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OUR VISION:

The creation of a San Francisco Bay Area nursing community with dramatically improved quality of nursing education, leading to measurable improvements in patient care.

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NURSING RESOURCE CENTER IMPLEMENTED IN SOUTH FLORIDA

We are excited to report the Nursing Resource Center has expanded beyond the Bay Area and has been licensed to another region of the country - South Florida. Our local team has been working with Palm Healthcare Foundation and the Nursing Shortage Consortium of South Florida to share what we have developed for the San Francisco Bay Area through a licensing agreement.

Many regions of the country are facing the same barriers to expanding educational capacity as we struggle to overcome the nursing shortage. As other areas have heard about the Centralized Clinical Placement System and the Centralized Faculty Resource Center, we have been receiving inquiries and requests for system demonstrations from across the country. We are actively licensing the Nursing Resource Center (comprised of the CCPS and CFRC) to other markets as a way to provide long-term sustainability for the system in the San Francisco Bay Area.

South Florida, from the Treasure Coast and Palm Beach area down to Miami, is our first licensee. Training for their initial user group is nearly completed and their NRC sites are up and running. You can visit the Florida NRC at www.FloridaNRC.org, which includes links to their CCPS and CFRC.

If you are interested in having our team provide an overview of the Nursing Resource Center to your nursing community, please contact KT Waxman, Program Director at kt@BayAreaNRC.org.



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CCPS

CENTRALIZED CLINICAL PLACEMENT SYSTEM

PLANNING CYCLE OUTCOME

"Finding clinical placements for our med/surg, critical care and pediatric groups have been made easier since more clinical agencies are now participating in CCPS. We have the opportunity to view where there are 'available' units at the various hospitals. Saves a lot of time!"

Lina Gage-Kelly, MS, ANP
Clinical Coordinator /
Assistant Professor
Samuel Merritt College

Our third full planning cycle saw a significant increase in Bay Area participation - in addition to the 38 school campuses who are active CCPS users, we now have 62 acute care hospitals on board and using the CCPS to schedule student clinical placements. Over 1100 placements have been accepted and scheduled using the system, which represents a 20% increase over the previous cycle and an 81% increase since our first cycle only one year ago.

Nearly 100% of the acute care hospitals in the Bay Area are on board, so we can expect the numbers to continue growing as we move into the 2007 planning cycles.

USER SURVEY RESULTS

The results from our user survey distributed in November, following this past placement cycle, have been compiled. Responses were received from 48 users, 20 of whom represented hospitals and 28 represented schools. Overall ratings for this survey, and a comparison to previous surveys, are noted below (on a 1-5 rating scale, with 5 being the most satisfied).

User Satisfaction as measured via survey

Survey Date	School Users	Hospital Users	Overall
Fall 2005	2.7	3.3	3.0
Spring 2006	3.8	4.0	3.9
Fall 2006	3.9	3.7	3.8

Schools and hospitals report increased satisfaction from last Fall, but a slight dip from this past Spring. We estimate this decrease is due primarily to increased usage - now that our users are becoming comfortable with the system and truly entering all of their placements, there is more data and time involved, which can lead to the possibility of errors and rework.

Based on user suggestions for improvement, we have prioritized enhancements for CCPS version 5.0 to address issues our users voiced in the survey. We will also be scheduling meetings with select groups of school and hospital users to understand where to focus our efforts on training and designing system enhancements. If you are interested in participating, contact Nikki West at nwest@BayAreaNRC.org.

Come and hear about the Bay Area NRC. We will be presenting at the following area meetings:

San Francisco/Marin Workforce Task Force
Kaiser French Campus
San Francisco
Monthly (2nd Wed), 3 - 5 pm

East Bay E/SPI
John Muir Women's Health Ctr,
Walnut Creek
Monthly (last Mon), 1 - 3 pm

Napa/Solano Workforce Task Force
Queen of the Valley, Napa or
Solano WIB, Fairfield
Monthly (3rd Thur), 1:30 - 3 pm

South Bay CNO
Health Trust Building
Campbell
Monthly (2nd Fri), 8 - 10 am

East Bay ACNL
Walnut Creek
Monthly (1st Wed), 5:30 pm

SF/Marin chapter of ACNL
Kickoff meeting
February 27, 8:30 am - 11 am
Marin General Hospital

Contact us for more information.



CFRC

CENTRALIZED FACULTY RESOURCE CENTER

“The system is very user-friendly. I have bookmarked it and refer to it frequently when I have unfilled faculty positions.”

Marjorie Barter, RN, EdD
Professor and Chair,
Graduate Department
University of San
Francisco School of
Nursing



PICKING UP SPEED

The Centralized Faculty Resource Center, released on March 1, 2006, is in full swing and gaining momentum. Over 115 profiles have now been completed by nurses looking for teaching opportunities. If you are a nursing school in the Bay Area, have you checked the site recently to see if any of these are candidates for your open positions? We encourage schools to review the site regularly – more nurses are registering every week. Be sure that your jobs are posted on the site as well – that is the only way for the rest of the registered users (nearly 400 total) to find out about your openings if they haven't loaded a profile to share their information with you.

We will also be coming to certain classrooms to meet with students interested in pursuing nursing education. We will encourage these

future graduates to post their profile on the CFRC and to use the site to review open positions. Our goal is to continue to leverage the site to match qualified faculty with available positions.

NURSEWEEK GUEST CHAT

On November 15, 2006, three Bay Area deans and directors led the national NurseWeek Guest Chat, addressing the faculty shortage and encouraging nurses to consider teaching. It was a lively, well-attended session. If you didn't have a chance to attend, you can review the transcript on NurseWeek's website (www.nurseweek.com) under Guest Chat > Recent Transcripts > 11-15-06.

Show off your experience and locate a teaching job that's just right for you...it's easy! Login to <http://www.iTeachNursing.org>, click "My Profile" on the left-hand side (or from the "Faculty Candidate" pull-down on the toolbar in the middle of the screen), then complete your profile and click the Update button.

RSC

The Regional Simulation button on our BayAreaNRC.org home page is now active and will take you to all of our project information, including upcoming training and meeting dates. Visit the RSC project page by going to www.BayAreaNRC.org then clicking the "Regional Simulation Centers" button.

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REGIONAL SIMULATION CENTERS

REGIONAL SIMULATION POSITIONS STILL OPEN!

We are currently interviewing for the Regional Manager position. This role is responsible for the overall management of the regional simulation project over the next three years, including the successful completion of grant milestones and outcomes and reporting progress. The specific responsibilities include marketing and outreach, coordination of faculty and scenario development, operations oversight for the five simulation centers, and the development of policies, procedures and standards. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact KT Waxman at kt@bayareanrc.org.

We are still seeking to enhance our team by recruiting for the roles of Simulation Coordinator and Technology Expert for each of the regional simulation centers. Descriptions for these positions are available on the CFRC site at www.iTeachNursing.org. Please contact us or visit the site if you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about these positions or apply.

SIMULATION TRAINING

A second "fundamentals" training event was held January 10-12, 2007. Visit the Regional Simulation Centers website to view a list of the participants (available under Resources > Documents). Another fundamentals session will be held in March, which is already filling up. Contact KT Waxman (kt@BayAreaNRC.org) as soon as possible to register for this

session. You must be able to attend both days of training. Intermediate training will begin in March. Visit the Regional Simulation Centers website to view the curriculum for training schedules (available under Resources > Documents).

SAVE THE DATE! SIMULATION USER NETWORK CONFERENCE

On March 20-21, 2007, the BASC's first Simulation User Network (SUN), sponsored by Laerdal Medical, will be held in Fremont/Newark. Hotel location details will be posted on the website. The SUN is by invitation only and you will receive your formal invitation by mid February. If you are interested or know someone who should attend, please contact KT Waxman. The SUN is designed as the next step in training in simulation as well as providing an opportunity for the Bay Area nursing community to hear expert speakers and practice with simulation. During the SUN, we will also offer the third "fundamentals" simulation training for those who were unable to participate in the January session.