

Lounging for Student Success

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Assessment

Opportunity:

- Create a more inviting and relaxing space for students to utilize between classes at BRCN

Driving Forces:

- Student safety
- Retention and recruitment
- Student engagement
- Student satisfaction

Restraining Forces:

- Budget
- Space

Literature Review

- Sleep disorders represent an important issue in nursing students.¹
- Nursing students are more susceptible to sleep disorders- 30% having bad sleep habits.¹
- Commuting by automobile increased sleep issues.²
- Participants who spent 25 minutes in a lounge chair reported less stress.³

Planning

Short Term Goal:

- Obtain budget approval for lounge improvements

Long Term Goal:

- Improve the environment of the student lounge

Strategies to Hardwire the Change:

- Student feedback on current lounge and suggestions on improvements
- Collaboration with Student Development
 Committee (SDC) and BRCN administration

Evaluation Plan:

Evaluate student perception of student lounge

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Implementation

Implementation Steps:

- Discuss implementation for change
- Utilized survey results with administration
- Rearranged lounge; love sacs, massage chair, glider chair, food and drink options

Strategies to Handling Resistance:

- Redesign current student lounge to enhance relaxation and optimize student performance
- Engage SDC to bring awareness to student needs

Evaluation

Evaluation of Change

- Positive student feedback regarding enhancements made
- Ensure key stakeholders promote usage of lounge enhancements

Strategies to Stabilize

Promotion of improved student lounge

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Summary

What We Learned:

- Flexibility with scheduling is key
- Delegation skills and effective communication
- Knowledge regarding the budgeting process and limitations

What We Would Do Differently:

- Engage key stakeholders earlier in the change process to accomplish goals sooner

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Figure 1: LeeAnn Lake, BRCN Student Lounge