



2 Educational Drive, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Health Professions Advisory Committee

March 28, 2022

2:30-3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held virtually over Google Meet.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

Welcome and introductions

The meeting was attended by Wendy Bombard, Jeneve Joslin, Nicole LaPointe, Jarod Waite, and Darlene Murphy.

Introductions were made, and an update on program enrollment for this year and next year were provided.

Review size, scope and quality report

A brief review of the Size, Scope and Quality program report revealed two primary areas for improvement; increased gender equity in program enrollment, and the need for a Tier 2 certification aligned with the program. The committee acknowledged the need to engage more males in the field of healthcare at all stages of the career pipeline, particularly in patient care roles. Ideas for marketing included the production of a video marketing to non-traditional student populations, holding an access day for middle school non-traditional populations, and ensuring at least one male student is present at open house events. The committee noted the importance of including education and training opportunities and potential salaries in marketing materials. Darlene reached out to Ruth Durkee to explore opportunities for statewide career and technical education marketing tools specific to non-traditional populations.

Tier 2 certification and curriculum changes

One of the areas for improvement identified in the Size, Scope and Quality report was the need for the Health Professions program to prepare students with the opportunity to gain a professional credential. While some students train to become LNAs through industry partnerships, there is no within-program opportunity to earn a Tier 2 certification. The committee discussed amending the curriculum and related proficiencies to prepare students for the National Healthcareer Association's (NHA) Certified Clinical Medical Assisting certification. The committee was supportive of this move. Darlene scheduled a meeting with a representative from NHA for April 14 to discuss this opportunity.

Mock interviews

Students currently taking Introduction to Healthcare for CCV credit will be completing mock job interviews in early May. Advisory committee members were asked to serve as interviewers. Jarod offered his services again this year, and shared his experiences serving as an interviewer

last year. Nicole offered to connect us with her colleagues, Jeneve offered to help after 12:30 pm, and Wendy offered to help if the interviews fall into the early part of May.

Scholarships

Members were asked to consider whether their organizations might be in a position to provide a scholarship for program students next year. Possible criteria could be attached to the scholarship, such as a senior planning to pursue postsecondary education in the health field.

Future agenda items

The next meeting will be scheduled for late May/early June. A doodle poll will be sent to members to schedule a date and time for the next meeting.

Open discussion

There was no further business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.