Partners in Nursing of Central Illinois

A Grass Roots Initiative to Address Regional Nursing Shortages

A collaborative effort led by the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation and Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University
Is There a Nursing Shortage?

The short answer is YES, and all of us will rely on highly skilled nurses at some point in our lives. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security’s most recent labor market information, the number of NEW registered nurses needed annually in central Illinois is estimated at 600! This number accounts for growth and replacement of positions, and includes the counties encompassing Bloomington-Normal, Decatur, Champaign, Peoria, Pontiac, and Springfield.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO NURSING NEEDS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS*

- A high percentage of new graduates from regional colleges of nursing gain employment as registered nurses in areas outside central Illinois.
- Regional colleges of nursing seeking PhD prepared faculty experience a severe shortage of applicants to fill these positions.
- Regional long term care facilities experience the most acute nursing shortage.

*Information from the 2004 Critical Skills Shortage Initiative (CSSI) from the North Central Economic Development Region (NCEDR)

How Does Partners in Nursing of Central Illinois Address the Nursing Shortage?

Thanks to a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Northwest Health Foundation and to support from an increasing number of community partners, Partners in Nursing of Central Illinois will implement initiatives to address three goals.

- Increase regional retention of BSN graduates from colleges of nursing in central Illinois.
- Increase PhD prepared nursing faculty at regional colleges of nursing.
- Create interest among regional nursing graduates in caring for aging adults.
Ways We Can All Help

- Become better educated about regional nursing needs.
- Initiate conversation throughout central Illinois about the nursing shortage and the PIN of CI.
- Become a new partner - *individuals and organizations welcome!*
- Looking for a career change or advancement? Explore opportunities in nursing.
- Help us find more partners to address the nursing shortage.
- Assist in creating new and unique solutions for our nursing needs.
- Investigate how you or your organization can contribute to PIN of CI activities.

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