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Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia Track Update 2021
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Abstract

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Anesthesia track at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing continues to make significant progress in meeting the goals of its Nurse Support Program (NSP) II implementation grant. We have implemented the first year of the curriculum in an entirely online (at a distance) format due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are currently finishing the third semester for the inaugural cohort of 20 students. We have also successfully accepted the second cohort and anticipate enrolling 25 students in May 2021. This is a larger cohort than originally planned in the NSP II grant, exceeding our enrollment goals of 20 for 2021. We have implemented a name change to the track from "Nurse Anesthesiology" to "Nurse Anesthesia" due to concerns expressed from our clinical partners and the Maryland Society of Anesthesiologists. Our original cohort of 2023 will begin in-person instruction in May 2021 to include a cadaveric anatomy course offered by the School of Medicine and a simulation boot camp to prepare student registered nurse anesthetists for their first clinical rotations at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and affiliates in the fall of 2021. We have also expanded our faculty with the successful recruitment of Dr. Robert Long, PhD, CRNA, and have an additional hiring action for another certified registered nurse anesthetist to be hired this year. Faculty continue to build 15 unique courses with the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing instructional design team with five courses successfully completed and implemented. We are excited about the progress made to date and appreciate the financial support of the Maryland Higher Education Commission's NSP Program until the track can be financial sustainable with tuition revenue in the future.