The *Essentials* of Preparing Faculty for an Accreditation Visit

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At the end of this session, the learner will be able to:

1. Carry out a self-assessment to determine faculty members’ knowledge deficits and level of comfort related to the accreditation process.

2. Summarize 3 strategies to increase faculty members’ confidence in their participation in the accreditation process.

3. Design an individualized plan to optimally prepare faculty to fully engage in the accreditation visit.
Why Accreditation?

“Program accreditation is a process based on a set of professional expectations and standards meant to signal competency and credibility”

(Pavlakis & Kelley, 2016, p. 68).
Goals of Accreditation of Higher Education

1. Protect the public through a system of accountability.

2. Provide impetus for improvement through a system of peer review.
Process of Accreditation

- Faculty write a Self-Study Report
- Team of Peers Evaluators conducts a site visit
- Preliminary Report shared in public meeting
- Evaluation team confirms report
- Board makes final determination of designation
Collegiate nursing self-assessment CCNE Higher of CNEA Education programs States Secretary Department
American Nursing assess the educational process of quality and Education that National
criteria voluntary standards engage in Nursing by effective programs for
baccalaureate on ACEN for residents in Commission Education serves self-regulatory Association Colleges
United Education and for identifying interest Accreditation
What Does the Literature Say About Faculty Involvement?

- An essential component of the role (Kremer & Horton, 2016)
- Proving excellence = work of administrators (Bucalos, 2014)
- Panic & anxiety (Bucalos, 2014)
- Lack of time (Lewis, 2016)
- Purposes of recognition & marketing (Lewis, 2016)
- Decreased job satisfaction & faculty vacancies (Lee et al., 2017)
- Outsiders; on the fringe (Bucalos, 2014)
- Vital to participate fully (Greenberg, 2012)
“It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark”

Howard Ruff
Self-Assessment
Strategies to Increase Confidence
Design Individualized Plan
References


Thank you!!

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