

The CAN DO Partnership

Collaborating for the Advancement of Nursing: Developing Opportunities

The CAN DO Partnership is addressing the Western Massachusetts nursing workforce shortage by developing a unique collaboration between academic institutions, healthcare service providers, workforce development agencies and local foundations. Collectively these institutions are working together to redesign the region's nursing education system. Funded in part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the partnership is one of ten selected for the *Partners Investing in Nursing* program based on demonstrated institutional commitment and the use of promising practices.

Partnership Activities: Sept 2006-Aug 2008

- ➔ **Planning for the Future:** Collaboratively creating a strategic plan for restructuring the nursing education system based on state-level core competencies for the entry level nurse
- ➔ **STAR Pilot Program:** Increasing the number of nurse faculty by supporting 10 bachelor prepared nurses with scholarships and mentors as they pursue a Masters or PhD and gain teaching experience at area schools
- ➔ **Nurses Succeed Pilot Program:** Increasing the enrollment of underrepresented CNAs and LPNs in nursing education and their potential for success by utilizing a shared academic/ employer career coaching model
- ➔ **Leveraging Resources:** Coordinating partner activities and resources to have greater impact and develop more comprehensive solutions to solve the workforce shortage

CAN DO Partners

Academic Partners

- American International College
- Elms College
- Holyoke Community College
- Greenfield Community College
- Springfield Technical Community College
- University of Massachusetts Amherst

Healthcare Service Partners

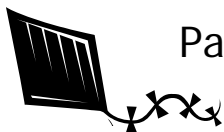
- Baystate Health System
- Cooley Dickinson Hospital
- Genesis Health/Heritage Hall Longterm Care Facility
- Holyoke Health System
- Noble Hospital
- Massachusetts Extended Care Federation
- SPHS Mercy Medical Center

Foundation Partners

- Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation
- Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

Workforce Development

- Regional Employment Board of Hampden County
- Commonwealth Corporation



Partners Investing in Nursing's Future

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