Simulated Practice Centre Program Evaluation

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George Brown College (GBC) completed major renovations of the Simulated Practice Centre (SPC), formerly the Nursing Resource Centre (NRC) at the St. James Campus and purchased new simulation equipment with funds provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. It is paramount that an effective SPC Program be in place in order to support good learning outcomes for nursing students as well as those in interprofessional and post-licensure programs. Many institutions have little guidance in the process of developing an effective SPC program and are left to guess through trial and error. The NRC was previously operated by one full-time nursing faculty and three sessional nursing faculties and was utilized mainly by nursing students from the Bachelor of Nursing (BScN) and Practical Nursing (PN) programs from 2004 to 2007. With the previous NRC Program model there were many challenges, such as meeting the educational needs of the student population. Presently, the SPC Program model has changed. There are now two nursing faculties and one technologist supporting the SPC program.

As GBC embarks on the development of an efficient SPC Program, the human resources element in the SPC may be an important independent variable amongst other program variables that may contribute to student and faculty satisfaction with the SPC experience.

The research that is being proposed relates to the following research question, "With the introduction of a new SPC Program will there be an increased level of satisfaction from the standpoint of nursing students (BScN and PN) and Nursing faculty, as compared to the previous NRC delivery model". The research design is a retrospective/ex post facto design and will provide the means for conducting a SPC program evaluation.

Benefits to College:
This research will provide evaluation data related to the Simulated Practice Center (SPC) in order to better support the future development of interprofessional Simulation programs at GBC.

Benefits to Industry:
This research study will provide evaluation data related to the Simulated Practice Center (SPC) in order to better support the future development of other simulation programs for our community partners of post-licensure interprofessionals, such as, the Critical Care Course for Registered Nurses at The Hospital for Sick Children.

References