

Mentoring BSN Students into DNAP Education Programs

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Problem

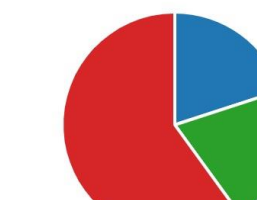
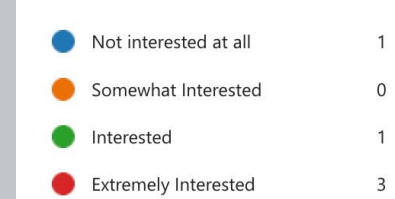
No mentorship program exists between the AHU undergraduate nursing students and the graduate nurse anesthesia students

Methods

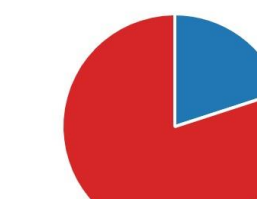
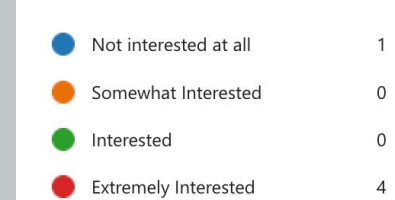
Senior BSN students scheduled to graduate April 2022 completed an 8-week mentorship period in which they were mentored by a current SRNA. BSN students attended a DNAP skills lab. A 12-question survey focused on assessing intent to apply to a DNAP program was delivered to all senior BSN students.

Illustration

4. How interested were you in pursuing graduate level nurse anesthesia education before we contacted you about the mentoring process?



5. How interested are you in pursuing graduate level nurse anesthesia education today?



Discussion & Implications

The main limitation was a small sample size. Analysis of the data showed that there was not a correlation between mentorship and intent to apply. Conducting a project with a larger sample size may show a correlation.

Literature Review

There is minimal evidence to support or deny the use of mentorship for improving intent to apply to DNAP education programs. Mentorship programs should be:

- Initiated early in education
- Clinical & nonclinical skill based
- Structured
- Focused on academic progress

Results

5 BSN students completed the survey, 4 of which participated in the project. 1 student reported an increased level of intent to apply after mentorship. The majority of responses agreed that a mentorship program was needed. Overall, the data obtained was deemed statistically insignificant due to limitations of the project.

More Results

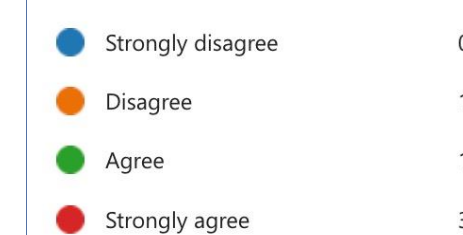
Results were limited due to the small sample size and the small number of responses from BSN students who did not participate in the mentorship period to compare results.

Conclusions

Implementation of a mentorship program between BSN students and SRNAs can increase recruitment into DNAP programs and into the anesthesia profession.

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12. Do you agree that there is a need for a mentorship program between the BSN program and the DNAP program?



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