



Date: March 21, 2018

To: Hospitals (HR, nursing leaders, educators, practice experts)
Nursing schools (leaders and faculty)

Subject: Grant Funding to Support RN Specialty Training Collaboratives

HASC is pleased to announce that it has secured grant funding to support two RN Specialty Training collaborative projects this year – Peri-Operative and/or Critical Care courses in the Los Angeles area. Programs that meet this description are invited to apply.

In collaboration with *HealthImpact*, HASC and its Nursing Shortage Advisory Committee have been working to address hospital concerns about the continuing shortage of experienced specialty registered nurses. The study launched in 2016 identified the root causes of the insufficient supply and recommended supporting collaborative ventures in developing specialty RNs to meet workforce needs and nurse hiring goals. Over the past several months, HASC and *HealthImpact* have been working diligently to identify funding to support regional planning and training efforts for academic practice partnerships to be formed and programs developed to address and build specialty nursing pipelines to employment.

Organizers wish to thank the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and Anthem Blue Cross for their generous support of the initiative. Their financial contributions will help member hospitals prepare experienced nurses transitioning to new roles in high-demand specialty areas, as well as prepare RN students interested in working in a hospital specialty area in the L.A. area.

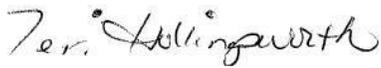
Nursing schools and hospitals in the L.A. area working together as collaboratives, developing or expanding either a Peri-Operative or Critical Care course that are ready to move forward conducting the course this year, are candidates for the grant funding. Two collaboratives will be identified to receive \$25,000 each. Funding must be used to pay for (or offset) course registration fees.

Dates	Deliverables
3/1 - 3/16 (2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine current status of collaboratives formed and/or developing, plans to conduct Peri-Op and/or Critical Care courses, and timeline for implementation (HASC) Identify and assess interest, ability and readiness to meet SBWIB project goal, deliverables and timeline. (L.A. schools in partnership with hospitals working together) Notify HASC of interest, plans, and ability to meet funding criteria (collaboratives)
7/1/2018	Develop specialty curricula in Peri-Operative and/or Critical Care
7/1/2018	Submit training provider and course information to be added onto I-TRAIN/ETPL (course application criteria determined by each collaborative, academic institution identified by SBWIB as the formal "training provider")
10/1/2018	Implement training in Peri-Operative and Critical Care specialties (may implement before 10/1 however must complete course(s) by 12/31/2018)
3/1/2019	Complete program evaluation of collaboratives
4/1/2019	Conclude grant funded project, compile and submit final report

Carolyn Orlowski, Program Director at *HealthImpact* will contact you to determine your status regarding developing or expanding specialty courses, and answer questions for those interested in the funding opportunity. Contact Carolyn at carolyn@healthimpact.org or (310) 714-9242 to schedule an information session.

Collaboratives interested in being considered for funding should notify HASC directly. Contact Lisa Mitchell, HASC workforce development program manager, at lmitchell@hasc.org or (213) 538-0722.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri Hollingsworth".

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