

Title: Conversion of a Master of Science in Nursing Program to a Blended Learning Venue

NGLC Grant Preproposal Summary

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Abstract

Strong evidence exists in the literature that blended learning formats are successful in increasing enrollments, decreasing distance education attrition and achieving stated educational objectives for undergraduate and graduate nursing education. The proposed project will reduce barriers to educational progression and increase enrollment capacity for two Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs at the California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) School of Nursing through adoption of a Blended Learning model. A third (proposed) program, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, will be further revised in the same venue. Specifically, the graduate options in both Nursing Administration and Nursing Education will collaborate to develop interoperable content modules to be used in both programs and, potentially, in the DNP program—a consortium effort with California State University, Fullerton's (CSUF) School of Nursing.

Garrison and Vaughan's (2008) Community of Inquiry (CoI Model) will be used to guide the integration of F2F with online instructional strategy for success in student connectedness and learning, factors known to be features of successful online environments. As online learning modules are developed, then shared, across programs *and* across campuses, scaling of educational efforts will be obtained largely through faculty efficiencies and productivity. Four gatekeeper courses are targeted to be converted to the online venue. Enrollment may double within one year and triple within two years with time-to-completion and graduation rates projected to remain constant. There is unlimited potential for the production of novice managers and new educators statewide in a high-demand occupational program in which previous large-scale efforts to appreciably increase the numbers of each have resulted in a rate of production that is flat.

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