



Spring 2026 Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

External Participants:

Jennifer Seeley - Clinical Manager, Serenity Hospice
Diane Broadley - Director of Patient Care Services at Kishwaukee Hospital
Kim Czaruk - Chief Nursing Executive, VP, NM Medicine Kishwaukee
Kristen Selig - NIU Director of Undergraduate Studies, Northern Illinois University
Holly Kuhn - RN Coordinator of Family Planning Program, DeKalb County Health Department
Stacy Pauly – Clinical Educator, Northern Illinois Hospice
Rhonda Marks - Chief Nursing Officer, Rochelle Community Hospital
Sarah McCann - Director of Health Services, Oak Crest Retirement Center
Vickie Guthrie - Patient Care Services, NM Kishwaukee Hospital
Annmarie Russow - Professional Practice Student and School Partnerships, NM Hospital
Kathy Twait - Director of Nursing, Lincolnshire Nursing

Internal Participants:

Jessica Berek - Dean of Health Sciences, Interim Associate Vice President of Instruction
Angie Delmont - Associate Dean of Health Sciences, Director of Nursing
LaCretia Konan - Associate Vice President of Community Engagement
Stephanie Stouffer – Instructor, Nursing
Kim Fiedler - Retention and Recruitment Coordinator, Health Sciences
Kelly Soost – Instructor, Nursing
Cindy Prendergast – Instructor, Nursing
Sherry Mirabile – Instructor, Nursing
Kay Singer – Instructor, Nursing
Amanda Ortiz - Simulation and Clinical Coordinator, Health Sciences
Shannon Satti – Instructor, Nursing
Kathy Schnier – Instructor, Nursing
Lynnette Meurer – Instructor, Nursing
Ashley Foltz – Instructor, Nursing
Robert Floersch – Student Representative
Tobie Cox – Student Representative

- I. College Updates - Dr. Jessica Berek, Dean of Health Sciences
 - A. Spring 2026 enrollment saw a decrease of around 1%; Health Sciences enrollment is up 14%.
 - B. Proposing \$160 college tuition again for next year (no increase).
 - C. Working on capital projects plan for updating areas of the college.

- II. Nursing program updates– Angie Delmont, Associate Dean, Director of Nursing
 - A. Program Enrollment
 - i. Current enrollment as of 3/19/2026 – 140 students.
 - ii. Enrollment has seen a steady increase over the last two years.
 - B. NCLEX Pass Rates RN
 - i. 2024 – 91%
 - ii. 2025 – 90%
 - C. NCLEX Pass Rates LPN
 - i. 2025 - 86%
 - D. Retention/Completion Rates
 - i. 2024 – 73.7%
 - ii. 2025 – 69.0%
 - E. BNA Updates
 - i. Recent state visit to campus - only deviation was for one item of documentation.
 - ii. Planning to purchase a bariatric mannequin to help students with lab skills.
 - F. Nursing textbook initiatives
 - i. Transitioning to digital textbooks and resources, while ensuring students still have options for hardcover books they prefer.
 - ii. Certain texts (like the drug handbook) will remain in hard copies for clinical use.
 - G. LPN program updates
 - i. NUR 206, Essentials of Practical Nursing will be offered again as an elective summer course for students who successfully passed their first-year nursing courses.
 - ii. Northwestern Medicine has agreed be a clinical site for this course.
 - H. Upcoming events
 - i. Mock Interview for Nursing Students
 - 1. Thursday, April 9 from 1-4pm on campus.
 - 2. Increased participation this year - 12 organizations and 16 students, compared to 7 last year.
 - ii. Nursing Pinning Ceremony - Wednesday, May 13 at 4:30pm.
- III. Partner Updates and Needs
 - A. Initial question: What are important skills or areas of preparation that we should continue to emphasize or strengthen in our program?
 - i. Kuhn, Dekalb County Health Department – critical thinking skills are important; Kish students excel at this.
 - ii. Czaruk/Broadley, Northwestern Medicine – helpful for students and new employees to understand that the quality of care they provide and the partnership with their Patient Care Technician (PCT) directly

impacts the bottom line. Documenting care is very important as well as understanding how it impacts reimbursement.

- iii. Pauley, Northern Illinois Hospice - new grad nurses can benefit from understanding how to have goals of care conversations. Those conversations help determine the best way to advocate for patients.

IV. Additional questions or feedback

- A. Floresch, Student Representative – Students would value more interaction with physicians/staff at clinical environments.
- B. Cox, Student Representative – Students would value the opportunity to shadow a nurse for longer periods of time, such as an entire shift.

V. Proposed next meeting: October 2026, modality TBD