



## WCN November 2016 Newsletter

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### Advising ReNEW Students

ReNEW advising begins with the nursing program where a student seeks admission. Prerequisites and requirements are similar among the University of Wyoming and participating Wyoming community colleges, but each nursing program admits students independently. Pre-admission advising should expose prospective students to the ideas that:

- \* ReNEW is a shared Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum.
- \* Participating community colleges offer a benchmark at which nursing graduates can sit for RN licensure.
- \* Community college nursing graduates can complete a BSN through the University of Wyoming in as few as two semesters.

A student's progress through the ReNEW curriculum will vary, as will advising needs. Each ReNEW program has laid out a course sequence through the BSN degree. All participating community colleges sequences include an Associate Degree benchmark. Students who follow one of these sequences toward their BSN degree will at some point be simultaneously enrolled at a community college and at UW. These students will have contacts at both institutions and advising will be collaborative. Once the students have reached the ADN benchmark, advising will be through UW.

Students and advisors can seek more information through the Wyoming Center for Nursing, contact information below, or David Bodily at david.bodily@uwyo.edu or 307-766-4340.

The WCN is the nursing workforce center and the Action Coalition for the State of Wyoming. "The Wyoming Center for Nursing is committed to creating a culture of health that promotes the development of a diverse health care workforce by transforming nursing education, advancing the health of individuals, and improving communities through fostering collaborative partnerships."

#### Preceptor Orientation

Preceptor orientation modules are available on the WCN website: wynursing.org. The modules can be viewed together or individually. Moreover, you can return to the modules whenever you'd like when you need more information or need a little assistance.

[Click here for Preceptor Orientation modules.](#)



### 2016 Nurses on Boards Survey

**The Wyoming Center for Nursing (WCN) is working to identify nurses who serve on boards and/or have the desire to serve on boards. The Center completed a survey last year about nurses on boards and we are updating the survey again this year. So please respond even if you responded last year.**

**2016 Nurses on Boards Survey [here](#).**

### The ReNEW Student Tracking System

A primary aim of ReNEW, as outlined in the ReNEW vision, is to provide a seamless path for community college students to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. It is important for the ReNEW collaborators to be able to measure the success of this aim. This is a difficult thing to measure for several reasons. Nursing students will work their way through the ReNEW curriculum along different timelines depending on the nursing program they start in, coursework available at given schools, and personal choices and circumstances. All these BSN timelines include coursework at two or more institutions. Students may be enrolled in more than one school simultaneously or they may attend sequentially. There maybe time between coursework at one school and the next.

With the launch of ReNEW, community college nursing programs have reason to know more about coursework their students are completing toward a BSN degree. Likewise, the nursing program at UW has a greater interest in knowing about the progress of students in other programs to plan for community college graduates. To address these needs, a student tracking system is under development at UW. This system is based on a platform in use at UW for tracking prospective students. When the system is completed, student data will be collected from the community colleges about nursing students and their progress. This data will help the Fay W. Whitney School Of Nursing's plan for upper division ReNEW courses as well as give ReNEW collaborators a window into how well ReNEW serves students in their pursuit of a BSN.