

GAP Analysis Example Template

Current State

The (clinic, hospital, office) is currently (practicing, utilizing) (for this reason or this treatment or this process) .

(**The current state**) The (current practice) is (now outdated/ not meeting the needs) and an (evidence based practice guideline) (by CDC, AHQR,) will be (introduced, utilized, implemented) for (condition, disorder, process).

_____ is a (condition, problem) requiring

Unfortunately, (what we are currently using doesn't meet the needs of patients, are the new guidelines, needed to provide essential care) (reference). (Inaccurate views, underutilized resources, current standards) create (barriers, decrease efficiency, prevent something) to (treatment, care, efficiency). The evaluation of the (current operating system, policy, process, procedure) was necessary to pinpoint areas in need of improvement that help facilitate change.

Ideal Future State

Implementing current evidence-based practices in the (name of practice, clinic, office, hospital) is the future goal of this scholarly project. This (method, protocol, practice, guideline) focuses on (care, processes). (Why we feel this is the best method for screening, practice, patient care).

This (guideline, practice change, evaluation) is now the (gold standard of care or best evidence in (treating, identifying the problem or issue) using evidence-based practices to (standardize care, improve care). (reference)

(Patients, Providers, Institutions, Clinics) who (are educated, treated, provided with this method) demonstrate (greater weight loss, decrease in blood pressure, improvement in clinical processes) (reference).

SWOT Analysis

Barriers to Project Implementation

Significant barriers exist to the adaptation and implementation of evidence-based nursing (2002). Utilizing a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis to assess (organizations, projects, and processes) helps identify barriers and threats that are critical to a change in practice. This analysis examines internal and external elements of environments and

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<p>Currently using evidence-based practices for treating _____.</p> <p>Medical providers trained</p> <p>In house pharmacy services.</p> <p>Electronic Health Record.</p>	<p>Current practice.</p> <p>Inconsistent implementation</p> <p>Current cultural barriers from stakeholder disciplines.</p> <p>Suspected stakeholder perceptions and misconceptions of treatment</p>
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<p>Electronic survey to assess current treatment practices</p> <p>Increase staff education on the benefits and need (for this new treatment/ plan, process)</p> <p>Treatment with will (decrease symptom management, improve care) of (untreated disease, condition, process)</p> <p>Improved patient outcomes (how)</p>	<p>Potential practice change disinterest by administration.</p> <p>Continued (use, non-compliance) by (patients, staff, administration)</p> <p>Misconceptions of treatment by stakeholders</p> <p>Other</p>

change processes to ensure preparedness (reference).