

1. What we looked at

Student's ability to evaluate research findings in nursing and other related fields for their applicability to nursing practice (Program student learning outcome #5).

2. How we assess it

Performance on senior year comprehensive exit examination using the HESI standardized test.

3. What we found

Students understand the basic research concepts but the application in nursing practice was lacking.

4. What it means

Faculty recognized that the application of research in nursing practice will be enhanced if clinical courses have students critique published work and present findings to highlight evidence-based practices.

5. What we're going to do about it

For the class of 2011, research presentations were included in NURS 3250 & NURS 4000 (Adult Health I & II courses)

6. What happened

Student performance on the research component of the HESI test improved by 20%.