Use of ePortfolios to Demonstrate Completion of Program Outcomes in Online Nursing Programs

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Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this presentation, attendees will be able to:

• Identify how eportfolios can be used to measure student learning outcomes.
• Demonstrate how eportfolios can link to university outcomes and/or principles.
• Identify ways in which students can use eportfolios to provide a framework to present their work.
Purposes for ePortfolios

• Provides a means to measure and demonstrate student achievement of program outcomes.
• Provides a framework for students to consolidate their work to use for their professional goal attainment.
Pros and Cons of ePortfolio Systems

• My Wiki
• Pathbrite
• Portfolium
Programs That Require ePortfolios

• RN to BSN Program
• RN to BSN/MSN Program
• MSN program
• DNP Program
Use of ePortfolio in BSN Program

Students are required to upload:

- Personal (professional appearance) photo
- Resume
- BSN499 BSN Capstone course final project (Professional Development Plan based on the Program Learning Outcomes)
- All students must provide their ePortfolio link to the faculty assessing the academic work in BSN499.
Use of ePortfolio in MSN Program

Students are required to upload:
- Personal (professional appearance) photo
- Resume
- Final projects from the six core courses
- Final projects from the five specialization courses
- Final project from the MSN Capstone Course
- All students must provide their ePortfolio link to the faculty assessing the academic work in N555PE.
Use of ePortfolio in DNP Program

As a graduation requirement students are required to upload:

• Each course must be represented by at least one artifact in the ePortfolio: an assignment or PE journal (total of 20 artifacts)

• Provide evidence of scholarship by uploading supportive documentation from courses.

• Provide evidence of practice by uploading supportive reflective journal documentation.

Students are required to send link to the Associate Dean, Graduate Nursing Programs. Eportfolios are assessed by Associate Dean or designee.
DNP Student
Professional Information/Overview

- Resume/CV
- Biosketch
- Professional photo
Leadership

Mandatory assignment uploads:
• N700PE Leadership: Setting the Example Assignment 2 (Paper on their personal leadership journey)
• N760PE Strategic Planning – Final project (topic related to strategic planning)

Student choice uploads:
• One course assignment from leadership courses
• Two final PE journals from leadership courses

Write a two-page reflection on leadership journey
Evidence Based Practice – Education Track

Mandatory assignment uploads:

• N702PE Organizational Complexities of Higher Education – Final project (Personal Educational Philosophy and a presentation on the role of nursing unit within the college/university setting)

• N710PE Learner-Centered Curriculum Design and Learning Outcomes – Assignment 1 and final project (vision of nursing education)

Student choice uploads:

• One course assignment from specialization courses

• Two final PE journals from specialization courses

Write a two-page reflection on educational leadership specialization journey
Evidence Based Practice – Executive Track

Mandatory assignment uploads:
• N715PE Quality Management Techniques – Final project (Structure a quality improvement initiative using Donabedian’s Model)
• N720PE Healthcare Finance – Final project (Key economic issue that may impact your health care system)

Student choice uploads:
• One course assignment from specialization courses
• Two final PE journals from specialization courses

Write a two-page reflection on executive leadership specialization journey
Research

Mandatory assignment uploads:
- N725PE Health Services Research – Final project
- N755 Health Statistics – Final project: DNP project codebook
- N758 Advanced Statistics – Final project: Health Study Statistical Analysis Excel Workbook

Student Choice Uploads:
- One course assignment an/ or PE journal from research methods courses

Write a two-page reflection on translational research knowledge development
DNP Capstone Project

Mandatory assignment uploads:
• N765PECapstone Project II – Final project: DNP Capstone Proposal
• N770PE Capstone Project III – Final Project and PPT (DNP Capstone Project Final Defense)

Student Choice Uploads:
• Optional
University Principles - Reflection

Scholarship
Leadership
Accountability
Citizenship
What We Have Learned

• Implementing an eportfolio system in the courses/programs is not without challenges.

• The benefits of implementing the eportfolio far outweigh the challenges.

• There are many software programs/systems out there that you can use. Select carefully and consider how you will use it as part of your program.

• Make sure you have a strong support system – both IT and advising – to help students.

• Required reflections provide significant and helpful information about the program and student experience.
Future Areas of Development

• Utilize the eportfolio system to pull data to review program outcomes.
• Use this data to make program improvements.