



**Benchworks**  
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## **NURSING CASE STUDY**

### **BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY**



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Bluefield State University is one of two winners of the 2023 Benchworks Assessment and Impact Award in nursing for high survey scores related to satisfaction with quality of nursing instruction, and course and lecture interaction. With its continuous goal to better serve student needs, BSU'S School of Nursing uses data from AACN/Benchworks Undergraduate Nursing Exit Assessment to reinvigorate course content, create a systematic approach to learning, yet remain sensitive to the needs of diverse learners.

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We do whatever it takes to help our students succeed.  
**Using survey data allow us to make impactful, student-forward changes.**

**CAROL COFER** | *Director and Professor of Nursing*

# HOW THEY USED DATA

## WHAT THEY LEARNED



### Students Felt Overwhelmed by Big Projects

#### WHAT THEY DID

- Restructure nursing research course to include mini-bootcamps
- Feed research coursework into the senior practicum requirements
- Add additional writing resources

#### RESULTS

- Momentum is more manageable
- Progressively build on foundational competencies
- Assess student throughout the developmental process



### Students Need Time to Remediate and Learn

#### WHAT THEY DID

- Weekly meetings and multiple touchpoints with students
- Prompt written and video feedback from faculty
- One-on-one tutoring

#### RESULTS

- A systematic, step-by-step approach
- Catch students who are struggling early
- Provide timely, immediate, actionable feedback



### Students Struggled During the Pandemic

#### WHAT THEY DID

- Reassess the value of every assignment
- Expand assignment formats to reach diverse learners
- Examine contemporary concerns in nursing

#### RESULTS

- A systematic, step-by-step approach
- Catch students who are struggling early
- Provide timely, immediate, actionable feedback