



**MAINE NURSING
EDUCATION
COLLABORATION
(MENECE)**

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History of MeNEC

- Handout provides a historical perspective of the formation of MeNEC and subsequent work.
- Two original co-chairs: Nancy Smith and Ann Sossong

Member Colleges/Universities (N= 14):

Community Colleges

CMCC
EMCC
KVCC
NMCC
SMCC

Public Universities

UM
UMA
UMFK
USM

Private

MCOHP
HUSSON
KAPLAN
ST. JOSEPH's
UNE

Original Major Goal

- Transform nursing education in Maine to prepare graduates to meet the demands and challenges of an evolving health care system.

Other Goals:

- Design and implement models that promote academic progression and lifelong learning
- Identify minimum admission criteria for all programs. ☑
- Expand opportunities for faculty and student collaboration
- Share best practices and promote collective faculty development (ensure programs are outcome based) ☑
- Implement the Maine Nurse Core Competencies as a framework for nursing education and the evaluation of outcomes ☑
- Bridge the education-practice gap.

MeNEC Goals for 2016

- GOAL STATEMENT ONE: Develop an organizational structure for MeNEC with operating bylaws.
- Progress:
- GOAL STATEMENT TWO: Design and plan for implementation of an end-of- program evaluation tool to evaluate the attainment of the Maine Core Competencies in nursing
- Progress:

- **GOAL STATEMENT THREE:** Design a plan for seamless transition for RN to BSN education.

Progress:

- **GOAL STATEMENT FOUR:** Develop and implement a survey to assess orientation program needs for adjunct faculty.

Progress:

Challenges/Barriers:

- Change of leadership in many nursing schools
- University/college concerns and focus on enrollment and retention
- Continuing fiscal challenges for state funded programs
- Nursing faculty shortage: full-time and adjunct

Challenges/Barriers continued:

- Integration of Maine Nurse Core Competencies across curricula – particularly the competency related to gerontology
- Collaboration across public and private schools; for and non-profit
- Lack of fiscal resources for continuing MeNEC

Opportunities/Progress

- Sub group working on developing a Web Site for MeNEC
- Bylaws committee are completing Draft #2 to submit to full group at next meeting for approval
- Subsection of bylaws required annual dues from each school which will support a small operating budget
- Survey going out in October for information to guide development of an adjunct faculty orientation program
- Despite challenges, MeNEC is a great group of committed nursing education administrators and faculty striving to forge onward!

Questions??

