Strategies To Reduce Bias In The Nursing School Admissions Interview Process

Purpose

Reducing Bias in the Admission Process

Population

Faculty Interviewers for:

- Traditional BSN Program
- Accelerated NSB Program
- MSN/DNP Program

Background

Implicit bias leads to unintentional discrimination.

Spoiling the chance for a truly diverse student population

Expected Outcome

Improve faculty awareness of implicit bias

Reduced bias in interview process
Increase percentage of diverse
candidates

Process

Old Way

New Way

Benefit (Bias Reduced)

Recorded
Interview
(Audio Only)

Cost Considerate

(Non-Verbal,
Affinity)

Identified

In Person

Deidentified

(Name Bias)

2 Joint Interviewers Individual Horizontal Review

(Contrast, Conformity, Affinity, Halo/Horn)

Informal Reviewer Training

Formal standardized training interviews

Improved interrater reliability.
Awareness of all types of bias

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Types of Bias

Scan for a list of bias terminology



Metrics

Pre- Post Intervention
Student Admission Diversity
Qualitative Feedback

Barriers

Less personalized experience
Lack of reviewer control
Inability to "read" non-verbal
cues

Increased reviewer time commitment to be trained

Possible reduction in number of trained reviewers

Emphasis accent bias

Lack of awareness of diverse looking individuals



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Biography

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