



LOUISIANA CENTER FOR NURSING

(Nursing Workforce Center)

MISSION

To contribute to the health and welfare of Louisiana residents and visitors through activities that are directed to ensure that there is an adequate workforce to meet the current and future healthcare needs of the citizens of the state of Louisiana.

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The Louisiana Center for Nursing (LCN) collects, analyzes and reports the registered nurse workforce data utilizing established nursing supply, demand, and predictor models to forecast registered nurse resource needs to the Louisiana Health Works Commission. LCN evaluates registered nurse education capacity, and develops strategies for increasing educational access, retention and mobility, including opportunity for minority and underrepresented groups. In addition, LCN addresses key workforce issues and contributes to nursing workforce policy development; develops and supports new and existing nursing workforce initiatives; and works with key stakeholders to address critical nursing workforce issues.

WHAT ARE NURSING WORKFORCE CENTERS?



- Nursing Workforce Centers address issues of nursing supply and demand at the state level.
- The National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers serves as a network for collaboration and communication among statewide nursing workforce entities that focuses on addressing the nursing shortage within their states and contributes to the national effort to assure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to meet the health needs of the U.S. population.
- One of the major areas of the work for the National Forum was the development of a minimum data set for nursing supply, education capacity, and nursing demand which will aid in the collection of uniform information and provide a national snapshot of the nursing workforce.

THE NURSING WORKFORCE

- There are more than 3.1 million registered nurses (RNs) licensed to practice in the U.S. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010-2011)
- RNs are the fastest growing segment of the health care profession (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2010-2011)
- RNs, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and Nursing Assistants (NAs) are considered to be amongst the top demand healthcare occupations in Louisiana (Louisiana Workforce Commission, 2011)
- As of June, 2013 there were 58,325 RNs licensed to practice in Louisiana. Of the 58,325 RNs, 47,793 (82%) were employed in nursing (42,196 full-time and 5,597 part-time) (LSBN, 2013)
- As of June, 2013 there were 4,278 APRNs licensed to practice in Louisiana. Of the 4,278 APRNs, 2,347 were Nurse Practitioners, 1,339 were Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, 139 were Certified Nurse Specialists, and 27 were Certified Nurse Midwives (LSBN, 2013)

LOUISIANA NURSING WORKFORCE REPORTS

- Nursing Workforce Demand Study
- New Graduate Survey
- Nursing Education Capacity and Nursing Supply in LA
- Nursing Supply and Demand Forecasting Model

You can find these reports on LCN's website.

