

Agenda Item 20: REGISTERED NURSE SPECIAL PROGRAMS (RNSP) EVALUATION CRITERIA

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Evaluation Criteria Issues

- *RNSP Review Panel inconsistency with Evaluation Criteria.*
- *Evaluation Criteria is not well-defined.*
- *Evaluation Criteria does not clearly articulate what is expected of applicants.*

Evaluation Criterion 3.3

- Criterion 3.3: “Describe how you plan to disseminate information about your proposed special programs to others.”
 - Worth 10 points
 - 0 points: No dissemination plan provided.
 - 5 to 10 points: 5 points per unique example provided within the detailed dissemination plan.
- Issues:
 - Allows programs to submit multiple low quality examples that lack description.
 - No evaluation mechanism to reward detailed examples.
- Recommendations:
 - Reward detailed answers.
 - Add language that takes quality of the examples into consideration.
 - Commission to recommend definition of detailed description.

Evaluation Criterion 3.4

- Criterion 3.4 “Explain what resources are available to support students throughout all stages of the pathway.”
 - Worth 5 points
 - 0 points: No description of academic advising or resource examples cited.
 - +1 point: Brief description of academic advising provided.
 - +2 points: One resource example cited.
 - +2 points: A second resource example cited.
- Issues:
 - Allows programs to submit multiple low quality examples that lack description.
 - No evaluation mechanism to reward detailed examples.
- Recommendations:
 - Reward detailed answers.
 - Add language that takes quality of the examples into consideration.
 - Commission to recommend definition of detailed description.

Evaluation Criterion 3.7

- Criterion 3.7 “Explain how the program participates in a collaborative model of nursing education that expands advancement in degree opportunities for students and/or graduates.”
 - Worth 20 points
 - 0 points: No description of any collaborative efforts.
 - 20 points: Description of collaboration between educational programs (e.g., ADN to BSN, BSN to MSN, ELM to MSN).
- Issues:
 - All or nothing points regardless of description.
 - Bare minimum answers still receive 12 percent of total application score.
- Recommendations:
 - Add language that takes quality of the examples into consideration.
 - Commission to recommend definition of detailed description.