OUR UPDATED NURSING SURVEYS

FOUR THINGS NURSING EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS SHOULD KNOW

In response to changes in standards, the Benchworks Analytics & Research Team has worked diligently to update our market-leading exit, alumni, and employer surveys for nursing education.

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We recognized it was the right time to revise the surveys.

Nursing professionals have relied on Benchworks for two decades for longitudinal data and accreditation, so we are deliberate about when and how we make survey

AACN's updated *Essentials* established a competency-based structure for nursing education, leading to significant curriculum and assessment changes.

As a longtime partner of AACN, Benchworks takes pride in helping nursing education programs collect data to aid AACN members in program improvement and accreditation.

CCNE accreditation will require all nursing programs to show how their curriculum addresses and aligns with the update *Essentials* beginning in 2025.

We carried out an extensive update process based on rigorous research.

Before we drafted a single survey question, we did over a year of research that included...

- Review of relevant literature and research related to the changes in standards
- Interviews from dozens of experts in the nursing profession
- Feedback from current and former nursing customers

All the research culminated in a year-long, multi-survey national pilot...

3 Sets of new learning questions tested, one each for BSN, MSN, and DNP degree levels

168 Number of nursing programs across the United States chose to participate in the survey pilot

17k Number of graduating nursing students completed exit surveys that included the new questions

The updated surveys provide practical questions and actionable data.

Each survey has a new, validated set of learning questions that are unique to each degree level.

Learning questions parallel across exit and alumni within each degree level.

All exit and alumni surveys have the same eight learning factors, making it easier to compare within your entire program.

All new learning questions align closely with the domains and competencies in AACN's updated *Essentials*.

Feedback from nursing programs played the biggest role in shaping the process.

You said you needed shorter surveys that were easier for students and alumni to complete.

You said you needed a balance between improvements and maintaining longitudinal data.

You said you needed easier ways to get employment data for CCNE accreditation.

The updated exit and alumni surveys are 20% shorter than before without sacrificing depth.

We made no changes to the satisfaction questions or factors on any of the surveys.

We updated our employment questions to better align with CCNE's reporting definition.

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