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- Dixie State University
- University of Utah
- Snow College
- Utah Valley University
- Weber State University
- Salt Lake Community College
- Southern Utah University



Utah Nursing Consortium Goal:

Increase the number of registered nurses graduating from public Utah colleges and universities each year.



Compelling *Why*

- Health system partners report nearly 1300 unfilled vacancies for full-time nurses in Utah
- Nationally, the nursing shortage will grow to 1.2M by 2022
- 50% of Utah's nursing workforce will retire in the next 15 years
- Our nursing programs turn away 35% (900) of qualified applicants each year because of lack of funding for additional faculty



Compelling *Need*

Health care industry partners concur with the need to educate more registered nurses

Utah Hospital Association	Intermountain Healthcare
Salt Lake Chamber	University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics
Utah Nurses Association	IASIS Healthcare
Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders	Park City Hospital
Utah Action Coalition for Health	Shriners Hospitals for Children
Utah Association for Home Care	Solstice Hospice and Palliative Care
Utah Hospice and Palliative Care Organization	Castleview Hospital
Utah Health Care Association	Utah Valley Specialty Hospital
AARP	Eastern Utah Women's Health

Compelling *Need*

- The **8** schools in the Utah Nursing Consortium:
 - Educate **2/3** of Utah's nursing workforce and graduate over **1400** RNs each year
 - This figure cannot meet future projected demand for nurses

Solution: Expand Class Size

- Requesting ongoing funding from the legislature to:
 - Increase class size by adding new qualified faculty
 - Raise the number of new nurses educated each year by **350**
 - With funding for more faculty we can expand class size to meet the growing healthcare demands of Utah



Need & Outcomes

- To begin, **\$3.375M**:
 - **\$2.625M** will educate **100** new nurses
and **\$750,000** one-time first year only for supplies
 - By Year **4** can educate **350** new nurses per year at **\$9.25M**
and will need ongoing support at this level

Thank you



Economic Impact

- Registered Nurses have average salary of **\$67,000** per year
- Nursing is the largest health care profession
- Highly sought by Utah citizens
 - **92%** of applicants are Utah residents
- Nurses contribute to the local economy and the health care system