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Follow-Up Report

Purpose:

To provide the nursing education unit the opportunity to demonstrate compliance (paper) with one or two specific Accreditation Standard(s).

Assignment Process:

A Follow-Up Report may be recommended to the Commission by the site visit team, the Evaluation Review Panel (ERP), or a Commissioner as part of the accreditation review when it is found that the nursing program is out of compliance with one or two of the NLNAC Accreditation Standards.

The decision to assign a nursing education unit a Follow-Up Report is made by the NLNAC Board of Commissioners after review of the recommendation(s) and other documents associated with the accreditation review process.

Review Process:

Follow-Up Reports are reviewed by the ERP to establish whether the nursing education unit has demonstrated compliance with the identified one or two NLNAC Standards. The Panel recommendation regarding compliance with the NLNAC Standard(s) is forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for action.

Based on the Follow-Up Report and the recommendation of the ERP, the decision regarding the accreditation status of the nursing program is made by the Board of Commissioners. Decision options are:

- Affirm continuing accreditation; the program is in compliance with all NLNAC Standards. Next accreditation site visit in six (6) years for Clinical Doctorate, Master's, Baccalaureate, Associate, and Diploma Programs, and six and one half (6½) years for Practical Nursing Programs; or
- Deny continuing accreditation and remove the nursing program from the listings of accredited programs. The program is not in compliance with the NLNAC Standard(s).

Guidelines for Preparing the Follow-Up Report

(1) Organization of Follow-Up Report

The report is to be presented in two sections, Introduction and Presentation of the identified NLNAC Standard(s).

(2) Content of Follow-Up Report

- Introduction
 - Name and address of the governing organization
 - Name, credentials, and title of the chief executive officer of the governing organization
 - Name of institutional accrediting body (date of last review and action taken)
 - Name and address of nursing education unit
 - Name, credentials, title, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the administrator of the nursing education unit
 - Name of State Board of Nursing (date of last review and action taken)
 - Date of most recent NLNAC accreditation visit and action taken
 - Year the nursing program was established
 - A completed Faculty Profile Form that includes the number of full-time and part-time faculty teaching in the specified nursing program with all areas of responsibility identified
 - Total number of full-time and part-time students currently enrolled in the specified nursing program
 - Length of program in semester or quarter credits, hours, or weeks
- Presentation of the identified NLNAC Standard(s) found in non-compliance.
 - State the Standard
 - State the evidence of non-compliance (from the Commission accreditation decision letter)
 - Offer a narrative addressing **all** of the current NLNAC Criteria for the **entire** Standard with emphasis on the areas of non-compliance

Note: If Standard 4 Curriculum is to be presented, include brief syllabi (2 pages) for all nursing courses. Also include clinical evaluation tool(s) with an explanation of the student evaluation process. Each course syllabus should include:

- Course title and description
- Total course hours (theory hours and, as appropriate, laboratory and/or clinical hours)
- Placement of course within the program of study
- Name(s), credentials and title(s) of faculty responsible for the course
- Student learning outcomes/course objectives

- Teaching methods and evaluation methods
- A topical outline (for theory courses)
- Identification of the major clinical and laboratory experiences indicating the type of patient units and any other clinical experiences

Note: If Standard 6 Outcomes is to be presented, include the entire program evaluation plan with student learning outcome and program outcome data for the past three (3) years (at a minimum). Provide clear substantial evidence that the evaluation plan is being used to inform the program decision-making processes. Specific strategies and/or actions should be identified for each component as indicated.

(3) Format for Follow-Up Report

- The number of text pages should not exceed fifty (50); the appendices have no page limit.
- The report should be typed on both sides of the page using 1½ or double-spacing, 1 inch margins, and bound securely.
- All pages including the appendices are to be numbered consecutively and ordered according to a table of contents.
- Each copy of the report should have a title page.
- Confidential records (e.g., faculty transcripts, student records) should **not** be included.

(4) Submission of Follow-Up Report

- Six (6) copies (paper and electronic) of the Follow-Up Report and six (6) copies (paper and electronic) of the current school catalog are to be sent to NLNAC on or before the date indicated in the NLNAC Board of Commissioners accreditation decision letter.
- Submission dates
 - Reports due in the Fall Cycle must be submitted by October 1st.
 - Reports due in the Spring Cycle must be submitted by February 15th.

The NLNAC Professional Staff are available to answer questions.