

Connecticut Nursing Collaborative-Action Coalition: 2014 Accomplishments

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BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES IN CONNECTICUT THROUGH A STRONG DIVERSE NURSING WORKFORCE

In 2010, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a landmark report and evidence-based recommendations on the important role nursing will play in our nation's health care transformation. To meet growing health care demands and challenges and to serve patients better, we need to change how nurses are educated, trained, and practice.

Connecticut Nursing Collaborative-Action Coalition (CNC-AC) is part of the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action*, a nationwide movement to improve

health and healthcare through nursing. An initiative of AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Campaign includes Action Coalitions in 50 states and District of Columbia working to implement the IOM's *Future of Nursing* recommendations.

Connecticut Nursing Collaborative-Action Coalition is achieving its mission by:

1. Collecting and analyzing data to ensure Connecticut has enough practicing nurses to respond to changing health care needs in the state

2. Facilitating the revision of nursing education to reflect priorities around wellness, disease prevention, treatment, coordination of care, and collaboration.

3. Building nursing leadership capacity to respond to healthcare needs from bedside to community to boardroom and to inform healthcare policy.

4. Serving the cultural and ethnic needs of our communities by welcoming and building a broadly diverse nursing workforce.

Role of CNC-AC

With strategic partners and alliances, CNC-AC is a *convener* and *facilitator* to *influence broadly* on issues, initiatives, and activities to improve health and healthcare in Connecticut through nursing.



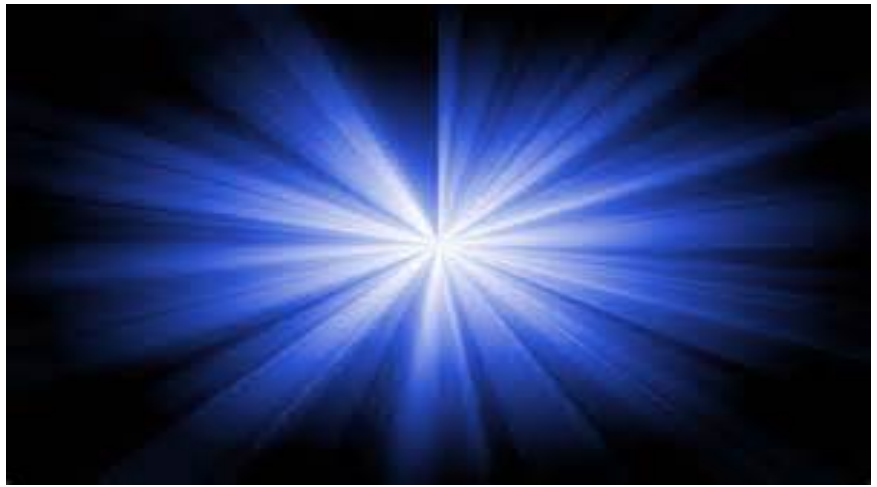
CNC-AC Accomplishments

Education:

- Adopted the Nurse of the Future Nursing Core Competencies© Model
- Completed two regional education-practice gap analyses leading to nursing education curriculum revisions and redesign. Gap analysis findings disseminated via conferences, including a national conference.
- Designed and implemented innovative RN-BSN programs.
- Inspired revision and standardization of core curriculum and seamless education progression throughout the state universities and community colleges system.

Diversity:

- Convened Diversity Committee.
- Selected to participate in RWJF national program to improve nursing workforce diversity.
- Supported an innovative program to increase nursing workforce diversity in northern CT.



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Data:

- Implementation of state mandatory RN re-licensure.
- Implementation of the national nursing workforce supply minimum dataset collection process.
- Dissemination of CT nursing workforce supply survey data.

Scope of Practice:

- Supported the successful effort to remove barriers to practice for APRNs and improve access to healthcare by passage of SB-36.

Leadership:

- Offered a nurse leadership development program from the Institute for Nursing Leadership & Innovation.

Communication:

- Presentations and representation at many universities and professional conferences.
- Launched website and Facebook page.

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