



Update on Academic Progression Activities in Maryland

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Two focus groups of the Maryland Council for Deans and Directors of Nursing Programs were convened to bring together nursing programs who have developed ATB (Associate to Baccalaureate) curricula. The goal of these focus groups was to discuss the status of the ATB programs as to the number of enrollees, progression rates, graduation rates, and resource utilization (increased faculty, staff, clinical sites, simulation, etc.). The focus groups examined the challenges of implementing the ATB programs and developed a strategic plan. Strategic goals and activities will serve as a guide for advocacy within institutions, across educational systems and at the State legislature.