Quality Nursing Education:

Linking the Curriculum to Program Assessment

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Session Objectives

- Identify challenges to faculty using best practices in curriculum development and assessment.

- Create strategies to promote overcome these challenges.

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The Problem

- Faculty Role/Responsibility in Linking Curriculum and Assessment

- Considerations:
  - **Student Learning Achievement (focus)**
  - Program Outcomes
  - Program Goals

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ACEN Curriculum and Assessment Criteria

- The nursing curriculum has one set of end-of-program student learning outcomes that:
    - are based on contemporary professional nursing standards, guidelines, and/or competencies
    - integrate role-specific nursing competencies applicable to each program option.

- The systematic plan for evaluation describes the process for regular summative nursing program-level assessment of student learning outcome achievement.

Learning Objective Example:

Nursing graduates will be prepared to work and communicate effectively within interprofessional healthcare teams, enhancing the quality of care and improving patient outcomes.
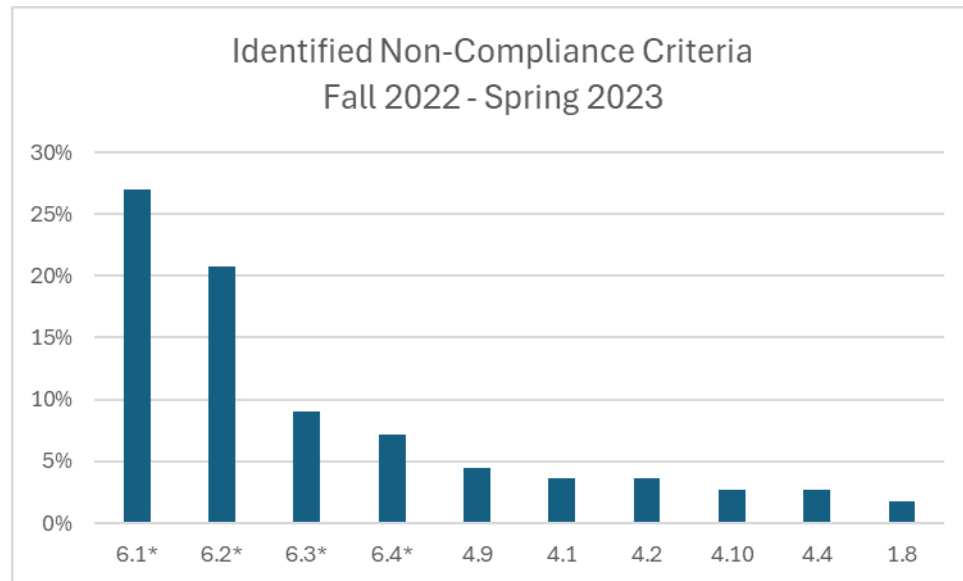
Assessment Methods:

- Simulated interprofessional scenarios

- Reflective journals about IP experiences

- IP Case Studies

- Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)

- Peer and Self-Evaluations

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Curriculum and Outcomes Data
Most Frequently Cited Standards/Criteria

Non-Compliance

Identified Non-Compliance Criteria
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Suggestions for Improvement

Identified Areas Needing Development Criteria
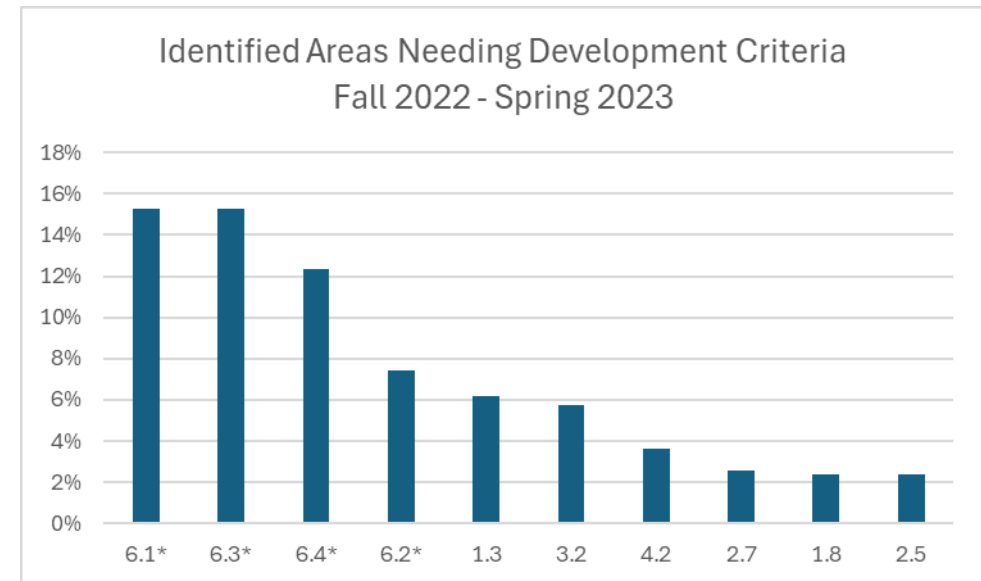Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Table Discussion – 20 minutes

- What are the factors contributing to:

    - *not using best practices with curriculum development?*

    - *aligning student learning achievement to the curriculum?*

Table Discussion – 20 minutes

- *What is already in place to facilitate addressing this problem?*

- *What actions can be taken to address these issues?*

- *What have you implemented to successfully address this?*

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Table Discussion – 20 minutes

- *What should accrediting agencies/quality assurance agencies do to address the problems?*

- *What international /collaborative approach should be taken to address the issues?*

Conclusions?