

Why RIBN? Why Now?

RIBN Faculty Conference Meeting

April 12, 2012

Conference Summary

We had a wonderful meeting on Thursday, April 12th, 2012 that was held at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Sixty eight people, including faculty involved in the Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) partnerships, faculty interested in starting a RIBN program and other key leaders in education and practice, attended this meeting. Presenters at this event were our keynote speaker, Margaret (Maggie) McClure from New York University, Brenda Causey from Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College, Polly Johnson from The Foundation for Nursing Excellence, and Leigh Angel from Mission St Josephs' Healthcare.

Participants participated in small group discussions with each group having the opportunity to brainstorm and respond to one of the topics assigned. Topics ranged from strategies to promote collaboration, communication, and shared learning among RIBN partners; how to choose the "right" curriculum for RIBN students; setting dual admission criteria and marketing for qualified applicants; and how to help support RIBN student success in this new educational pathway. A summary of the discussion topics and group responses are also available on our www.ffne.org website.

Overall participant evaluation of the conference rated the meeting as excellent with presentations providing an important historical perspective on nursing education and why RIBN an important initiative today. The small group activity fostered good dialogue about the RIBN project and issues that must be addressed as academic partners work together to implement this new educational pathway.

We look forward to hosting another RIBN Faculty Conference Meeting in 2013 and want to thank all who attended this important meeting.

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