

HRSA Announces Availability of Nearly \$15 Million to Expand and Support the Nursing Workforce

Hospitals and health systems are among the organizations eligible to apply for grants announced July 27 by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). HRSA is making nearly \$15 million available to grow the nursing workforce, improve access to nursing education and advance health equity.

HRSA funding opportunities include \$10 million for a new initiative to invest in the nursing preceptor workforce to help unclog the bottleneck created by a shortage of preceptors to 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.

A second funding initiative will invest in directly 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.

Applications are due Aug. 19, 2022, and can be found at these links: [Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies Program](#) and [Registered Nurse Training Program](#).

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