



TWINNING PARTNERSHIP: WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CA PROGRAM AND UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER PA PROGRAM

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WSU AIM Statement: Strengthening & Improving the MCQ test-writing skills of CA lecturers

□ Why WSU CA Program came to this AIM?

- Added a new testing method after the 3 RSA programs agreed to start using the same testing format (added MCQs to OSCEs and MEQs)
- With the addition of MCQs, we discovered that WSU CA lecturers lacked experience in writing multiple choice questions (MCQs)
- WSU QI workshop partners believe that this aim is achievable and an important QI project for our program
- Identified an achievable aim that could be shared with other RSA CA program- program is new ,there are no bank Qs.

How can QI Help WSU achieve its AIM?

QI provides a Log- **framework** for identifying a problem and a **roadmap** for achieving a successful outcome.

Most important challenges we face

- Limited access to test-writing resources (e.g., training materials, IT access, external expertise)
- Lecturers lack particular test-writing skills and experience in developing MCQs that fairly tests the content of teaching module.
- Time constraints of lecturers, managing competing demands of program
- Insufficient reinforcement of test-writing skill development workshops provided by UC Denver faculty

Next Step for WSU to achieve its AIM?

- Develop a staff test-writing development workplan that synchronize WSU needs with UC Denver expertise - **HOLD PARTNERS TO THE WORKPLAN!**
 - ▣ Schedule workshops and follow-up activities in the work
 - ▣ Identity specific objectives for each skill development activity. (part of a broader monitoring and evaluation system being developed by WSU Research Coordinator)

Working with other RSA partners?

- Hold regular countrywide CA Program stakeholder meetings to share and exchange successes and challenges for QI program development
- Whenever a capacity-building workshop is held in any CA program in SA or any other African Country and beyond, invite CA program representatives to attend in order to share experiences and keep abreast with the new developments.