

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 have created a model training and support program that provides LTC staffs with essential knowledge and skills to enhance their practice setting and support students' learning (*ECLEPS-1*). Rural replication of this project (*ECLEPS-2*) will develop at least eight enriched LTC clinical facilities in educational-practice partnerships with at least four registered nurse education programs in southwest Oregon. We expect to prepare, at minimum, 16 staff nurses to serve as clinical education liaisons for up to 80 nursing students over a 3 year time frame. The program uses resources and processes developed in *ECLEPS-1* in Portland. Funding for *ECLEPS-2* is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (D62HP06855-04-01). *ECLEPS-3* focuses on application of the model in the OHSU statewide baccalaureate nursing completion program. Clinical partner sites will be settings for senior level courses in leadership and population health. Funding for *ECLEPS-1* and *ECLEPS-3* is provided by the Northwest Health Foundation.

Specific objectives are to:

1. Deliver educational programs for LTC nurses and other staff to create an enriched practice/learning environment for both the staff and nursing students
2. Expand a statewide 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.
3. Implement chronic illness clinical courses in partner facilities.

Through these objectives the project seeks to

1. Create or enhance nursing partnerships between home and community-based LTC settings/providers and academic institutions, expanding the availability of quality clinical experiences for nursing students.
2. Bolster interest in geriatric nursing as a specialty area for practice.
3. Improve the quality of care provided to older adults living in long term care facilities and community based residential care settings.
4. Support the development of relationships across academic, practice, regulatory, and professional state and national groups working on issues of health care for older adults.

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ECLEPS 2 & 3 Timelines

Winter & Spring, 2010	Site recruitment & selection in Josephine, Jackson, and Klamath counties. Training activity dates for faculty and CELs determined.
Summer & Fall 2010	Trainings delivered: LEAP, Supervision, and orientation to OCNE curriculum and Chronic Illness I & II courses. Faculty orient to partner facilities.
Fall 2010	Chronic Illness II course implementation through RCC nursing program. Initiate peer-networking activities for CELs in Josephine and Klamath counties.
Winter 2011	Chronic Illness I & II course implementation through OHSU-Ashland and KFalls nursing programs. Evaluate and fine-tune course delivery and partnerships through RCC. Site selection for OHSU BS Completion (RNBS) program.
Spring 2011	Evaluate and fine-tune OHSU Ashland and KFalls course delivery and partnerships. Site recruitment in Douglas and Coos counties. Begin partnership trainings for RNBS faculty and clinical sites in Portland region. Site selection for Umpqua

ECLEPs Partners

Community Nurse Network
 Fairlawn Village
 Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence Oregon
 Health Sciences University
 Marquis Plum Ridge
 Mary's Woods
 Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing
 Ashland
 Klamath Falls
 Portland
 Orchards Assisted Living
 Oregon Association of Senior and Health Services
 Oregon Center for Nursing Long Term Care Task Force
 Oregon Health Care Association
 Oregon Seniors & People with Disabilities
 Pelican Pointe
 Portland State Institute on Aging
 Rogue Community College
 Rogue Valley Manor
 Royal Gardens
 Rose Schnitzer Manor at Cedar Sinai Park
 Umpqua Community College

OHSU RNBS Replication Project 2011-2012 (ECLEPS-3)

8 clinical agencies (16 nurses)
 8 faculty
 Students in upper division BS Completion program
 courses
 Portland
 Eugene
 Roseburg
 Coos Bay

	Community College (UCC) partners in Roseburg, and Umpqua, Curry & Lane county partners with RNBS. Ongoing peer networking.
Summer 2011	Trainings delivered in Portland metro and Douglas & Coos counties: LEAP, Supervision, and orientation to OCNE curriculum and Chronic Illness II course. Faculty orient to partner facilities.
Fall 2011	Chronic Illness 2 course implementation through UCC nursing program. Trainings delivered in Lane county for RNBS program. Ongoing Chronic Illness courses delivery through RCC, OHSU Ashland, and OHSU K Falls. Peer Network growing.
Winter & Spring 2012	Evaluate and fine-tune UCC and RNBS course delivery and partnerships. Peer networking continues.
Summer & Fall 2012	Sustainability plan finalized; ECLEPS training moves to new regions of Oregon. Peer networking continues. Southern Oregon ECLEPS partnerships continue.