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*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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## LET'S TALK SIMULATION

Last month in San Francisco, the Bay Area Simulation Collaborative (BASC) and Laerdal hosted two days of discussions and interactive demonstrations on simulation. Each of the five sessions was well attended by Bay Area BASC members, which include nursing schools, hospitals and healthcare professionals. Participants had an opportunity for a hands-on look at the simulation products offered by Laerdal while learning more about the company and what it can offer the BASC.

KT Waxman provided an overview of the proposed Regional Simulation Center project and updated information about the work of the BASC. Deloras Jones, Executive Director of the CINHC and Brenda Epperly, Director of Healthcare Programs for the FCCC, both spoke about the importance of the key partnership between the BASC and Laerdal. The two day event demonstrated the level of commitment that Laerdal has made by partnering with the BASC on creating five regional simulation centers in the Bay Area. Jane Kleinman, RN, MSN, who has recently joined the Laerdal team, also shared her best practices experience with implementing a simulation center at the Little Company of Mary hospital in Torrance, California, where she partnered with two schools of nursing to increase capacity.

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# CCPS

*“The CCPS has the potential to be a very powerful tool for schools and agencies to effectively and efficiently secure clinical placements for student learning. The system has some developmental challenges; however, from my perspective, it has performed exceptionally well on its initial full-throttle trial for Fall 2006. Let’s not forget that it is simply a tool and as such only represents human intentions (that is, it does not actually make the decisions – we do).”*

**Liz Close, PhD, RN**  
Chair and Professor  
Department of Nursing  
School of Science and  
Technology  
Sonoma State University

## CCPS Participants

Quick lists of schools and hospitals using CCPS in the Bay Area are available on the CCPS home page

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**CCPS Home Page:**  
[ccps.foundationccc.org](http://ccps.foundationccc.org)

## CENTRALIZED CLINICAL PLACEMENT SYSTEM

### ROUND TWO COMPLETED

The second full cycle of using the Centralized Clinical Placement System (CCPS) to schedule clinical placements in the 9 Bay Area counties has just been completed. Thirty-three schools entered over 1300 clinical placement requests at 51 hospitals. Nearly 800 clinical experiences have been scheduled for the Fall 2006 term in the CCPS and users continue to propose and schedule additional requests.

The users fully utilized all of the enhancements that were added to the CCPS in time for this round of planning; however, we are not done yet. Through daily contact with users on help calls, training and emails, an updated list of items that would further improve the system as well as the overall ease of use and user experience has been compiled. In addition to the information already collected, we are also going to gather feedback and suggestions through a survey and focus group. See the accompanying articles on this page for more details.



### HOW ARE WE DOING?

The user survey that we distributed in December 2005 after the spring placement planning cycle was very informative and highlighted areas for improvement to both the CCPS system and the placement scheduling process. We are polling the CCPS users again this month now that the second round of placements has been completed. Not only do we expect to receive valuable input on where we still have room for improvement and additional enhancements to the system, but to also measure the progress made since the last survey. This cycle’s survey has been modified to follow a rating scale for each question so that we can more effectively surmise the status of each area. This will also make it easy to share the results in the July issue of *ReSource*.

### TIME TO FOCUS

The CCPS is a new system, and we are committed to finding ways to make it more efficient and effective for our users. In addition to the user survey, we will be instituting a focus group of CCPS users to work closely with us to determine potential enhancements to the system and process for scheduling placements. The group will also help determine where we need to make changes, and how we should modify either the system, process or both in order to continue enhancing the results. We plan to have our first user group meeting in May and then continue the process on a regular basis. Each session will be only 8-10 users to allow for a focused, in-depth discussion; however, the group may rotate participants each session to ensure that we have equal representation from all users.

# CFRC

Visit the CFRC at [www.iTeachNursing.org](http://www.iTeachNursing.org) to browse the myriad of resources available for nurses interested in teaching. Register to create your online profile and view open positions in the Bay Area.

Look for our *iTeachNursing.org* ads in the *Nurses Week* editions of *NurseWeek* and *Advance*.

## BayAreaNRC.org

The Bay Area Nursing Resource Center website has been updated to allow more room for adding the information that will be most helpful to you. A library page is now available that shares presentations, marketing materials and other documents. Let us know if there is something specific you would like to see on the site.

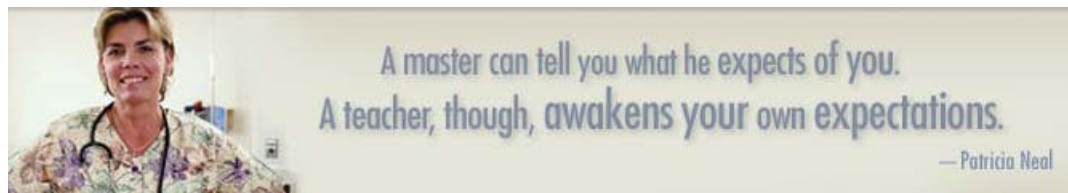
## CENTRALIZED FACULTY RESOURCE CENTER

### OFF AND RUNNING

Since launching the CFRC website at [www.iTeachNursing.org](http://www.iTeachNursing.org) on March 1st, we have had a promising level of activity from both faculty candidates and schools of nursing. Over 45 users have registered on the site as potential nursing faculty and 14 of them have loaded a profile to share with the schools. Access has been granted to 22 schools in order to post jobs and review candidate profiles; 9 of these schools have posted over 30 open positions on the site. Participating schools can be seen by following the "Learn More" link on the home page.

We have presented on this valuable new tool for nursing faculty with several groups in the Bay Area,

including the annual Medical-Surgical Nursing Conference, the East Bay ACNL chapter, the Filipino Nurses Association, Holy Names University master's students, the Sutter Northern California Nurse Educators, and the East Bay chapter of E/SPI (Education/Service Partnership Initiative). The Centralized Faculty Resource Center (CFRC) was also profiled in the March 27th edition of *NurseWeek* magazine. The team is continuing to demonstrate the CFRC at conferences, leadership and recruitment meetings, and classes. Please contact us if you know of an upcoming event where we can present on [www.iTeachNursing.org](http://www.iTeachNursing.org) and share its benefits with additional members of the community.



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The Regional Simulation Centers and BASC efforts are the third shared service of the Bay Area Nursing Resource Center. The grant proposal for this project is being reviewed by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. If you are interested in being involved in this project through the BASC or as an Operating Committee member, please contact us.

### BASC FIELD TRIP

On May 4th, several members of the BASC visited the Center for Advanced Pediatric Education at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. Louis Halamek, MD, Director of CAPE, and Kim Yaeger, RN, Director of Training

and Research for the Center, led a presentation and tour of the facility. To learn more about the Center, visit their website at <http://www.lpch.org/cape>. The BASC extends its thanks for CAPE's support and generously arranging this educational session.

While the grant is under review, the Bay Area Simulation Collaborative is continuing to stay in touch through events like the Laerdal demonstration days and the visit to CAPE, as well as conference calls and meetings.

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*Happy Nurses Week*  
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