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7.2.1 INSTITUTIONAL BEST PRACTICES AS PER THE NAAC FORMAT

Best Practice 1

Title of the Practice: Sri Shanmugha College Of Nursing Digital Transformation (SSCONDT)

Objectives of the Practice:

- 1. To Enhance the Learning Experience
- 2. For making Efficient Administration
- 3. To Improve Communication
- 4. To implement the Data-Driven Decision Making
- 5. To Provide Accessibility and Flexibility
- 6. To provide Innovation and Adaptability
- 7. To improve security and compliance

The Context:

The goal of Sri Shanmugha College of Nursing's digital transformation is to use technology to improve learning outcomes, increase operational effectiveness, and get teachers and students ready for the changing face of healthcare delivery. It aims to incorporate cutting-edge digital technologies that meet the demands of contemporary nursing practice and education.

Practice:

Implementing Learning Management Systems (LMS) or other digital platforms to deliver course materials, assignments, and facilitate communication between students and faculty. Utilizing video conferencing tools for lectures, seminars, and discussions, allowing remote learning and collaboration. Automating administrative tasks such as admissions, scheduling, and student records management to improve efficiency. Preparing nursing students to thrive in a healthcare environment that increasingly relies on digital tools and technologies.

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Evidence of success:

Positive feedback from faculty members on the ease of delivering courses, managing student interactions, and accessing teaching resources through digital platforms. Successful adoption and integration of advanced technologies enhancing experiential learning for students. Alumni reporting that their education equipped them with relevant digital skills and knowledge, contributing to their career advancement and success in the healthcare field. Digital transformation initiatives at Sri Shanmugha College of Nursing have not only modernized educational practices but also enhanced overall effectiveness, student outcomes, and institutional reputation.

Problems encountered and resources required:

S.No	Problem	Solution
1	Resistance to Change-due to	Technical Support-Dedicated IT support
	unfamiliarity, perceived	personnel or services to provide
	complexity, or concerns	troubleshooting, maintenance and
,		resolving technical issues
2	Infrastructure Limitations-can	IT Infrastructure- Reliable internet
	hinder the implementation and	connectivity necessary for digital
	scalability of digital tools	learning and administrative tasks
3	Cost Constraints-may restrict	Financial Investment- providing
	investment in advanced	Adequate funding
	technologies	
4	Digital Skills Gap-may lack	Training and Professional Development-
	adequate training and	training programs for faculty and staff
	proficiency in using digital	
	tools	
5	Data Security and Privacy	Data Security Measures-Implementation
	Concerns-requiring robust	of robust cyber security measures for
	security measures and policies	handling sensitive information securely

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6	Accessibility and Inclusivity-	Accessibility Tools-to ensure digital
	Ensuring that digital resources	accessibility for all students and
	and platforms are accessible to	Collaboration Tools-to facilitate
	all	teamwork, communication, and
		coordination
7	Maintenance and Support to	Technical Support-resolving technical
	troubleshooting for digital	issues
	tools	

Best Practice 2

Title of the Practice: Green Campus at Sri Shanmugha College of Nursing (GCSSCON)

Objectives of the Practice:

- 1. To enhance environmental conservation
- 2. To establish robust waste management systems
- 3. To integrating green building designs to minimize environmental impact
- 4. To Provide education and awareness
- 5. To create green spaces on campus that support biodiversity
- 6. To encourage sustainable transportation
- 7. To develop and implement policies and guidelines

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The context:

Green Campus at Sri Shanmugha College of Nursing can be contextualized within the broader framework of promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility within the educational institution. The Green Campus initiative can not only reduce the environmental footprint of the institution but also foster a culture of sustainability among future healthcare professionals and contribute positively to the community's environmental well-being.

Practice:

S.No	Practices	
1	Energy Efficiency Initiatives	i)Energy Audits- Conduct regular
		audits to identify energy consumption
		ii)LED Lighting- to reduce electricity
		usage
		iii)Awareness Programs- turning off
		lights and electronics when not in use
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2	Water Conservation Measures	i)Low-Flow Fixtures- to minimize
		water usage in campus buildings
		ii)Rainwater Harvesting- to capture
		and reuse rainwater
	÷	iii) Leak Detection- to prevent water
		wastage.
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3	Waste Management Strategies	i) Recycling Programs- to prevent
		water wastage.
		ii)Composting-to Establish
		composting facilities for organic waste
	,	iii)Reduce Single Use Plastics-
		Promote the use of reusable products
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4	Green Building and Infrastructure	i)Sustainable Construction- using eco- friendly building materials ii)Providing green spaces- to enhance biodiversity and improve air quality
5	Transportation and Mobility Initiatives	i)Promote Alternative Transportation- Encourage students and staff to use bicycles, walk ii)Electric Vehicle Charging Stations- to support sustainable transportation
6	Monitoring and Evaluation	i)Performance Metrics- to monitor the effectiveness of sustainability initiatives ii)Annual Reports- annual sustainability reports to communicate progress, achievements, and goals to stakeholders

Evidence of success:

- 1. Reduction in Energy Consumption- through energy audits and implementation of energy-efficient technologies
- 2. Increased Recycling and Waste Diversion Rates
- 3. Water Conservation Achievements
- 4. Student and Staff Engagement- participation rates in green campus events, workshops, and educational programs

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- 5. Cost Savings- achieved through energy efficiency measures, waste reduction initiatives, and sustainable procurement practices
- 6. Long-Term Sustainability Goals- such as carbon neutrality commitments, zero waste initiatives, and enhancing biodiversity on campus.

Problems encountered and resources required:

S.No	Problem	Solution
1	Initial Investment Costs	Seek funding with environmental organizations or government agencies
2	Resistance from stakeholders	Conduct awareness campaigns, provide training and education
3	Lack of Institutional Support	Advocate for sustainability, establish a Green Campus committee or task force
4	Limitations in existing infrastructure	Prioritize upgrades based on feasibility and impact
5	Behavioural Change Challenges	Implement behaviour change campaigns, communication to reinforce the importance of individual actions
6	Monitoring and Accountability	Track key performance indicators, report outcomes to stakeholders for transparency and accountability
7	Lack of Technical Expertise	Engage consultants or specialists in sustainability
8	Policy Development and Advocacy	Establish clear policies and guidelines

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