CREATING A BETTER EDUCATED NURSING WORKFORCE: The ACEN Perspective

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ACEN’s Unique Perspective

- Accredits all program types from LPN through Clinical Doctorate
- Innovations and trends within and across program types
National Trends

- Reduction in number of credit hours required in ADN and BSN programs
- Time for completion
- Cost
- Student Debt

- Growth in number of RN to BSN programs
- Hospitals seeking magnet status
National Trends (cont’d)

- Community colleges conferring baccalaureate degrees
  - 18 states including West Virginia, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, Hawaii, California

- Community colleges conferring BSN degrees
  - 7 states: Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont, Washington, New York (limited)
ACEN Data

- Number of ADN candidacy applicants since 2012 – stable (to date, 174)
- To date, 41 RN to BSN program options added to ACEN accredited schools since 2013
- Steady increase in # candidacy applicants and program openings for MSN and Clinical Doctorate, 2012 to present
State-wide Initiatives

- Kansas
  - University of Kansas and community college partnership
State-wide Initiatives

- New York
- Coalition to Advance Nursing Education (CANE)
Increase in BS prepared RNs in the NY acute care workforce

Data source: 2014 Nursing and Allied Professionals Workforce Surveys Report, HANYS, GNYHA, CHWS.
Trends in NY RN graduates

RN Graduates 2004 - 2014

Data source: Center for Health Workforce Studies, School of Public Health, University at Albany
Grant funding provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) as part of the Center to Champion Nursing (CCNA).

- Two, 2-year grants totaling $600,000 (2012 – 2016)
- Grant managed by the National Program Office (NPO) which is a collaboration among AONE, AACN, ANA and NLN (Tri-Council for Nursing)

**Primary goal: replicate the 1+2+1 dual degree model across the state**

- NY partnered with 16 schools in Phase I of grant (2012-2014)
- Continuation of APIN funding received for Phase II (2014-2016)
- 13 partner schools currently enrolling students
- 2 other schools planning to implement programs in 2015/2016
- Several additional schools in the exploration/planning phase
APIN Academic Partners

Future of Nursing - NYS Regions

- St. Elizabeth College of Nursing
- SUNY-Poly Tech Utica
- Genesee Community College
- Daemen College
- Trocaire College
- Erie City Community College
- Erie North Community College
- Alfred College BS & AD programs
- Le Moyne College
- St. Joseph’s College of Nursing
- SUNY Delhi BS & AD programs
- Mercy College
- Montefiore School of Nursing
Daemen College, Amherst, NY

- ADN-RNs returning to school sooner
  - 2011-12: 2008
  - 2012-13: 2009
  - 2013-14: 2012

- Percentage of Full-time RN – BSN students
  - 2012: 39%
  - 2013: 49%
  - 2014: 62%
Recommendations

- Provide funding for nurses not only for tuition, but also for time commitment that further education requires.
- Focus on meeting the numbers but also on assuring the quality of the educational outcomes.