

HOW THEY USED DATA

The University of Scranton
Department of Nursing

The University of Scranton is one of two winners of the 2020 Benchworks Assessment and Impact Award in Nursing for high survey scores related to satisfaction with nursing instruction. University of Scranton's Department of Nursing used data from the AACN/Benchworks Undergraduate Nursing Exit Assessment to:



Inform Curricular Improvements

The Department of Nursing takes their data seriously. For example, the curriculum chair went through the data, looked at every single curricular area, and made a five year grid, then used that to guide future instruction: areas of strength and areas for improvement. Even when data is being used from a curricular standpoint, it works its way back to the students and shows in their satisfaction with their program. Combing through data can take a lot of effort, but the Department of Nursing takes the time it needs to explore trends, find potential for change, and stay in tune with students' experiences.



Improve Hands-On Practice for Students

The Department of Nursing has worked to implement more hands-on experiences for students to practice their skills in a real-world setting. Their clinical nurse liaison program provides students with the opportunity to work with nurses who excel in their profession. All senior undergraduate students take part in a cardiac arrest simulation along with graduate-level nurse anesthesia students to get a feel for working in a team. Beyond the classroom, students and faculty regularly participate in study abroad opportunities that are specific to nursing and service trips designed to work alongside health organizations or to be a participant in mobile clinics.



Show the Importance of Being Available to Students

Small classes in the Department of Nursing allow students to get the attention they need to learn effectively, and faculty prioritize staying invested in their students in and out of the classroom. Faculty stay accessible to students through office hours and by phone, even responding to student concerns outside of traditional school hours. They check in with students regularly, and if a student doesn't show up for class or clinical, faculty will call to make sure they're okay. The Department of Nursing cares about students' personal as well as educational growth.



"Our faculty embrace the Jesuit Ideals which carries over to how we care for our students."

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