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The nursing science major must prepare students for professional practice in a complex health care environment. The purpose of this project is to (a) describe student learning outcomes for each component of the nursing science curriculum (scholarship, leadership, clinical excellence) and their links to Nursing Science curriculum (b) develop preliminary procedures to assess the achievement of these outcomes; and (c) conduct a pilot assessment of the effectiveness of our curriculum in preparing our students for their National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) exam. We plan to use a standardized training program to help prepare our students and to use student scores on the NCLEX to conduct our first review of the curriculum while simultaneously developing the assessment tools to evaluate the other areas of student performance (e.g., scholarship).