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The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) accreditation requests that we share the 'Assessment Results' pertaining to the program outcomes with our graduates and their employers.

Outcomes #2 and 3 reflect information from the graduating class of 2010. The remaining outcomes are information from the Class of 2009 as the data is gathered 9-months after graduation. If you are interesting in viewing the complete results for the class of 2010, they will be posted next fall on the Casper College website.

The results for the 9-month Survey for the class of 2009 were obtained for the first time via e-mail and use of Survey Monkey. Return rates were very low for both the students and the employers, possible due to this new form of eliciting information. As students and employers are educated to our use of this format, the return rate is expected to improve.

- Outcome #1: Admission demographics are tracked for diversity in age, gender, socioeconomic, ethnic and educational background. Complete demographic chart will be available on Casper College Website.
- Outcome #2: The graduation rate is measured by noting the initial enrollment in the nursing program and the number of students graduating in that cohort. For the **class of 2010** this was 62.3%, which was up 4.7% from the previous year. The major reason for the low attrition rate was student withdrawal due to personal reasons.
- Outcome #3: NCLEX-RN Licensure exam pass rate is determined by the graduates passing the exam on the first attempt. The **class of 2010** had 34 of the 43 graduates pass on the first attempt, which resulted in a **79.1%** pass rate. The national average for 2010 was 87% and the state average was 81%. It is notable that the difficulty of the NCLEX-RN was increased beginning April of 2010.
- Outcome #4: Employment of graduates is determined by questions on the survey sent to our graduates nine months after graduation. The results for the *class of 2009* revealed that 100% of the graduates returning the survey were employed.
- Outcome #5: Graduate and Employer satisfaction is also determined through the surveys sent nine months after graduation. These results are for the *class of 2009*. Of the employers returning the survey, 72% believed that the graduates met the ADN Program Education Outcomes and 77.2% of the employers believe the graduates demonstrate satisfactory nursing practice. Of the graduates returning the survey, 86.2% believed they met ADN Program Outcomes.
- Outcome #6: Critical thinking is measured by administering standardized tests to the students through ATI, which is specific to nursing. The results for the Group Composite Score for the *class of 2009* was 74.1% which exceeded the National Group Mean of 70.3%.
- Outcome #7-A: Professional growth of the graduates is measured on the nine month survey. For the *class of 2009*, 84.6% of the students returning the survey were engaged in continued professional development activities.

- Outcome # 7-B: In conjunction with their engagement in professional activities, 92.3% of those 2009 graduates felt that the program provided the foundation for pursuing an advanced degree in nursing.
- Outcome #8: The Standards of the College Regulatory and Accrediting agencies continue to be met by the program.