



Tennessee Center for Nursing
"Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee"

Why Should We Invest in the Tennessee Center for Nursing?

Because Strengthening Health Care in Tennessee is Critical to Our Future

TCN conducts research focused on nursing workforce development

TCN evaluates a strategic statewide plan for nursing workforce in Tennessee to project future supply and demand for nurses in the state, recommend nursing workforce priorities, and provide information for evidence-based decisions by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

TCN recommends systemic changes and strategies for change in nursing based on research for use by the Tennessee Board of Nursing, Tennessee Hospital Association, Tennessee Nurses Association, and other organizations and communities of interest.

TCN is the "go-to" source for current information about the nursing workforce and evolving nursing shortage in Tennessee and is used by foundations, universities, media, and other organizations as a source of accurate and timely nursing workforce information for Tennessee.

TCN evaluates implementation of the Nursing Education Master Plan, emerging educational strategies, and educational resources.

TCN disseminates innovative technology and evidence-based strategies in the education of nurses. TCN established the Tennessee Clinical Placement SystemSM to increase clinical educational capacity for nursing and allied health. A total of 4,652 Tennessee students have completed the online clinical orientation. Two states have signed licensed agreements and thus far 364 Florida students and 80 Oregon students have completed the orientation.

TCN increases the supply of qualified nursing educators. TCN: raised \$1.4 million in private contributions to provide funding for 100 Registered Nurses to obtain graduate degrees and enter nursing faculty positions in Tennessee and obtained funding through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Partners Investing in Nursing (RWJF PIN) Program to develop a clinical teaching associate program to prepare clinical nursing faculty.

TCN enhances the skills of current faculty to meet the needs of the 21 century. TCN: provided funding for the Faculty Institute for Excellence in Nursing Education; began implementation of the Tennessee Simulation Alliance to enhance simulation education statewide; reserved the domain <http://www.nursingclinicalsimulationcenter.com> to be developed as an online repository for a scenario library and other shared resources, and; obtained RWJF PIN Program funding to implement an online informatics program curriculum for nursing faculty.

TCN promotes a culture of retention by implementing evidence based strategies that foster a positive nursing work environment.

TCN obtained RWJF PIN Program funding to create a culture of retention in the nursing workplace. A Nursing and Workforce Leadership Summit was held to disseminate best practices and a Nurse Manager Institute will be held annually for Tennessee nurse managers beginning May 12-14, 2009.