Title: SPECIAL SESSION: Influencing Advancements in Nursing Education Through Intentional Leadership Development

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Description/Overview: Key external drivers will impact nursing education in the near future. Leaders must be prepared and positioned to guide strategic changes necessary to address new funding and regulatory issues, shifting resource allocations, and advancing healthcare delivery models. The Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy prepares future leaders for nursing education.

Abstract Text: Key external drivers will impact nursing education in the near future. Leaders must be prepared and positioned to guide strategic changes necessary to address new funding and regulatory issues, shifting resource allocations, and advancing healthcare delivery models. Drivers within the profession also influence decision making as nursing roles and role preparation transform, interprofessional education and practice develop, and risks for faculty, students, and society increase.

Three cohorts of the Nurse Faculty Leadership Academy (NFLA) have been completed. The academy is an international leadership development experience designed for doctorally prepared nurse educators with less than seven years of full-time teaching experience. The purpose of the NFLA is to facilitate intentional behavioral leadership development; foster academic career success; promote nurse faculty retention and satisfaction; and cultivate high performing supportive work environments in academe.

Three learning domains serve as the foundation of the NFLA experience: individual leadership development, advancing nursing education through leadership of a team project, and expanding the Scholar’s scope of influence. A relational underpinning provides each selected Scholar and Leadership Mentor dyad with a Faculty Advisor for the entire NFLA experience. Scholars are guided in the achievement of personal and academy goals through these cultivated relationships.

Key curricular components consistent for the three completed cohorts include the use of Kouzes and Posner’s “Leadership Challenge” model, two immersion workshops, two faculty site visits at the Scholar’s sponsoring institution, monthly Scholar community conference calls, intense mentoring and coaching, and the development of strategic relationships with senior leaders within the field of nursing education.

Facilitation of a team project that advances nursing education serves as a milieu for developing essential leadership behaviors and a deeper understanding of team dynamics. A comprehensive strategic plan model guides the Scholar in successful team project leadership. Essential elements of this process include: conducting an organizational needs assessment, performing a two-tiered stakeholder analysis, building a collaborative team, designing the business case, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability efforts. Project outcomes provide measurable benefit to the Scholar’s organization in terms of educational programming, curricular design, use of technology, evaluation, and fiscal outcomes. NFLA Scholars are guided in expanding their scope of influence within their sponsoring organizations, communities, and on a national or international level as part of the nursing profession. Opportunities to influence broader networks and lead significant change initiatives emerge as Scholars engage with prominent leaders in nursing education.

Outcomes from all three completed cohorts are reported across the foundational domains. Examples of sustainable impact in priority foci of nursing education will be presented. The behavioral leadership development of the Scholars have resulted in important advancements in nursing education, critical career impact, and the dissemination of outcome focused articles related to the future of nursing education.

References: Bean, N. M., Lucas, L., & Hyers, L. L. (2014). Mentoring in higher education should be the norm to assure success: Lessons learned from the faculty mentoring program, West Chester University, 2008â€“2011.


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