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HRSA-INVESTING IN THE NURSING PRECEPTOR WORKFORCE

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\$15 Million Funding Opportunity from HRSA to Expand the Nursing Workforce

Background: On July 27, 2022, the [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services](#)

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced the availability of nearly \$15 million to grow the nursing workforce, improve access to nursing education, and advance health equity.
- There is a widespread agreement that one significant factor constraining admissions to nursing schools is the limited availability of nursing preceptors. Nursing preceptors are a critical bridge between training and practice, as these nursing experts provide direct instruction to nursing students in the clinical setting. Without sufficient preceptors, nursing schools cannot admit as many students, new students are delayed in starting their clinical rotations, and prospective nursing students may be stymied and choose other career paths.
- The announcement includes \$10 million for a new initiative to invest in the nursing preceptor workforce to help unclog this challenge in the nurse training pipeline. A second funding initiative announced will invest indirectly in increasing the number of nursing students trained in acute care settings, with a specific focus on training in addressing social determinants of health to advance health equity in underserved areas.
- The funding opportunities announced today are:
- The [Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies Program](#): This funding opportunity will provide awards totaling \$10 million over four years to grow the nursing workforce by recruiting, training, and supporting clinical nursing faculty and preceptors.
- The [Registered Nurse Training Program](#): This funding opportunity will provide awards totaling \$4.75 million over three years to increase the number of nursing students trained in acute care settings, with an emphasis on addressing and responding to social determinants of health factors and improving health equity.
- Learn more about HRSA's ongoing grant

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