

A key to success in healthcare education: Getting stakeholder commitment

Required Resources and Challenges





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Introduction

Acute care hospitals are working to improve outcomes related to falls, delirium, pressure ulcers and length of stay. One contributor to all of these concerns is a lack of mobility of patients. Nurses seek physician orders and help from physical therapy to get patients moving. An evidenced-based, nurse-driven protocol was developed by an Advanced Practice Nurse at Hackensack University Medical Center so nurses could take the initiative in getting patients moving. A Nursing Professional Development (NPD) practitioner was assigned the project of getting 1100 nurses, nursing assistants and patient care technicians in the adult, in-patient setting educated in all aspects of this protocol. The cost in time and the impact on staffing to get everyone prepared was challenging. To be successful, educators, managers and leaders had to be committed to the project. Recognizing and balancing the various priorities of the stakeholders was important to consider. The early involvement of program stakeholders, and through all phases of the project, is key to implementing evidence-based practice (EBP) projects in clinical settings (Manchester, et al. 2014, p. 82).

Learning Outcome

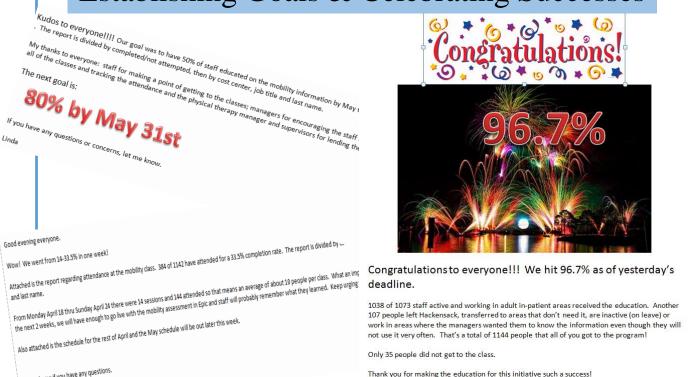
Current state: NPD practitioners struggle to acquire support and commitment from various stakeholders to education projects that will necessitate the dedication of large amounts of human resources.

Desired state: NPD practitioners will develop strategies to promote and maintain teamwork and commitment to an education initiative without compromising collegiality.

Learning Outcome: At the conclusion of this presentation the participant will be able to identify strategies that will promote teamwork and commitment among the stakeholders in an education initiative.



Establishing Goals & Celebrating Successes



Why patients need to be more active The nurse-driven protocol The mobility tool **Ambulatory assistance devices** Documentation

Major considerations:

Available around the clock

Adequate staffing

The Physical Therapists: Reinforce with educators proper use of assistive devices

Lift equipment

Skills lab

Program crossed multiple domains: cognitive, psychomotor and affective.

Budget neutral

Varied level of education of participants

The Resources Needed:	

The Program Content:

Educators

Handouts, laminated cards with information to be available on unit

Needed to learn the information and support changes

Assistive devices (walkers, canes, crutches)

Changes in Electronic Medical Record to coincide with staff readiness

Lift equipment

Needed to learn the information | Flexibility - to be able to work around current responsibilities

Continuing Education credits

The Unit Managers:

The Educators:

(3 assisted)

Assistance with classes

Provide assistive devices for training

Strategies

Educator commitment:

- Department meeting explaining what needed to be taught and why. Educators gave input on how it should be done and what to include. Determined the length of the class and estimated how long the project would take to complete.
- Department meeting to review/learn content and how to use the assistive devices.
- Schedule based on skills lab availability and already scheduled programs posted on a shared drive monthly. Weekend and evening classes scheduled close together to minimize schedule disruption and travel time.
- Each educator signed up for classes as they best fit their schedule. One person was the lead educator for each class. Two others signed up to assist with the hands-on training and could be dismissed by the leader if the class was small. Physical therapists signed up to help in some classes.
- Content added to orientation.
- Weekly email updates on progress with attendance.

Manager commitment:

- NPD practitioner attended a manager council meeting to explain the project and why the protocol was being implemented.
- Requested input from managers on times and days they could make it work.
- Attended a second meeting of the council at 6 weeks to reaffirm commitment, validate schedule requirements, encourage their attendance.
- Weekly email attendance updates with compliments for good attendance and progress and encouragement when attendance fell off. This was cc'd to leadership also.
- Calendar of classes for the month sent weekly.

Ongoing teaching & reinforcement:

- Reminders (Boosters) sent via email to managers to be forwarded to staff and posted on units with reminders of material learned.
- Content reinforced and reviewed in 2017 annual competency classes.

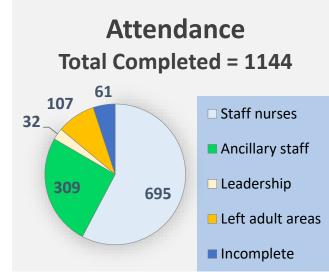


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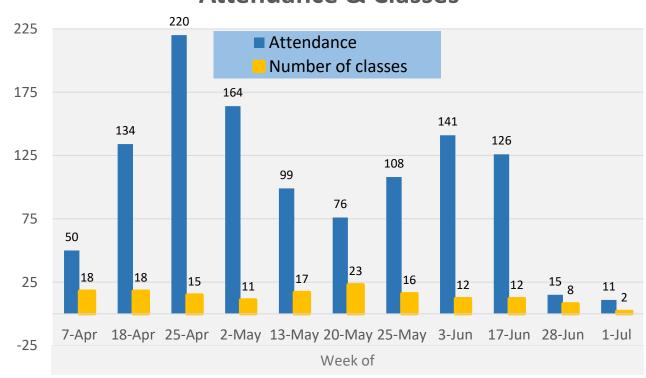
Program Data:

- Weeks 14
- Classes 152
- Attendance 1144
- Educators 9 full time, 2 part time
- Successful Launch:

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Attendance & Classes



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