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Galen Pathway to Success (GPS) – The Galen College of Nursing Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

From its inception, Galen’s mission has been to increase access to nursing education and to respond to the needs of the healthcare community. Our focus is purely on nursing education and the institution prides itself on being a college of opportunity offering future graduates a pathway to success through a career in nursing.

Galen has made strides in the last few years increasing first-time NCLEX® pass rates and other program outcomes. Achievement of these goals has afforded the college the opportunity to focus on the students leaving the program prior to graduation, particularly in the first and second quarters. Through our QEP, Galen Pathway to Success (GPS), Galen will increase retention of students in the first two quarters of the associate degree in nursing program (ADN program).

Galen Pathway to Success seeks to improve the environment supporting student learning for students who are early in the nursing program, and has one overarching goal: to establish a systematic program of support for students in the first and second quarters of the ADN program. This will increase students’ likelihood of overall program success. By establishing this systematic program of support, Galen will improve retention of students in the first and second quarters of the ADN program and beyond.

Galen Pathway to Success has four environmental program outcomes:

1. To provide a system of academic support and educational resources for early program students
2. To introduce key strategies to enhance students’ ability to learn college-level content
3. To increase access to faculty advising
4. To train faculty to facilitate student success courses

Galen Pathway to Success will prepare students for the academic challenges of a nursing program through creation of GPS 101 student success course, integrating the role of faculty advisor into GPS 101, and by adding new academic support personnel and educational resources focused on early program students.

Galen Pathway to Success initiatives and outcomes will be assessed through a well-defined and systematic evaluation process. The data and analysis will be used throughout the timeframe of the QEP to inform progress toward meeting program goals and any potential changes necessary for program success.