

Enriching Clinical Learning Environments through Partnerships in Long-Term Care (ECLEPs)

This project builds capacity for long-term care (LTC) facilities to be excellent clinical learning sites for nursing students in the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Through community-academic partnerships, we will create a model training and support program that provides LTC staffs with essential knowledge and skills to enhance their practice setting and support students' learning. The product of this proposal will be two enriched LTC clinical education sites for nursing students, one in a nursing facility and one in a community-based LTC facility (e.g. assisted living, residential care). The program will be available for replication by other schools and LTC facilities throughout Oregon and the Northwest. This project is funded by the Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF).

Specific objectives are to:

1. Develop a training program for LTC nurses and other staff to create an enriched practice/learning environment for both the staff and nursing students.
2. Provide mentored coaching to facilities that complete the training program during a subsequent clinical rotation of students at their facility.
3. Build a network of peer partners that supports excellence in clinical education in LTC through mutual goal setting and problem solving to sustain enriched clinical learning environments.

Through these objectives the project addresses **three critical goals** of the funding organization, the NWHF:

1. Create or enhance nursing partnerships between home and community-based LTC settings/providers and academic institutions, including expanding the availability of quality clinical experiences for nursing students.
2. Bolster interest in geriatric nursing as a practice specialty.
3. Support the development of relationships between academia, practice, and state and national groups working on issues of health care for seniors.

Partners

Cedar Sinai Park (pilot site)
 Community Based Care Nurses Association
 Fairlawn Good Samaritan Village & Health Center
 Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, Oregon Health Sciences University
 Mary's Woods at Marylhurst
 Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services
 Oregon Center of Nursing Long Term Care Task Force
 Oregon Health Care Association
 Oregon Seniors & People with Disabilities
 Portland State University
 Town Center Village (pilot site)

Winter & Spring 2007	Site Recruitment & Selection Training Plan developed
Summer & Fall 2007	Sites Trained Chronic Illness II Fine Tuning Mentor Coach Training Peer Network Plan in Progress Clinical Sites in ECLEPs -2 sites, 4 students in each Mentor Coach in Action
Winter 2008	Clinical Sites in ECLEPs -2 sites, 4 students in each Mentor Coach in Action Peer Network Implemented
Spring & Summer 2008	Evaluation Feedback Fine Tune: Training Program Mentor Coach Chronic Illness II Peer Network
Fall 2008 Winter 2009	Clinical Sites in ECLEPs -2 sites, 4 students in each Mentor Coach in Action Peer Network in Action
Spring 2009	Peer Network Growing
Summer 2009	Everyone wants an ECLEPs! Oregon facilities OCNE schools

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