

Kishwaukee College

Fall 2021 Advisory Committee

October 4th, 2021

4:02pm-5:10pm

- Clinical Educator-Mercy Health
- Clinical Director, Professional Development-NW Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital
- CNE-Kishwaukee and Valley West Hospital
- Nurse Manager-Rosecrance
- Chief Nursing Officer-Rochelle Community Hospital
- Nurse Educator-Rochelle Community Hospital
  
- President-Kishwaukee College
- Dean-Kishwaukee College
- Director of Nursing-Kishwaukee College
- Lab Skills & Retention Specialist-Kishwaukee College
  
- Assistant Professor of Nursing-Kishwaukee College
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- Administrative Specialist II-Kishwaukee College (minute taker)

Welcomed the participants and shared the purpose of advisory committees: to get important feedback from our professional partners and community to incorporate in our career programs.

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2021. College and program enrollment and course modality information shared. Considering COVID challenges and the impact on Nursing program and clinical partners, flat enrollment is a win. Nursing program has 130 students enrolled; Fall 20 admitted 40+ and currently

implementation of virtual clinical has

schedule.] Use of role-playing as a valuable tool for improving student nurse interpersonal skills, especially when they have had fewer clinical opportunities recently. Role-playing already serves an important function in Mental Health Nursing course. Discussion of student need for in-person engagement and interaction, for support, encouragement, and building interpersonal skills. Student lives are increasingly complicated. How do we help students balance life, work, family, and school? Increasing the evening/weekend course offerings to expand enrollment will help some students. The current evening/weekend students are individuals for whom a daytime program would have been impossible, but becoming professional nurses will have life-changing impact on these students and their families.

Are there other kinds of work-based opportunities for Nursing students that we have overlooked?

Recommendations included additional placement with school nurses, urgent care facilities and other non-hospital healthcare locations. Discussion of how summers can be used more effectively to allow students to gain clinical experience. Open skills lab times are available during summer on campus. Adequate evening and weekend clinical sites remain a challenge. Additional discussion of student needs for more direct and in-person contact with faculty and peers.

*(if time permits)*

The simulation lab remains a huge benefit. Perkins funds will allow us to invest in additional manikins with greater racial diversity. Amanda Ortiz, simulation coordinator, is getting very good at repairing manikins to extend lifespan. Use of simulation has boomed and additional simulation support and space is a need.

Additional reflections: need for in-person prospective student information meetings. These are important to get the