



Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum Improvement Project Phase I Focus Group

These “Focus Group” assignments are short-term because most of the assigned tasks should be completed prior to the end of Fall 2006 semester. At that time, the groups may stay intact and obtain a different area to focus their efforts.

Simulations Focus Group

The purpose of this group is to develop plans and cost analysis for simulation laboratories. Develop recommendations for purchasing equipment in stages, sharing equipment among institutions, faculty education of equipment, and obtaining grant support for purchasing equipment. Arrange a “Simulation Fair” at one of our future meetings so vendors can showcase and demo equipment.

SIMULATIONS FOCUS GROUP	
NAME	COLLEGE
Colleen Burgess- Chair	Catawba Valley CC
Wilma Hood	Central Piedmont CC
Glenda Bondurant	Wilson Tech CC
Fredel Reighart	Mayland CC
Brenda Causey	Asheville-Buncombe Technical CC
Kathy Weeks	Fayetteville Technical CC
Renee Hill	Vance-Granville CC
Cheryl Ermini	Robeson CC
Lisa Samuel	Wilkes CC
Virginia Crocker	Roanoke-Chowan CC



Professional Development Focus Group

The purpose of this group is to conduct a needs assessment of nursing faculty across the state and recommend professional development topics, locations, and speakers. Needs assessments should be disseminated via e-mail to each of the 55 CIP Representatives who will collect data at their college and provide feedback to this focus group. Topics to gather data about are, but not limited to:

- Conceptual vs content based curriculum
- NLN Core Competencies
- Evidenced-based practice
- Informatics, technology, simulations

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUP	
NAME	COLLEGE
Cynthia Davis-Chair	Western Piedmont CC
Ronda Wentz	College of the Albemarle
Carolanne Henley	Caldwell CC & Technical Institute
Tara Gunter	Randolph CC
Laura Bliley	Beaufort County CC
Charles Wray	Piedmont Community College
Rita Conner	Blue Ridge CC
Nettie Guy	Rockingham CC
Pam Sain	McDowell CC
Deborah Griffiths	Nash CC
Elizabeth Toderick	Pitt CC



Research Focus Group

The purpose of this group is to conduct literature searches and compile data for all CIP representatives and ADN faculty across the state. Data collected should include, but is not limited to:

- Using evidenced-based practice in the design of a nursing curriculum
- Designing a conceptual based curriculum
- Healthy People 2010
- NLN Core Competencies
- Institute of Medicine Report, “Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality”
- NC IOM Task Force on the NC Nursing Workforce
- Board of Nursing “5 Practice Competencies”

RESEARCH FOCUS GROUP	
NAME	COLLEGE
Linda Smith-Chair	Johnston CC
Linda Wiersch	Mitchell CC
Carole Gibson	Richmond CC
Rhonda Evans	Central Carolina CC
Kelly Harvey	Halifax CC
Carolyn Jones	Craven CC
Kathy Phillips	Guilford Technical CC
Star Mitchell	Sandhills CC
Helen Ayres	Durham Technical CC
Yvonne Johnson	Surry CC
Delia Frederick	Southwestern CC
Kathy Williford	NEWH



Technology Focus Group

The purpose of this group will be to lead efforts in web-based instruction, investigate the implementation of online hybrid nursing courses, recommend appropriate software, assess use of PDAs, iPods, streaming video, etc. Assess opportunities and mechanisms for resource sharing among institutions.

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS GROUP	
NAME	COLLEGE
Barbara Callahan-Chair	Lenoir CC
Catherine Cook	Southeastern CC
Blake Rogers	Haywood CC
Linda Latham	Forsyth Technical CC
Veronica Stevens	Sampson CC
Sue Beaman	Wayne CC
Donna Sanderson	James Sprunt CC
Rose Marie Chance	Alamance CC
Brenda Holland	Cape Fear CC
Cindy Yount	Carteret CC
Alecia Dorn	Isothermal CC



How Did They Do That Focus Group

What are the best ADN programs in the nation doing that we are not? How do we measure up? Who are the national “flag ship” ADN programs and how did they get this distinction? Which states have the most cohesive, successful community college ADN programs and how may we achieve that status? In the North Carolina Community College System, what are the ADN programs doing that we need to be proud of? Find the “one thing” that each college does great. Compile the data for dissemination.

HOW DID THEY DO THAT FOCUS GROUP	
NAME	COLLEGE
Patti Dewasthali-Chair	Davidson County CC
Robin Pigg	Edgecombe CC
Anne-Marie Goff	Bladen CC
Martha Freeze	Rowan-Cabarrus CC
Linda Collins	Coastal Carolina CC
Joyce Long	South Piedmont CC
Jan Floyd	Brunswick CC
Janet Arthur	Gaston College
Lynn Rowland	Cleveland CC
Susan Spence	Stanley CC
Anne-Jones Sutton	Wake Technical Community College
Susan Fowler	Tri-County CC