Enriching Clinical Learning Environments through Partnerships in Long-Term Care (ECLEPs)

Oregon Health & Science University, Portland State University, and numerous community-based organizations have partnered on this initiative.

Project Goal: This project builds capacity for long-term care (LTC) facilities to be excellent clinical learning sites for nursing students in the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE). Through community-academic partnerships, we are developing a model training and support program that provides LTC staffs with essential knowledge and skills to enhance their practice setting and support students' learning. The product of this proposal will be four enriched LTC clinical education sites for nursing students, two in nursing facilities and two in community-based LTC facilities (e.g. assisted living, residential care). The program will be available for replication by other schools and LTC facilities throughout Oregon and the Northwest. This project is funded by the Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF).

Specific objectives are to:

1. Develop a training program for LTC nurses and their staff to create an enriched practice/learning environment for both the staff and nursing students.

2. Provide mentored coaching to facilities that complete the training program during a subsequent clinical rotation of students at their facility.

3. Build a network of peer partners that supports excellence in clinical education in LTC through mutual goal setting and problem solving to sustain enriched clinical learning environments.

Partners

Cedar Sinai Park (pilot site)
Community Based Care Nurses Association
Fairlawn Good Samaritan Village & Health Center (pilot site)
Hartford Center for Geriatric Nursing Excellence, Oregon Health Sciences University
Mary's Woods at Marylhurst (pilot site)
Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services
Oregon Center of Nursing Long Term Care Task Force
Oregon Health Care Association
Oregon Seniors & People with Disabilities
Portland State University
Town Center Village (pilot site)

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