FAY W. WHITNEY SCHOOL OF NURSING

A Mentoring Curriculum Journey





UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"We collectively acknowledge that the University of Wyoming occupies the ancestral and traditional lands of the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Crow, and Shoshone Indigenous peoples along with other Native tribes who call the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain region home. We recognize, support, and advocate alongside Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now, and with those forcibly removed from their Homelands."

-ASUW Senate Bill #2699

FAY W. WHITNEY SCHOOL OF NURSING UNDERGRAD PROGRAMS

Basic (Traditional)

BRAND (Accelerated)

BSN completion: ReNEW & RN-BSN





College of Health Sciences
Fay W. Whitney
School of Nursing

STATE OF THE PROGRAMS: 2022

Demographics of undergraduate pre-licensure students was not being tracked.

Three quarters of student admits were freshmen admits and the rest non-freshmen.

Very little diversity

No Holistic admissions process

No process for mentorship/faculty advising

For the ReNEW and RN-BSN programs, no demographic, admission or completion data tracked. Much curricular drift and little advising or mentoring.



CURRENT STATE

- Holistic admissions with transparent rubric adopted and an admission committee formed who underwent bias training.
- Educating the educators on resources at the University for counseling and support services. Reaching out to students in first two weeks.
- Coaching and referral to mentorship network
- Advocacy for student success center and peer mentorship
- Inclusion of undergraduate students on committees

CHALLENGES

Anti-DEI legislation in Wyoming
Dissolved the Office for Diversity of Equity and Inclusion
https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2024/05/uw-makes-changes-in-response-to-legislative-actions-on-dei.html



NEXT STEPS

- Recruitment of advisory board members from Wind River reservation
- Connection with elders from Wind River reservation
- Collaboration on needs and partnership
- Pathway creation for students to enter Allied health positions and to continue education
- GWEP grant and partnership-Inaugural meeting 9/6/2024
- TTOUR: Tribal, Tribal Organization, Underserved and/or Rural