Next Steps for Nursing Academic Progression

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# PROGRESSION IN NURSING

#### Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of the current status of academic progression across the US
- Knowledge of successful models and lessons learned
- Recognition of the value of partnerships and roles necessary
- Identification of NEPIN's strategic plan for the year ahead





- 2010 *Future of Nursing* report
  - Advancing education transformation
  - Leveraging nursing leadership
  - Removing barriers to practice and care
  - Fostering interprofessional collaboration
  - Promoting diversity
  - Increasing workforce data







Expansion of BSN Programs

#### RN to BSN Programs

ADN/BSN Partnership Programs



#### Progress toward 80% BSN goal



- APIN (Academic Progression in Nursing)
  - 9 States
  - RNs with BSNs entering practice historical high
  - RN to BSN graduations increased 2 ½ times between 2010-2015
  - RNs with BSN or higher increased from 49% to 53% between 2010-2015







- APIN Findings
  - Partnerships
  - Data
  - Inconsistencies
  - Regulations
  - Financial Aid
  - Diversity
  - Engagement
  - Sustainability





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Increasing strength of relationships and partnerships (academic/practice/governmental/regulatory/business) Increasing sophistication of infrastructure (admissions, advising, financial aid)



**Discussion Question** 

What innovative strategies do you believe have been most successful in promoting education progression?



#### PURPOSE

Advance nurses to higher degrees.





#### **MISSION**

Foster collaboration to ensure that nurses have access to higher levels of education and achievement. VISION A nursing workforce that optimizes health equity for all Americans.





- Building on the momentum of APIN
- OADN and representatives of the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers taking the lead with OADN-F serving as fiduciary
- National Program Director and Advisory Alliance
- Goals 1 million incumbent nurses and 90% of new ADN graduates to the BSN or higher by 2025



- Strategic Priorities
  - Serve as a national leader for key stakeholders to build alliances to assist with educational progression
  - Create a comprehensive national resource
  - Identify and disseminate consistent data collection and metrics
  - Create successful communication strategies to further educational progression



- Academic Policies Impacting Nursing Education
  - Flexibility
  - Innovation in clinical experiences
  - Accreditation
  - Boards of Nursing





- Clinical Policies Impacting the Nursing Workforce
  - Clinical education
  - Relationships with academic partners
  - Hiring practices
  - Accreditation







What should NEPIN be doing to assist organizations in addressing workforce needs?

#### **Discussion Question**



# What Could Be Different?

- Strengthened Academic Partnerships
  - Criteria-focused partnering
  - Buy vs. Build
  - ADN vs. BSN
  - Quadruple aim





# What Could Be Different?

#### Strategic Workforce Development



# What Could Be Different?

- Capacity of NEPIN
  - Additional funding partners needed
  - Over \$266,000 raised to date
  - Much more needed

#### PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING







#### **Discussion Question**

What do you think is key to establishing a rich future of educational progression?



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