## Title:

Leading Faculty to Develop Rapid Curricular Enhancements Using the LEAN Process

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## **Session Title:**

Evidence-Based Changes in Nursing Leadership

Slot:

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8:50 AM

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#### References:

American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (2006). The essentials of doctoral education for advanced nursing practice. Retrieved from AACN website:

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# **Learning Activity:**

LEARI NG OBJEC VES	CONTE NT	TIME ALLOT TED	FACULTY/SP EAKER	TEACHING/LEA RNING METHOD	EVALUATION/FE EDBACK
Exampl	le Example	Example	Example	Example	Example
Critique selected definition of the term, "curricu m"	ns of "curriculu m"	20 minutes	Name, Credentials	Lecture PowerPoint presentation Participant feedback	Group discussion: What does cultural training mean to you?

	nal materials The subject matter that is taught Cultural "training"  Planned engageme nt of learners				
1) Describe convergin g factors that can potentially compromi se faculty's ability to keep curricula current.	e Care Act. Changing	10 min	Jeni Embree, DNP, RN, NE- BC, CCNS Clinical Assistant Professor	Lecture Powerpoint presentation	Group discussion: In what ways are your faculty experiencing the impact of the rapidly changing healthcare environments?
2) Describe how the LEAN	Introducti on to LEAN methods	15 min	Judy Young, DNP, RN, CCRN Clinical	Lecture Powerpoint presentation	Group discussion: What intrigues you about using LEAN methods to lead

process was used to rapidly help faculty make curricular enhancem ents.	A3 thinking and planning How the LEAN Rapid Improve ment Event was staged for curricular		Assistant Professor		changes in academia? What aspects would work/not work in your environment?
	enhancem ent.				
3) Discuss faculty satisfaction results, benefits and lessons learned	Faculty satisfaction results. Benefits of using the LEAN rapid improvement method. Lessons learned	15 min	Julie A. Meek, PhD, RN, CNS Clinical Associate Professor	Lecture Audience comment, Q&A	Group discussion: What benefits do you envision from using the LEAN process?

#### **Abstract Text:**

## Purpose:

The knowledge, skills and attitudes demanded of today's nurses are rapidly evolving, due in large part to the sweeping changes in our healthcare system brought on by the passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Preparing graduates for practice in these complex environments challenges faculty at all levels of nursing education, but particularly at the DNP system leadership level as schools simultaneously face faculty shortages nationwide. The resulting increased pressure on faculty workloads has the potential to compromise the curricular enhancements needed to stay on pace with the skill sets required in today's clinical settings.

The LEAN process, originating from the engineering industry, represents an approach focused upon enhancing customer value, while simultaneously speeding needed improvements. Using LEAN is one way to more rapidly gain faculty input and consensus around needed curricular redesign. In this session, faculty members describe how they used the LEAN process to efficiently and effectively enhance their DNP curriculum. Faculty satisfaction, benefits as well as lessons learned will be explained.

**Methods:** A successful LEAN Rapid Improvement Event was defined as accomplishing the key goals for the event while achieving high levels of faculty satisfaction. Accomplishment of key goals was

determined by faculty consensus at the end of the event. Satisfaction data was anonymously obtained from all involved faculty assessing structure, process and outcomes on a ten point scale and submitting additional written comments as well.

**Results:** All goals for the event were accomplished. Faculty satisfaction with the structure, process and outcomes of the event ranged from 9-10 on a ten point scale.

**Conclusion:** LEAN methods can be used to garner rapid curricular changes while achieving high levels of faculty satisfaction with the process. Keeping pace with the demands imposed by our rapidly changing healthcare systems demands that faculty look for efficient and effective ways to keep pace via curricular enhancements.