Provide an example of the program’s most interesting or important assessment finding that demonstrates the program’s success associated with a program learning outcome.

All students (100%) were assessed and were successful in meeting the program outcome, develop knowledge for the discipline of nursing that will impact the health of vulnerable populations, using the dissertation rubric. The College is pleased that our current curriculum enables students to develop knowledge that impacts the health of vulnerable populations to pass the dissertation defense the first time.

Describe an assessment result that indicates an opportunity for improvement and identify the specific actions the program will take to improve student learning.

Assessment measures need to be refined, namely the dissertation rubric, to more precisely identify areas for improvement. Actions to improve students quality of publishable work and ability to articulate a research trajectory will require ongoing discussion in the PhD subcommittee. The scores on the dissertation rubric were shared at the PhD subcommittee meeting in August 2010 and the issues placed on the agenda for future meetings.