

GPSS Report  
Graduate Program Review  
Nursing Certificate Program

On April 22, 2009 the Graduate and Professional Student Senate participated in the Nursing Certificate Program Review. The GPSS Chief of Staff attended the 25 minute review, which was moderated by a peer committee. One student attended the physical review, and 32 respondents answered questions on the Catalyst survey. This report will reflected all student responses.

**Faculty and Staff**

- Students had high praise for faculty and staff members, especially their availability and openness.

**Community**

- First-year students appreciated the opportunity to meet each other.
- Students feel the Nursing Certificate Program is very supportive.

**Curriculum**

- Students would like a more focused curriculum.
- Some distance students expressed concern about keeping up with their studies.

**Funding**

- Students expressed some concern for future funding.

**Advising**

- Students expressed difficulty communicating with their advisors, and getting their advising committee together.
- There was also praise for Terri Simpson as an advisor.

**Recommend to other students**

- There was overwhelming support for students wanting to take the certificate program.

**Progress**

- Some students felt they had to make their own way through the program. Others had specific guidelines and progress reports sent to them.

**Overview**

Unfortunately, because of the poor turnout for the physical review session, the GPSS report is a little sparse. However, from what I could gather from both the survey and the review session, students are satisfied with the program. They had high praise for the faculty and staff, although it seemed because so many students from different programs are taking the certificate it is slightly disparate.