

Background

- ❖ Advanced Practice Providers (APP) require continuing education (CE) for professional growth, quality care, and certification renewal.
- ❖ It is often difficult to obtain the CEs necessary for safe, current, efficient, and high quality practice, due to:
 - Time constraints
 - Too busy to leave the bedside
 - Unable to attend on a day off
 - Financial constraints
 - Institutions provide limited funding for CE
 - Off-site conferences are a financial burden
- ❖ A few studies have shown postgraduate NP/PA training:
 - Increased knowledge, competence, and confidence
 - Decreased time to unsupervised practice
 - Decreased length of time to maximum productivity
 - Improved retention rates

(Grabenkort, Meissen, Gregg, & Coopersmith, C. M., 2017)



Implementation

- ❖ Proposed a collaborative effort between University of Maryland School of Nursing and University of Maryland Medical Center
 - University of Maryland School of Nursing
 - Has a formal educational structure in place to provide the knowledge, skills, and aptitude for an advanced practice degree.
 - Has the IT support necessary to develop and implement online modules.
 - ANCC Accredited provider of CE
 - University of Maryland Medical Center
 - A large academic center that employs about 200 APPs
 - New APPs are required to meet certain orientation competencies which can be delivered through online modules
- ❖ Met with key stakeholders from both institutions
 - Dr. Carmel McComiskey: Director of APPs at UMMC
 - Dr. Patricia Franklin: Professional Education Director at UMSON
 - Mr. Matt Rietschel: IT Director at UMSON

Next Steps

Topic Development

- Develop module content for first topic – Care of the Liver Transplant Patient

Follow-up meetings

- Dr. Carmel McComiskey to seek approval of first module implementation
- Mr. Matt Rietschel to discuss first module implementing
- Dr Patricia Franklin to discuss the process by which APPs will obtain CEs

Sustainability

- Continue to collaborate as a team and work on the operationalization of this project, fist topic, and future topic.

scholarship

- Work with our mentors to submit an NSPII grant proposal (Fall of 2017)
- Research and publish outcome results

A project such as this is a huge undertaking requiring significant planning, preparation and dedication. Making connections with key stakeholders and carefully planning prior to implementation is required to make the program a success. We will continue to work closely with each other, our mentors, and other project stakeholders to implement the program.

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Objective

- ❖ **To implement an online platform for providing cost effective, efficient delivery of continuing education for APPs.**

Aim/Goal

- ❖ Increased access to continuing education for APPs
- ❖ Improved APPs provider competence
 - Improved patient outcomes
 - Increase patient satisfaction
 - Improved APPs job satisfaction
 - Increase APP retention
- ❖ Long-term goal: Expand delivery of educational modules to all APPs in the state of Maryland