

EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARGE
College of Nursing

The University of Kentucky has established a policy of regularly-scheduled unit self-study and program review. A crucial part of this process is the evaluation of the unit's self-study by an External Review Committee (ERC). The purpose of the external review is to provide the unit with additional perspectives and evaluation of the quality and effectiveness of the unit's programs, services, resources, processes, and operations, using the unit's self-study as a starting point. The ERC shall:

- Examine the self-study report;
- Confirm the validity of the report's conclusions based on interviews with appropriate parties;
- Engage in additional information-seeking, as necessary;
- Identify additional strengths and recommendations for quality enhancement, and;
- Prepare a written final report (approximately 7-10 pages) that briefly describes the ERC's process and provides a data-driven rationale for each strength and recommendation identified.

As the University of Kentucky begins to create an ambitious, new Strategic Plan, the College of Nursing is well-positioned to reflect on the results and recommendations of its program review and to propose goals and measures that will ensure its success in supporting the mission and goals of the University. The program review self-study includes a detailed description of the unit's strategic plans, policies and procedures, organizational structure and development. Common themes include:

- Effectively responding to the changing academic needs of students and faculty;
- Enhanced communication across the University to inform the campus of its services;
- Effectively allocating human and fiscal resources to support mission, operations, processes, services and programs; and
- Engaging in outcomes-based activities that support University missions.

Therefore, the External Review Committee shall consider the current economic climate, the emphasis on accountability and transparency in higher education, and seek answers to the following questions:

- What are the critical changes or enhancements needed to improve the quality, effectiveness and impact of the College of Nursing programs, services, and administrative staff?
- What are the college's most pressing issues and challenges?
- How does the college's budget compare to benchmark and aspirational institutions?
- Are the metrics of the college's activities effectively measuring its impact or should adjustments be made?
- What opportunities and challenges does the college face moving forward?

I look forward to receiving the final report and recommendations of the External Review Committee by August 1, 2014. Thank you in advance for your time and support of this important process.

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Date