



Fall 2026 Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

External Participants:

Amber Gorman - Clinical Educator- Northern Illinois Hospice
Michelle Habich - West Region Director of Prof. Practice - Northwestern Medicine
Diane Broadley - Director of Patient Care Services – Northwestern Medicine
Holly Kuhn - RN Coordinator of Family Planning Program -DeKalb County Health Department
Vickie Guthrie - Patient Care Services, Northwestern Medicine
Anna Marie Russow - Professional Practice Student and School Partnerships, NM Medicine

Internal Participants:

Jessica Berek - Interim Vice President of Instruction
Angie Delmont – Interim Dean of Health Sciences, Director of Nursing
Kay Singer – Instructor, Nursing
Shannon Satti – Instructor, Nursing
LaCretia Konan - Associate Vice President of Community Engagement
Angie Hawkins – Instructor, Nursing
Kelly Soost – Instructor, Nursing
Amanda Ortiz - Simulation and Clinical Coordinator, Health Sciences
Stephanie Stouffer – Instructor, Nursing
Lynnette Meurer – Instructor, Nursing
Terry Lyn Funston -Director of Curriculum and Program Development
Courtney Walz - Director of Development
Logan Popp – Student Representative
Andrea Weitenbeck – Student Representative
Kassandra Santos -Student Representative
Madigan Williams - Student Representative
Cindy Karasewski – Administrative Specialist

- I. College Updates
 - A. Academic Year Updates
 - i. Enrollment: Overall enrollment is down 1.7%; Health Science enrollment is up 7%.
 - B. Upcoming Events
 - i. October 15: Health Science & Career Program Open House
 - ii. November 5: Evening at Kish, including the Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting
 - C. FY26 College Goals
 - i. Student Outcomes: Revising outcomes to emphasize essential employability skills across all courses.



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- ii. Spring 2027 Joint Advisory Committee Meeting: Opportunity to discuss workforce needs and skills employers are seeking.
 - D. Digital Badging: College is exploring digital badges to document student skills.
 - E. Rural Healthcare grants coming to the College
 - i. ROOTS grant: Strengthening partnerships and clinical relationships with rural healthcare providers.
 - ii. REACH grant: Expanding healthcare education and workforce opportunities in rural communities. Grant funding may support development of new respiratory therapy program, goal to launch in August 2028.
- II. Program Updates
 - A. Program Enrollment
 - i. Current Enrollment as of 9/14/26 – 140 students
 - ii. NCLEX Pass Rates 2025 (benchmark is 90%)
 - a. RN: Kishwaukee – 90%, LPN – 86%
 - b. RN: Illinois – 85%, LPN – 88%
 - c. National: - 86.7%, LPN – 87%
 - iii. Retention/Completion Rates (benchmark is 60%)
 - a. 2025 – 69%
- III. Partner Updates and Needs
 - A. Broadley, Northwestern Medicine - offered feedback stating that she observed no areas for improvement and praised the program's success rates on NCLEX. She emphasized the value of the evening shift for nursing students by getting experience involving handoffs, admissions, and discharges.
 - B. Kuhn, DeKalb County Health Department – shared a positive experience with a recent Kishwaukee graduate who demonstrated strong critical thinking skills and was well-prepared compared to graduates from other programs.
- IV. Nursing Student Updates
 - A. Weitenbeck, 4th Semester Student Representative– more clinical opportunities would be nice for students.
 - B. Popp, 4th Semester Student Representative – strengths; faculty, college resources, All In Tuition, Library; would like to see extra clinical time if possible.
 - C. Williams, 1st Semester Student Representative – faculty members do a good job of preparing students and clinical sites are welcoming.
 - D. Santos, 2nd Semester Student Representative – appreciates support and preparation from faculty. Clinicals have always been helpful and have been eager to attend. Wants to keep learning how to be a better patient advocate.
- V. Next meeting: College wide and community partner meeting on April 7, 2027, on campus