The Fork in the Road: Preparing Faculty to Support Evidence Based Practice Projects

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The Original Map

What did it look like before?



Year 1

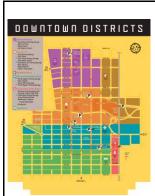
- · Deliverables integrated into course
 - Literature Review
 - Theoretical Framework Paper
 - Nonparametric and parametric outlines
 - Statistical homework
 - data sets
 - · running analysis
 - · writing interpretations
- Proposal Development

Year 2

- Two Scholarly Project Options
 - Faculty Defined
 - students participated in an ongoing faculty research project currently in progress
 - Students selected a project from faculty defined list of topics related to their program of study
 - Student Defined students identified a topic area
- All students publicly presented and disseminated final results

Issues

- Engagement challenges
 - Students more interested in their specialty clinical courses and less interested in research process
 - Faculty challenged to develop innovative methods to deliver content highlighting relevance to clinical practice
 - Direct scholarly projects toward utilizing knowledge to analyze outcomes, initiate change or improve practice
- · Intense workload for faculty



The New Map

What does it look like now?

Year 1: Knowledge Acquisition

- · Theme identified & students assigned to faculty advisors
- · Develop a Problem Statement and Clinical Question within the Topic Theme
- Create Systematic Evidence Evaluation Table
- Synthesize and Presentation of Evidence

Year 2: Knowledge Integration

- · Identify Clinical Problems from Practice
- · Apply process to Clinical Cases
- Write the Case Reports
- Dissemination
- · Preparation of Portfolio

Portfolio Elements

Year 1: Knowledge Acquisition



- 1. Clinical Problem & PICOT
- 2. Evidence Search Strategy
- 3. Systematic Evidence Evaluation 3. Case Report Presentation Table
- Evidence Synthesis & Presentation

"Learn how to do it"

Year 2: Knowledge Integration



- 1. 3 Case Narrative Reports
- 2. Abstract
- 4. Poster Presentation

"Do it again" (clinical application)



The Fork in the Road

Preparing faculty for change

Preparing Faculty

- · Initiating the change
 - What's driving it? (compelling?)
 - Have you identified the right change agents?
- Syllabus/deliverables/final product example
 - Gives faculty something to react to / look at
- · Gathering faculty support
 - Prior to moving to a faculty vote
- · Faculty development
 - Partner with experts (ASU, in our case)



Positioning Traffic Cones

Obstacles to changing the focus

Positioning Traffic Cones

- · Managing change: adding on vs paradigm shift
 - We have to do what?!
- Lack of knowledge of EBP paradigm and process
 - We can't teach what we don't know
 - I'm supposed to chair an EBP committee!?
- · Confusion between research and EBP
 - We already do this! OR
 - Research is being dumbed down!
- IRB issues
 - Do EBP projects need to go through IRB??



Managing Blind Corners

Faculty mentoring/support during transition

Faculty Mentoring

- · Just in time training
 - USU and ASU
- · Community of practice
- Champions
- · Faculty mentors
- · Forget the laggards



Bumps in the Road

Navigating unforeseen challenges

Challenges: PICOT Development

- · Population too broadly described
- · Comparison group too narrow
- · treatment too narrow
- · Case scenario too broad

Challenges: Search Strategy

- Lack of knowledge about databases and what they focus on
- Not understanding how to "limit" (too big) and then they limit too much and get nothing
- It's really about experience/practice
- Demonstrating search strategy (print screen) challenging for some
- Use of MeSH terms

Challenges: Appraisal

- Statistics class is needed: basic introduction to research is not enough
- · Basic concepts not well understood
 - 100+ subjects who completed 3 different survey instruments - one student thought was a "qualitative" study





