Spiritual Integration to Enhance Reflective Practice in the Creighton University Accelerated Nursing Program

Creighton University College of Nursing, consistent with the University mission, focuses on the unique journey of each student to seek the truths and values essential to human life. This journey includes students' ongoing personal growth as members of the human community, and their transition into professional practice. Inspired by this priority, an opportunity to enhance the intentionality of the integration of spirituality in the one-year accelerated nursing curriculum (ANC) was embraced. The goal of this intentional integration was to facilitate the achievement of identified student learning outcomes, and to foster students to become culturally sensitive, respectful and therapeutic professionals.

Specific student activities involving spirituality and reflective practice were identified for each of the three semesters of the ANC to promote leveling of the student learning activities. Through these efforts, the Creighton University College of Nursing Integrated Spirituality Model was developed and used as an organizing framework. The establishment of a reflective practice was identified to envelop the organizing framework and provide a critical tangible proficiency for support and evaluation of the integration of spirituality across the ANC curriculum, and an ongoing resource for future nursing practice.

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