NURSING RESOURCE CENTER

California's Community Colleges are the largest educator of registered nurses in California, graduating approximately 70 percent of the state's newly registered nurses each year. Due to capacity constraints, Community Colleges can admit only 45 percent of qualified applicants. The Foundation and its partners have developed the Nursing Resource Center (NRC) to help California educate more nurses.

A grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation enabled the Foundation, in partnership with the California Institute for Nursing & Health Care, to develop the NRC. Launched in 2005, the NRC aims to increase a region's capacity for nursing education through two web-based tools: the Centralized Clinical Placement System and the Centralized Faculty Resource Center.

Maximizing Placement

The Centralized Clinical Placement System (CCPS) streamlines the clinical experience scheduling process and exposes untapped openings, allowing programs to identify unused clinical capacity, which helps increase enrollment. Nursing instructors' needs are matched to openings at clinical agencies throughout the region. Since 2004, CCPS has helped enable a 20 percent increase in Bay Area nursing program enrollment.

The Centralized Faculty Resource Center (CFRC) aims to address the need for qualified and willing educators by creating a one-stop resource that connects nursing professionals and schools of nursing. Experienced nurses interested in teaching, both part-time and full-time, can post profiles, and nursing programs can post job openings. The CFRC facilitates the sharing of part-time faculty between nursing programs. The website also includes resources such as education opportunities, scholarship and grant information, and industry news.

Expanding Nationwide

The Foundation has made the NRC available for licensing in regions throughout the United States, and continues to host the sites at their office in Sacramento. The Foundation also provides technical support and user training. The NRC was piloted in the San Francisco Bay Area, and has been licensed for use in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, the Texas Gulf Coast, Florida, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Tri-State region, North Texas, and Hawaii.

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Highlights

- More than 90 clinical agencies and schools of nursing use the Bay Area Nursing Resource Center.
- Approximately 4,500 registered nurses graduate from California Community Colleges each year.

Partner Organizations

- California Institute for Nursing & Health Care
- Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official foundation to the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works with Community Colleges and partner organizations to manage donations, grants, programs, and services that drive excellence in education while saving millions of dollars for colleges each year. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and receives no direct state or public support. ***For more information, visit www.foundationccc.org.***