date on the population and health problem, identifying policies and programs in place to assist the population and health problem, and assuring that these programs assist the population identified.

OBJECTIVES: At the end of the activity, the learner will:

- 1. Develop a community profile based on the health needs of the population.
- 2. Identify health needs of the selected population based on a literature review.
- 3. Utilize interviewing techniques and web-based data to identify policies and resources available for the selected population.
- 4. Identify how a community health nurse would address the problems from the individual/family, community, and system perspectives.
- 5. Work collaboratively in the clinical group.
- 6. Present findings with members of the clinical group to class.

Examples of populations:

- Male shelter dwellers
- Children affected by domestic violence
- Incarcerated pregnant women
- Physically disable mothers
- Mentally ill women with children
- Teen smokers
- Female college students with eating disorders
- Adult cancer patients who live alone
- Obese adults considering weight reduction surgery
- Families with autistic children
- Teenagers with sexually transmitted diseases
- Young adults with HIV

Adolescents who have experienced the death of a loved one

PA	RT I - ASSESSMENT:		20%	
1.	1. Clinical group identifies population and health needs of the population.			
	Literature review should reflect at least 5 references from professional			
	journals within the last five years.			
2.	Summarize demographic data on the selected population and health needs	10		
۷.	as identified by the Community Database.	10		
	as identified by the Community Database.			
PA	RT II - POLICY DEVELOPMENT:		30%	
1.	Identify 1 policy and 1 program, or 2 programs currently in place to support	10		
	the needs of the selected community and/or health problems. (1 local and 1			
	state; no federal programs/policies)			
2.	Present evidence of positive and negatives issues of specific	10		
۷.	policy/program(s).	10		
	poncy/program(s).			
3.	Interviews of local persons of programs are required. Please narrate the	10		
	conversation, avoiding using first person.			
D A	RT III - ASSURANCE:		20%	
	Address the gaps in policies and programs of the selected community and	10	20%	
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2.	Identify ways in which a CHN could address the gaps of programs	10		
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Appendix D: NURS 3457 Project Plan Grading Rubric Prepare a 3 to 5 page paper (APA format with 1 inch margins on all sides, double-spaced, Times New Roman and 12 point font, and page numbers in the upper right corner) that addresses the following elements: 1. General description of population to be served (i.e. teens attending after school activity, seniors at a meal site, new mothers at a clinic). 2 points

2.Brief description of agency or organization with which project is affiliated (i.e. school, community center, Girl Scouts). 2 points

- 3. Size of project population and geographic area covered. 2 points
- 4.Brief description of significant health or socio-economic issues for this population. 2 points
- 5.Overall description of project. Include details about the date, times, and location [include the address] of the project. Describe the project to be implemented. If you are completing a teaching project or other project that involves only a brief encounter with your population (less than 6 hours), you will need to teach more than one session or work with more than one group to accumulate more direct experience hours. Please work with your instructor to make certain that your project will meet the hours requirement for the practice experience. 5 points
- 6.Provide and describe the evidence from two or more nursing journal articles or other health profession journal articles to support your project. Also, list the references on the Reference page at the end of the project plan paper (see syllabus for information on finding nursing journal articles). 5 points
- 7. Why was the project chosen? Was project requested by agency? Was this requested by the population? 2 points
- 8.List one overall goal for the project. (i.e. raise awareness about hypertension in the community, provide services to enhance community fair) 10 points
- 9.List two measurable objectives (SMART objective format) for meeting the goal. Include specific dates, times and locations wherever possible. 10 points
- 10. Paper organization, grammar and spelling, formatting, APA, etc. 10 points
- * Due to the nature of the community projects, it may not be possible to complete the plan and/ or project evaluation by the posted due dates. If the assignments cannot be completed by the due dates, students must contact the instructor for an extension.

Appendix E:

NURS 3457 Health Literacy Assignment

- 1. Select 1 handout or brochure on a health topic of your choice.
- Utilizing the knowledge and the information from the health literacy online training, assess the health literacy status of the brochure. There are also multiple online resources you can utilize to assist you with this analysis. You can test the readability of the document through Microsoft Word following the directions in this link:
 https://support.office.com/en-gb/article/Test-your-document-s-readability-85b4969e-e80a-4777-8dd3-f7fc3c8b3fd2
- 3. List the strengths of the document and approaches to improve the readability of the document.
- 4. Recreate the handout/brochure to improve the readability and success of the document.
- 5. Submit the original version, your assessment, and the newly recreated version in the assignments tab on Blackboard.

Grading Rubric

Health Literacy Assessment – 10 points

Strengths of the Document - 10 points

Approaches to Improve the Readability – 10 points

Recreated Brochure - 20 points

Appendix F:

N3207 Health History & Physical Assessment

Grading Rubric:

Component	Points
Health History	5
 Present health 	
Past history	
Family history	
 Psychosocial history 	
Review of body systems	
Appearance and Mental Status	1
Measurements and Vital Signs	1
Skin, Hair and Nails	1
Head, Neck and Related Lymphatics	1
The Eye	1
Ears, Nose, Mouth and Throat	1
The Respiratory System and Axillae	1
The Cardiovascular System	1
The Abdomen	1
The Musculoskeletal System	1
The Neurological System	1
Care Plan (Include 2 Nursing Diagnoses based on	2
history and assessment).	
Verbalize this in the video	
Reflection Write-up (no more than 1-page) of	2
health history & physical assessment assignment.	
Go to "Assignments" in Blackboard and click	
"Reflection of Health History and Physical	
Assessment Assignment" then "Create Journal	
Entry" to submit the Reflection Write-up	
Total	20 points

Appendix I:

NURS 3107: Healthcare Policy for RNs Discussion Board Grading Rubric:

Grade	Behavior
9-10	Consistently supports discussion statements with text, readings, and/or lecture content, with correct A.P.A. reference citation
7-8	Provides weak support for responses to seminar discussion
4-6	Responses primarily anecdotal or opinion based without appropriate supportive documentation
1-3	Inadequate or incomplete responses
0	No response

Appendix O:

NURS 3457 Community Project for RNs

Discussion Board Rubric

Grade	Behavior
9-10	Consistently supports discussion statements with text, readings, and/or lecture content, with correct A.P.A. reference citation
7-8	Provides weak support for responses to seminar discussion
4-6	Responses primarily anecdotal or opinion based without appropriate supportive documentation
1-3	Inadequate, incomplete, or late responses
0	No response

Appendix Q:

NURS 3107 Health Policy, Finance, and Regulation for the Registered Nurse

Grade	Behavior
9-10	Consistently supports discussion statements with text, readings, and/or lecture content, with correct A.P.A. reference citation
7-8	Provides weak support for responses to seminar discussion
4-6	Responses primarily anecdotal or opinion based without appropriate supportive documentation
1-3	Inadequate or incomplete responses
0	No response

Appendix R:

NURS 3207 Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse

Discussion Board Grading Rubric

Criteria	Unacceptable	Acceptable	Good	Excellent	
	(0-2 points)	(3-5 points)	(6-8 points)	(9-10 points)	
Frequency	Does not participate	Participates 1-2 times but all on the same day	Participates 3-4 times, but posts not distributed throughout week	Participates 3-4 times distributed throughout the week	
Content Contribution	Posts information that is off-topic, incorrect, irrelevant to discussion, or does not provide meaningful replies (e.g., "I agree" or "great post")	Repeats, but does not add substantive information to the discussion	Posts information that is factually correct but lacks full development of concept or thought or may not directly answer discussion question	Postings are characterized by clarity of argument, depth of insight into course content, application of course and content, relevancy. Arguments and facts are supported by resources / references	
Clarity & Mechanics	Posts unorganized content that may contain multiple errors or non-factual content	Communicates in courteous and helpful manner with some errors in clarity or mechanics	Contributes valuable information to discussion with minor clarity or mechanical errors	Contributes to discussion in a positive manner with clear, concise, comments formatted in an easy to read style that is free of grammatical or spelling errors	

Appendix S:

N3807: Discussion Board: Grading Rubric

Objective for all DB Postings for the readings (starting with Week 2).	Beginning	Developing	Accomplished	Exemplary
Post: (a) own substantive perspectives about the readings and (b) an APA formatted citation to support perspectives.	Needs to work on posting: (a) substantive perspectives about the readings and (b) an APA formatted citation to support own post.	Sometimes posted: (a) substantive perspectives about the readings and (b) an APA formatted citation to support own post.	Often posted: (a) substantive perspectives about the readings and (b) an APA formatted citation to support own post.	Consistently posted: (a) substantive perspectives about the readings and (b) an APA formatted citation to support perspectives.
	27	28	29	30
Displayed critical thinking about the assigned readings for the assigned DB question.	In own post: did not offer any critical thinking perspectives about the DB question and related readings.	Satisfactory: posting of critical thinking perspectives about the DB question and related readings.	Very good display of critical thinking perspectives about the DB question and related readings.	Consistently shared excellent posts that displayed thoughtful critical thinking perspectives about the DB question and the related readings.
	30	32	35	40
All DB posts: (a) were posted within specified assignment time frame; (b) included own substantive perspectives; (c) included thoughtful perspectives about peers' postings; and (d) included the required no of peer response posts.	Posted own response and a response to peers'post. However, posts were not substantive and were often posted late for the assignment.	Sometimes promptly, posted own original substantive response. But, responses to peer's postings were not substantive. Also, posts were sometimes late.	Usually posted own original substantive insights and for their peer's postings. And, all posts were within the specified time frame.	Consistently posted: (a) own substantive posts, (b) responded appropriately to peer's posts, and (c) all responses within specified times frame.
Total	27 84	28 88	29 93	30