

PROGRAM REVIEW - NURSING  
ONE YEAR FOLLOW-UP REPORT

The following is an update of the status of our task force recommendation.

Recommendation 1. Clinical space continues to be a challenge as the competition has been increasing with the addition of many private nursing programs. With capital funds, we purchased 6 mid-fidelity patient simulators (4 for Dale Mabry and 2 for Plant City) as well as 2 additional IV catheter simulators. A nursing committee is currently writing a simulation lab handbook. We are exploring creative ways to man the skills labs with staff who have simulation training. We are also writing course objectives using simulation which we must present to the FL Board of Nursing to get permission to use simulation for 25% of clinical time. In addition, with Perkins funds, we just acquired one pediatric and one baby simulator for the Dale Mabry skills lab.

Recommendation 2. We filled all 5 faculty openings for fall. Two are former adjunct faculty. A faculty designed mentoring program was initiated to assist the new faculty in becoming acclimated to HCC.

Recommendation 3. We did apply for Perkins grant funds and were able to purchase one pediatric and one baby simulator. We have participated in writing a grant with the Tampa Bay Workforce in which we requested funds for a simulation coordinator and for professional and peer tutoring plus purchase of more computer software. Plans have been developed for a revived alumni association as a first step towards any kind of fund raising campaign.

Recommendation 4. The only progress in this area is that the revived alumni association will assist in reaching alumni for survey questions.

Recommendation 5. We have made little progress in reducing the number of one day a week skills lab staff. We currently have 2 who work 2 days a week at Dale Mabry and one who works 2 days a week at Plant City. The remainder all work one day a week. Fortunately, they have all worked with us for over a year, so they are familiar with the instructors and the lab procedures. We are currently working on a lab handbook, so that we can have better continuity in the lab.

Recommendation 6. In light of the current financial situation, we have made no progress in getting a full-time staff assistant in the nursing office. We lost another excellent part-time staff assistant who went to take full-time position at Plant City Student Services. We have a new part-time staff assistant who used to be a student assistant so she knew a lot about the position which

reduced the amount of training she needed. However, our need for a full-time staff assistant is great.

Recommendation 7. A proposed reorganization plan has been prepared by the current program manager and Dean of Health, Wellness, and Sports Technologies. It includes taking the current program manager (a faculty line with full release time) and making it an administrator (director) plus adding program managers with part release time to all campuses with nursing. The faculty has expressed concern over losing a faculty line, but they are studying the proposal.

Recommendation 8. We have made some very tiny steps in this area. The Student Nurse Association at Dale Mabry has begun a major peer mentoring/tutoring program with the assistance of the tutoring center. We have also included the request for grant funds to hire professional tutors and acquire more software to work towards a success center.