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Florida Center for Nursing Pilots Program to Address Nurse Shortage

Tampa, Fla. – One of the keys to addressing the nursing shortage is increasing nursing program capacity and to do that requires more nursing faculty. Findings from the Florida Center for Nursing’s 2022 “Nursing Education” Report indicated a critical barrier to faculty recruitment in Florida is a limited applicant pool.

To address this issue, the Florida Center for Nursing has developed a continuing education activity, "Shaping the Future: Becoming Nursing Faculty," to discuss the role of nursing faculty. This program is free for all nurses licensed to practice in the State of Florida.

Nurses are required to complete continuing education hours as part of renewing their licensure. The Florida Center for Nursing is offering the “Shaping the Future” continuing education at no cost to nurses. The goal is to inform nurses of the roles and responsibilities of nursing faculty and to generate interest in teaching the next generation of student nurses. The continuing education program is offered online and on demand meaning nurses can complete it on their schedule. It takes only 90 minutes and nurses can earn 1.5 contact hours for completion. Nurses licensed to practice in the State of Florida can register for the program online: <http://flcntr.org/nursefaculty>

The Florida Center for Nursing is established to research and address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. Nurses are critical to the health and wellness of Floridians. The future of nursing in Florida is dependent upon implementation of innovative strategies to ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to meet the needs of the people of Florida.

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