Outcomes - MS Nursing

Incorporating systems theory concepts, ANA Social Policy Statement (1995), relevant ANA Standards of Care, AACN Essentials for Masters Education for Advanced Practice Nursing (1996), National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF); and the California Board of Nursing, the master's nursing graduate will:

**Student Learning Outcome (SLO)**

Apply critical thinking and ethical decision-making including the use of the nursing and research processes:

Sub outcome: Recognize the principles of basic statistical tests Interpretation of basic statistical tests with assistance from statistical consultants.
Initial Evidence of Student Learning:

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Change(s) to Curriculum or Pedagogy:

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Spring 2010: Faculty teaching in the graduate program agreed to stress selection of statistical tests, interpretation of findings, and to provide opportunities for graduate students to practice statistical write-ups in course research critiques.

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Evidence of Student Learning after Change.

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Number of students graduating during this period: Summer 2009 = 8, Fall 2009 = 9, Spring 2010 = 14, Summer 2010 = 2 Total = 33. Graduation rate: 39%

Manuscript publication rate is approximately 10%. Three graduate student/faculty teams had articles published in peer reviewed journals in 2009. One other graduate student’s manuscript is currently undergoing revisions.

CASA Assessment Summary

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Assessment
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No direct assessment data was collected

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**Closing the Loop**

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