Developing a Supportive Environment for Healthcare Workers

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Presentation Learner Outcomes

1. Presenters will share programs implemented, lessons learned, and strategic differentiation.

2. Presenters will demonstrate how investment in programs improve patient care, patient outcomes, and patient satisfaction.
Strategic Differentiators

• **Investment**
  - $23.6M since 2005
  - 72% BSN or greater
  - 56% of New Graduate market YTD

• **“Systemness”**
  - First Job in long career
  - New Graduate to Legacy

• **Virtual Employees - Relational**
  - Externs to Apprentices
  - Learning Platforms
  - Orientation Revision

• **Remote Patient Management**
• **Family Culture**
• **Top of License Practice**
• **NHC Institute for Nursing**
Norton Healthcare Institute for Nursing

Norton Healthcare has a NLN accredited Institute for Nursing to support the professional growth and practice of nursing. The Institute serves nurses in the Norton Healthcare system in a variety of ways through their four centers:

- Nursing Practice
- Professional Development
- Nursing Outreach
- Nursing Research
The National League for Nursing

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in recognition of sustained achievements in

Creating Workplace Environments that Promote the Academic Progression of Nurses

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The goal of the Professional Nursing Contribution Program (P-NCP) is to reward & recognize highest performing nurses at the point of care.

The P-NCP is a result of an identified need to recognize, reward and retain talent, and differentiate professional nursing practice at the point of care.

The program is geared toward those individuals making a contribution to Norton Healthcare and the profession of nursing.
Nursing Practice

The Institute unites nurses from across the system to make decisions that will enhance the work environment and empower nurses to excel in their practice. Some examples include:

- Facilitating advancement of evidence-based practice
- Leading and coordinating multi-hospital nursing decision-making groups
- Assisting in the implementation of technology to enhance patient care (RPM)
- Consulting with hospitals as they pursue or renew Magnet designation
Remote Patient Management

• Goal: Any patient, any family, any caregiver/provider 24/7 access to APRN real time.

• Solution:
  – Creation of a system **APRN consult** service located in a central location
    • Available **24/7**
    • Via **two way interactive** platform (i.e. Skype)
    • Allows every RN in NHC to access clinical expert /APRN in **real time**.
  • **RN Bedside support and education**
  • **Issue Orders and document findings**
  • **Patient/family education and support**
  • **Dispatch bedside support**
Professional Development

The Institute facilitates the academic progression and professional growth of nurses by:

• Centralizing education common to all nurses, such as core orientation, specialty education, and certification review.

• Establishing standards for educational programs

• Providing professional guidance to individual nurses regarding career paths and formal education.

• Facilitating nursing leadership development to support succession planning.
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Norton Healthcare Institute for Nursing

Through its four Centers, the main goals of the Institute are:

- Provide general and specialty nursing education.
- Create structures that empower nurses to develop professional nursing practice, individually and organizationally.
- Facilitate teamwork and collaboration in decision making among nurses from different hospitals and settings.
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Norton Academy

- Fosters inclusiveness
- Promotes diversity
- Instills leadership practices
- Exposes high school students to health care careers.

To date: (since 2010)

- 146 students have completed the program.
- 36 students are in the program for 2016/2017.
- 11 seniors were accepted to institutions of higher learning and sat for the CNA exam in June, 2016. 100% state exam pass rate.
- As of July 2016, 6 of 11 CNA students known to be employed in the healthcare field.
Nursing Externs

Nurse Externship Program – 2016 = 145 Externs

In referencing a traditional four year nursing program, the Nurse Extern Program is the summer between the student nurse’s junior and senior year of nursing school.

- The student nurse interviews for the program, states their top three areas of clinical interest, and then is hired onto a unit of their interest and paired with a licensed nurse.

- The student nurse will commit to 36 hours a week within a five week period.
The student nurse works the same shift as their nurse preceptor and performs skills/functions/tasks associated with being a student nurse while under the direct supervision of their licensed nurse preceptor and under Kentucky Board of Nursing, Nurse Extern AOS #18.

A clinical competency skill sheet verified by the student nurse’s nursing program is used as a guide for the nurse preceptor.

The student nurse is responsible for documenting the skills/functions/tasks learned throughout their experience.
Nursing Apprentices

Student Nurse Apprenticeship Program – 2016 = 112 Apprentices

The Student Nurse Apprenticeship Program (SNAP) is a three-tiered, experience to hybrid model, of intentional investing in the student nurse. The three tiers are as follows:

• Tier I- Experience Immersion
• Tier II- Clinical Immersion, and
• Tier III- Hybrid Immersion
Nursing Apprentices

Student Nurse Apprenticeship Program (continued)

This program is the result of identified needs and requests from student nurses to increase their preparedness post graduation, in addition to continuing their experience with Norton Healthcare now pre and post the traditional summer Nurse Extern Program (Tier II- Clinical Immersion).

The overall focus of SNAP is to quality train future nurses in an area of their clinical interest, thereby increasing nurse confidence and increasing organizational retention to better prepare the graduate as a “Norton Nurse”.
New Nurse Residency Program

Nurse Residency Program – 2016 = 291 Residence

The purpose of the New Graduate Nurse Residency Program is to facilitate a successful transition from student to practice with the ultimate goal for improving patient care, patient outcomes, and patient satisfaction. The program includes two elements:

- Element one is classroom didactic, self-directed learning and clinical immersion with an assigned preceptor.
- Element two consists of resident workshops beginning after element one is complete (length of element one will vary depending on resident’s specialty).

The monthly 3-hour workshops are designed to support the new graduate nurse’s professional development, evidence-based practice understanding, and enhanced confidence in professional interactions with peers and colleagues, and reflection time.
The resident completes an evidence based practice experience during their year of residency to promote awareness of evidence-based practice and encourage engagement in his/her individual unit.

- Current evaluations for the residency workshops offer positive feedback related to time for debriefing and the value of the workshop topics to their practice.
Creating Workforce Environments that Promote Academic Progression of Nurses

1. A comprehensive program that promotes academic progression throughout the organization has been developed and implemented with evidence of a system-wide commitment to the program.

2. Health Care organization representatives are actively engaged with their academic partners in a professional collaboration resulting in a commitment to academic progression.

3. Academic/practice partnerships support an educated and diverse nursing workforce to maximize competence and role performance to meet the needs of increasingly complex work environments.
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4. The Health Care Organization facilitates academic progression through the provision of resources to support employees in the nursing learner role.

5. Academic/Practice Partnerships yield projects to advance evidence-based nursing practice.

6. Health care organization representatives in collaboration with their academic partners disseminate the effectiveness of innovative programs that support academic progression through local, regional or national forums.
Nursing Clinical Leadership Development - Consensus

• Through partnership with University of Kentucky to provide a secondary certification program to enable current APRNs to sit for second boards/licensure
  – **All** tuition and fees paid by NHC.
  – **All** classroom and clinical time paid by NHC.
  – **All** classroom and clinical on site at NHC.
“You can always tell who the pioneers are because they have arrows in their back and are lying face down in the dirt.”

-Anonymous
First Doctoral Student Graduates through University of Kentucky Nursing - Norton Healthcare Partnership
Lateral Violence

Lateral violence is said to exist when nurses adopt the ‘adaptive strategies of oppressed groups’. In response, we provide:

- Programs
- Interventions
- Surveys

“Thanks but that doesn’t work for me.”
Self-Care for Healthcare

Every day your nurses give their best to heal patients. SelfCare for HealthCare is founded on a simple powerful concept - that in order for healthcare givers to nurture the bodies, minds and spirits of their patients, they must first nurture their own.

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TKI

The Thomas–Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI™) was developed by Ken Thomas, PhD and Ralph Kilmann, PhD, both professors of management at the University of Pittsburgh. Inspired by the Managerial Grid Model of Blake and Mouton, the two researchers developed a neat, accessible model that people at any level in an organization could use to deal with conflict quickly and effectively.

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The TKI tool is the world’s best-selling conflict management assessment because it:

- Facilitates learning to use five practical, situation-specific styles for dealing with conflict effectively (competing, collaborating, compromising, avoiding, accommodating).
- Helps trainers, managers, and other professionals open productive one-on-one and group discussions around conflict.
- Reflects today’s gender, racial, ethnic, age, and joblevel diversity in the workplace - based on an updated normative sample.
- Is quick (30 items, takes just 15 minutes) and easy to understand, and requires no special training or certification to administer.
- Is backed by excellent support and guidance through CPP’s global distributor network.
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- Each other
- Toward themselves
- Toward those less powerful

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The Thomas–Kilmann conflict resolution model is a way of boiling down a complex theory of conflict styles into a format that can easily be understood and implemented by everyone. It rests on the assumption that although most people will 'default' to one particular conflict-handling style, this is not always the best approach. Depending on the situation – how important the outcome is and how much energy a person has to invest – they can choose from a wider range of styles to resolve the conflict.

Thomas and Kilmann both remain popular speakers on the subject of conflict resolution, and their ideas and products are very much in demand. The TKI's application has been supported by research by others into topics ranging from leadership to emotional intelligence. Ralph Kilmann is also a guest blogger on OPP's blog, PersonifyMatters.

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Visit the Institute for Nursing site on Naite. It provides an abundance of helpful resources, tools and program information.

Continuing Education: A calendar of upcoming CE offerings, application forms for CE credit, external links to healthcare news and external CE programs and links to KBN required nursing courses

Research: Links to external websites for research investigator training and information, tools and templates to facilitate research project development and approval, and templates for poster creation and presentation

Preceptor Corner: Tools for regular assessment of new employee progress, articles of interest for preceptors, including a blog for sharing comments with other preceptors, and nomination forms for preceptor reward and recognition

Practice: Specialty specific sub-sites including peri-operative, med/surg, critical care, AHA education, and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner