

Facilitating Entry into Doctoral Education

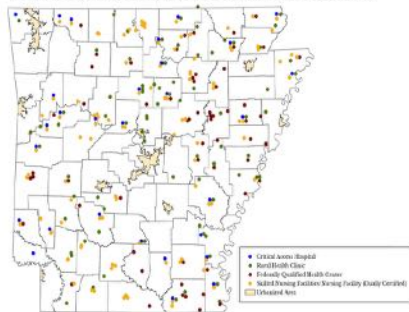
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Background

- 303 DNP Programs Nationwide (AACN, 2016)
- 3,004,279 people - 1,134,214 living in rural Arkansas (USDA-ERS)
- There are also 88 Rural Health Clinics in Arkansas (CMS, 2017).

Arkansas Instate Graduate Programs:
Astate
Harding
UAMS
UCA

Selected Rural Healthcare Facilities in Arkansas



Purpose

- The purpose of implementing this academic achievement program was to facilitate a seamless transition for the baccalaureate prepared nurse, progressing to APRN status, in preparation for eventual completion of the DNP.

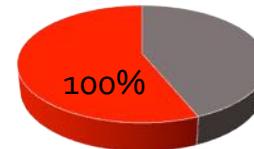
- Meeting the demands of Arkansas Healthcare

Interventions

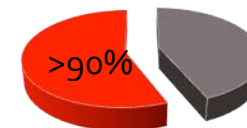
- (2 + 2) Program:
2 Years MSN (FNP, CNS)
May Graduation
2 Year Post Masters DNP
(online) January Entry
- Facebook
- Institutional Support
- Faculty Support

Results

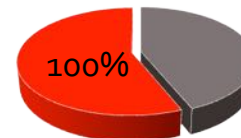
- 3 fold increase in DNP class significant increase in FNP/ CNS applicants



- 100% employment rates at all level of nursing



- FNP Pass Rate well above national average for past 3 years



- 100% Employer Satisfaction

Conclusions

(2 +2) Academic Achievement Program appears to be very effective in its early stages .

Recommendations:

- Continued use of social media as effective recruitment tool
- Increase awareness of available known institutional resources
- Continue to seek recommendations from local employers and advocacy board members



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References:

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