American Association of Colleges of Nursing

AACN/CDC Academic Partnership Collaborative Agreement To Strengthen Public Health Workforce Capacity
Overall project goal

“To create opportunities for academia to develop qualified, knowledgeable, and experienced students and emerging health professionals suitably prepared to serve in governmental public health practice, or able to apply public health concepts in various healthcare or other settings, to collectively meet the challenges of improving the population’s health”  DHHS Funding Opportunity Announcement, 2011. 5 year project FOA
What an opportunity!

Strengthen graduate programs in public health nursing

Introduce population health into baccalaureate nursing curricula

Help advanced practice and DNP programs integrate primary care and public health

Urge Ph.D nursing programs to produce more population-health focused research

Introduce concepts of interdisciplinary population-based care into nursing education.

Support AACN participation in population-health focused collaborations

*Let's do it all…………..*
Years 1 and 2 (2012 – 2014)

- **Develop Faculty**
  - Offering a webinar series leading to a certificate in population health in nursing education
  - Establishing a public health nursing presence on the AACN nursing website that contains career information, curriculum innovations, and information on funding opportunities
  - Issuing a supplement to the undergraduate Essentials focused on public health nursing
  - Offering concurrent sessions on population health at the AACN annual conferences on Master’s and Doctoral education

- **Help Students**
  - Offering three graduate student webinars with practical information on certification, public health nursing careers, and population health in advanced practice nursing
  - Establishing a nursing fellowship program with the CDC
Year 1 and 2 (More)

- **Measure Outcomes and Impact**
  - Awarding two small impact evaluation grants to begin building the evidence-base for good practice in academic/practice partnerships focused on population health
  - Initiating a CDC-funded workforce improvement project award program available to AACN member schools
- **Collaborate**
  - Membership in Council on Linkages, Healthy People 2020 Curriculum Taskforce, ASTHO PCPH Collaborative
  - Participate in ASPPH Thought Leaders meeting on reconnecting public health and care delivery
  - Join with Interprofessional Collaborative Practice group to support population health initiatives.
Year 3 2014/15

• Develop Faculty
  – Disseminate curriculum resources – undergraduate supplement and graduate on-line tool-kit
  – Present population health focused sessions at AACN master’s and doctoral national conferences
  – Faculty development webinars in population health curriculum planning (series of 4)

• Help Students
  – CDC Fellowship program
  – DNP Evidence-based project support small grants
Year 3 (more)

• Measure Outcomes and Impact
  – Expand small impact grants to 4
  – Continue to develop workforce improvement projects with CDC

• Collaborate
  – Membership in Council on Linkages, Healthy People 2020 Curriculum Taskforce, ASTHO PCPH Collaborative
  – One interdisciplinary webinar with APIH Partners (ASPPH, APTR, AAMC, AACN)
  – APIH workforce improvement project focused on digital simulation training demonstrating population-focused primary care.
The emerging model

- Faculty Development
- Population Health
- Impact Evaluation
- Professional and Community Collaboration
- Student Support
Thanks for your interest...

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