The Role of an Academic Practice Partnership in Enriching Student Learning and Improving Patient Outcomes

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Learning Objectives

▪ Apply strategies to integrate population-specific content into an undergraduate nursing curriculum.

▪ Identify benefits of a collaboration between academic and practice institutions.

▪ Describe how academic practice partnerships facilitate quality improvement initiatives.
Background
Veteran Experiences
Unique Veteran Health Issues

- Chronic pain
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Homelessness
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Polytrauma
- Hazardous exposures
- Substance abuse disorders
- Suicide
VA Nursing Academic Partnerships (VANAP)

- Developed by Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Academic Affiliations
- 17 VANAP-Undergraduate (VANAP-U) partnerships across the country
- Addresses a growing population of veterans with unique and complex care needs
- Aims to expand the workforce of BSN-prepared nurses educated in veteran care and able to provide quality nursing services that improve patient outcomes and reduce cost of care
Process

- Collaboration among school of nursing and VA stakeholders
- Review of literature to identify veteran care concerns
- Development of VANAP scholar competencies
- Identification of gaps in curriculum and areas for clinical improvement
- Integration of veteran content in all courses
- Implementation of improvement projects and teaching strategies
Outcomes

- Successful content integration

**Veteran-Care Content Curricular Integration Crosswalk**

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| 210A | Health Promotion    | (1,2)            | Introduction of veteran as a population  
Enhancing Vet Centered Care in Non VA A guide for nurses.  
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- Tell me about your military experience.  
- When and where do you/did you serve?  
- What do you/did you do while in the service?  
- How has military service affected you? | Anastasia Rose;  
Sherrill Hooke  
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Outcomes

- Enhanced collaboration between organizations
Outcomes

- Veteran-centric practice innovations

Women veterans’ health care improvement

Falls reduction

Amputation prevention – reduced readmission rates
Conclusions

- Enrichment of student learning
- Culturally competent nurses caring for veterans within and outside VA facilities
- Faculty involvement in quality improvement projects improving patient outcomes and reducing costs of care
- Model for other partnerships
- Future evaluation measures
Bibliography


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