

ASN-MSN Prespecialty Exit Survey – Fall 2016

This survey was completed by 6 ASN-MSN pre specialty students in fall 2016 (33% response rate; n=18)

Demographics

Just two of the 2016 respondents gave their year of birth (1985, 1992). Sixty-seven percent (n=2) of respondents who replied were female. Fifty percent (n=3) had an associate’s degree and 17% (n=1) had a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing. All were employed while in the program and 60% (n=3) of those were employed full time and 40% (n=2) part time.

Specialization

Specialty	N=2	
	n	%
Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	1	50.0
Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	0	
Emergency Nurse Practitioner (dual AG ACNP/FNP)	0	
Family Nurse Practitioner	0	
Health Care Leadership	0	
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	0	
Nursing Informatics	1	50.0
Nurse-Midwifery (including Nurse-Midwifery/FNP)	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care	0	
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (all types)	0	
Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner	0	
Women’s Health/Adult-Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	0	

Perception of Ability

Respondents were asked to indicate their perception of their ability in specific areas at the end of their pre-specialty year on a 4 item scale (poor, fair, good, excellent).

Perception of Ability	% rating (n=6)				
	Average Rating (SD)	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Applying Knowledge of the Structure and Function of Human Systems to Health Promotion, Maintenance, Illness Care & Rehabilitation	3.0 (.632)	0.0	16.7	66.7	16.7
Using Problem Solving Skills in the	3.0 (.632)	0.0	16.7	66.7	16.7

Perception of Ability	% rating (n=6)				
	Average Rating (SD)	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Scientific Investigation, Diagnosis & Treatment of Human Responses to Actual & Potential Problems					
Sound Academic Foundation for Masters Level Specialist Education	3.3 (.516)	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3

Possessing a sound academic foundation for master’s level specialist education was rated as excellent by the highest percent of respondents (33%, n=2).

Rating Resources

Respondents were asked to rate the resources available to them on a 4 item scale (poor, fair, good, excellent).

Resources	Average Rating (SD)	% rating (n=6)			
		Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Faculty					
Teaching Competence	3.5 (.837)	0.0	16.7	16.7	66.7
Support/Helpfulness	3.1 (.753)	0.0	16.7	50.0	33.3
Enthusiasm for New Ideas	3.5 (.837)	0.0	16.7	16.7	66.7
Fairness of Evaluation	2.5 (1.04)	16.7	33.3	33.3	16.7
Resources					
Clinical	3.0 (1.26)	16.7	16.7	16.7	50.0
University	4.0 (.000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Technology	3.0 (1.26)	16.7	16.7	16.7	50.0
VUSN Facilities	3.6 (.516)	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7
Services					
Financial Aid Amount*	3.1 (.753)	0.0	16.7	50.0	33.3
Financial Aid Advisement*	2.6 (1.21)	16.7	33.3	16.7	33.3
Admissions Process/Counseling	2.6 (.516)	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0
Course Advising	2.8 (.408)	0.0	16.7	83.3	0.0
Informatics/Computer Support	3.8 (.408)	0.0	0.0	16.7	83.3

*Respondents were offered an “NA”. None of the respondents chose NA

Informatics/Computer Support was rated as excellent by the highest percent of respondents (83%, n=5). Admissions Process/Counseling and Course Advising were rated as excellent by none of respondents.

Overall Quality of Education and Satisfaction with Pre-Specialty Level Program

Respondents were asked to rate the quality of education received so far at VUSN on a 4 item scale (poor, fair, good, excellent). The average rating was 3.3 (SD .816).

Quality by Specialty	n	Average Quality Rating (SD)
Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	1	4.0
Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	0	
Emergency Nurse Practitioner (dual AG ACNP/FNP)	0	
Family Nurse Practitioner	0	
Health Care Leadership	0	
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	0	
Nursing Informatics	1	4.0
Nurse-Midwifery (including Nurse-Midwifery/FNP)	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care	0	
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (all types)	0	
Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner	0	
Women’s Health/Adult Gero Nurse Practitioner	0	

Respondents were also asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the pre-specialty level program on a 4 item scale (poor, fair, good, excellent). The average rating was 2.8 (SD .753). Sixty-seven percent (n=4) rated their satisfaction as good or excellent.

Satisfaction by Specialty	n	Average Satisfaction Rating (SD)
Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner	1	3.0
Adult/Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	0	
Emergency Nurse Practitioner (dual AG ACNP/FNP)	0	
Family Nurse Practitioner	0	
Health Care Leadership	0	
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner	0	
Nursing Informatics	1	3.0
Nurse-Midwifery (including Nurse-Midwifery/FNP)	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care	0	
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care	0	
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (all types)	0	
Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner	0	
Women’s Health/Adult Gero Nurse Practitioner	0	

Themes from open questions

Faculty preparation and involvement were cited as facilitators to learning and performance. Stressors cited involved financial aid and communication of expectations by instructors.