

SUCCEED Florida – Nursing Education Fact Sheet

The purpose of the SUCCEED Florida Nursing Education grant is to increase the capacity of nursing programs approved by the Board of Nursing at public and private postsecondary educational institutions in order to produce more nurses who would enter the workforce in Florida.

According to a report published in March 2005 by the Florida Center for Nursing, of the 10,923 qualified nursing school applicants for fall semester 2004, 4,630 were accepted and 6,293 were turned away. Respondents from nursing programs throughout the state identified the following barriers to program expansion:

1. Shortage of qualified faculty (30%)
2. Insufficient faculty lines/funded positions (25%)
3. Insufficient clinical sites (22%)
4. Non-competitive faculty salaries (16%)

Projects funded with SUCCEED Florida Nursing Education grant program funds will address one or more of the following: strategies to increase enrollment capacity of nursing programs without causing a negative impact on another existing nursing program; fast-track programs to increase the faculty pool; collaborative agreements for recruiting and retaining faculty; innovative practices in clinical education; partnerships that expand clinical sites; joint use facilities and or equipment investments for items such as patient care simulators; innovative curriculum development or instructional strategies; and fast-track programs that provide a career ladder, such as practical nurse to associate degree nurse, associate degree nurse to bachelor of science nurse, and bachelor of science nurse to master of science nurse or PhD.

Eligible applicants for the grant program include public and private postsecondary institutions with nursing programs that are fully approved by the Board of Nursing. Provisionally approved programs are eligible to apply, in collaboration with a fully approved institution. The grant review teams consisted of representatives from community colleges and workforce education, the nursing industry, public universities, and independent colleges and universities.

Awards to successful applicant institutions may be up to \$500,000 per individual institution. For a joint proposal from two or more public or private postsecondary institutions, awards may be up to \$1.5 million, with a statewide allocation of \$10 million.

