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Southern GRITS: A Recipe for BSN Program Success
BSN Program History

- Established in 2008
- First Graduates in 2009
- Online Program 2010
- Accreditation 2014
Located in Northwest Florida
- 70 miles west of Tallahassee
- 60 miles from the Gulf of Mexico
- 30 miles from the Alabama state line
• Success can come from simple beginnings…
• Have you ever heard of, Two Egg, FL?
• Home of Faye Dunaway, actress from the famous Bonnie and Clyde classic movie!
Mission Statement

Chipola College Health Sciences Nursing Program provides accessible, affordable, quality health care education to qualified students.

Vision

Chipola College Health Sciences Nursing program utilizes innovative teaching modalities and community partnerships to promote education in the healthcare field. Faculty promotes quality healthcare education that embraces cultural, ethnic and social diversity. Empowering the student to provide quality healthcare for individuals, families, and communities.

Philosophy

Individuals are a reflection of their constant interaction with the environment as it relates to health care from a perspective of adaptation, self-preservation, and self-actualization. The program’s function is to serve the student and the community by providing nursing education that holds its constituents to the highest healthcare standards.
What are Grits???

• A type of ground corn that is eaten especially in the southern U. S. (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 2015)

• Hulled and coarsely ground grain (Collins English Online Dictionary, 2015)
What is Grit?

- Indomitable courage, toughness or resolution (Collins English Online Dictionary, 2015)
- Perseverance, stamina and a passion for long-term goals, sustaining over the long-term (Duckworth, 2013)
GRIT(S)

- Grit
- Resources
- Information
- Timeliness
- Spontaneity
G - Grit

• Sustainability with Reorganization
• Transitioning to an Online Program
• Recruitment of Qualified Faculty
R - Resources

- Stakeholders
- Community Assessment
- Community Support
I – Information

• Identifying Gaps - Knowledge, Skill, and Technology
• Let your weaknesses become strengths including geographical location (rural communities)
• Underserved educational area
• Hospitals require/request additional BSN prepared nurses
T - Timeliness

- Most Universities require that a student graduate from a National Accredited Program
- Achievement of National Accreditation 2014
- Post-licensure BSN Program within a 50 mile radius of campus
S - Spontaneity

- Unplanned
- Flexible
- Diversified
Welcome to Florida
the Sunshine State…

Or

Maybe Not

“Ice Storm of 2014”
Grow Your Own Philosophy
Success of the Program

- Graduate BSN Faculty with diversified experience
- Pairing specialties with ADN courses
- Hands on training in the Skill/Simulation Lab
Curriculum

• Best Practices
• DOE expectations / student learning outcomes/ SAC Standards
• “Flipping the Classroom” strategies – discussion boards, power point presentations, interactive activities
• Higher Degree of Professionalism
• Scholarly Writing
Technology

• Canvas Learning Management System
• Turn-it-in.com
• SmartThinking
• Online Library
Support

• Community
• Administrative and Financial
• Exceptional Faculty
• Healthcare Partners
Outcomes and Stats

Outcomes:
Student Success Stories

Stats:
Program Enrollment
Program Success
Stakeholder Feedback

We prefer salt in our oceans, instead of sidewalks
Gritty people don’t seek perfection but instead strive for excellence. Excellence is an attitude, not an endgame.

Author Unknown
Florida

- Perfect Vacation Destination
- Perfect Educational Opportunity
- Southern Hospitality and Grit(s)
Words of Wisdom

“One equal temper of heroic hearts
Made weak by time and fate
To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield”

By Alfred Lord Tennyson
Recipe for Success BSN Accreditation 2014
Gritty people believe “everything will be alright in the end, and if it is not alright, it is not the end”.

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References

