7. STRENGTHENING NURSING EDUCATION

7.1 Actions for deans, administrative faculty leaders, faculty, course directors, and staff of nursing education programs

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Campaign for Action

1. Key Strategic Stakeholders

Nursing Organizations

Ethnic Minority Nursing Organizations; National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Non-profits

Chambers of Commerce; Non-profit organizations that serve the Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), under-resourced/represented, those facing housing insecurity, and indigenous communities

Federal/State Government

Policy partners – legislators

Education

Education accreditation organizations; Students – prelicensure through doctoral; Secondary (high school) organizations, school districts, technical schools, etc, who often perpetuate the structural barriers and racism that prevent BIPOC students from entering the nursing pipeline; University Leadership, College/Dept Advisory Boards

Other

Movement leaders in the BIPOC community; Practice partners across the spectrum and including the long-term care community; Health professions partners; Licensing/certification organizations

2. Top 3-5 Actions for 2021

- A. Educate faculty, partners and collaborators on needed A. changes
- B. Understand the needs of under-resourced communities as we transform educational deliverables
- C. Focus on mentoring and other programs to support & B. sustain diverse faculty and students
- D. Reflect and assess policy, entry and structural barriers C. to inclusion in the nursing education system
- E. Each school should develop, fund and support a DEI committee that is inclusive of diverse students and faculty
- F. Determine college/school and community baseline representation/metrics
- G. Conduct college/school-based DEI strategic assessment (baseline) and planning (move toward diverse representation across advisory groups, staff & faculty, student populations that reflects community diversity)

3. Top 3-5 Actions for 2022

- A. Ensure that accreditation, licensure and certification partners are committed to the education and experiential learning on the needs about & for inadequately resourced communities and equity.
- B. Institute holistic admission processes in each school/program
- C. Examine faculty recognition processes & barriers that limit BIPOC participation adjunct faculty designation, faculty pay, education requirements from accreditors, etc.
- D. Encourage and expand cluster hiring practices to support diverse faculty retention and success.
- E. Assure that nursing education programs address equity and social determinants of health across the lifespan through national curriculum consultation processes
- F. Encourage faculty participation on community boards and commissions to increase faculty awareness and community engagement

4. Success Indicators

- College/University advisory boards (2022), faculty (2024) and student populations (2022) reflect the diversity of communities served by the institution by 2024
- Diverse members of advisory boards, faculty and student populations are fully supported with culturally based programs to ensure full participation and progression
- Funding from federal/state and local sources support this work