

## Graduate Nursing Rankings

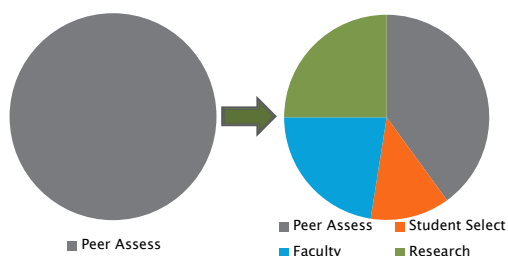
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## Objectives

- Historical Perspective on Graduate Nursing Rankings
- Changes in Rankings for 2016
- Working with USNWR on Ranking Criteria
- Anticipated Changes for 2017

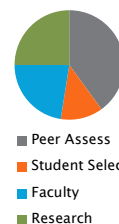
## Historical Perspective



## Change in 2016 Ranking

### Methodology

- ❖ Peer Assessment (0.40)–26% response rate
- ❖ Student Selectivity & Achievement (0.125)
  - ❖ Mean UG GPA (0.05)
  - ❖ Acceptance rate (0.025)
  - ❖ Achievement (0.05)
- Faculty Resources (0.225)
  - Student : Faculty Ratio (0.05)
  - Faculty Credentials (0.05)
- Important Academic Achievements (0.025)
  - Nursing Practice Participation (0.025)
  - Masters Degree Output Productivity (0.025)
- Research Activity (0.25)
  - ❖ Total Research Expenditures (0.15)
  - ❖ Ave Research Expenditure/Faculty (0.10)



## Specialty Rankings 2016

- Ranked in 2015
- The nursing specialty rankings are based solely on assessments by nursing school deans and deans of graduate studies who identified up to 10 schools offering the best programs in each specialty area.
- Those schools receiving the most votes in each specialty are numerically ranked in descending order based on the number of nominations they received, as long as they received seven or more nominations in that specialty area.

## AACN Ad Hoc Taskforce on Rankings

- Representatives from AACN, SUNY, Baylor University, Montana State University, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Two conference calls with USNWR representatives
- Issues raised with 2016 methodology

## Issues Raised with USNWR

- ▶ **Dissemination of Survey and Peer Assessment: Accurate Contact Information**
- ▶ **Methodology**
  - **Peer Assessment**
  - Student Selectivity & Achievement (0.125)
    - Mean UG GPA (0.05)
    - Acceptance rate (0.025)
    - **Achievement (0.05)**
  - Faculty Resources (0.225)
    - **Student : Faculty Ratio (0.05)**
    - Faculty Credentials (0.05)
    - **Important Academic Achievements (0.025)**
  - **Nursing Practice Participation (0.025)**
  - **Masters Degree Output Productivity (0.025)**
  - Research Activity (0.25)
    - Total Research Expenditures (0.15)
    - Ave Research Expenditure by faculty member (0.10)

## USNWR says that:

“the upcoming master’s ranking methodology will change since we have changed the definitions of many of the statistical indicators used in last year’s ranking (2016) per our work with AACN and other deans at nursing schools. We will rank DNP programs using a separate methodology than the master’s ranking uses.”

## New Additions to Survey for 2017 Rankings

- ▶ Accredited DNP programs will be ranked
- ▶ Addition to Survey
  - National APN Certification Rates
  - Graduation Rates
  - Employment Rates
  - Additional Faculty Achievements
  - Clarified Definition of Full-time and Part-time Faculty
  - Defined Research Funding
- ▶ 2017 Ranking & Methodology will be released in March 2016
- ▶ Also Nurse Midwifery and Nurse Anesthesia rankings will be done based on the universe of all accredited programs.

## Your Thoughts?