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WESTMINSTER
COLLEGE



Utah Nursing Consortium Goal:

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

Compelling *Why*

- Health system partners report over 1,200 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 20 years
- Our nursing programs turn away 35% (over 1,000) 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 10 schools in the Utah Nursing Consortium:

- **Educate over 3/4 of Utah's nursing workforce and more than 1,200 of the 1,600 RNs who graduate 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
- With funding for more faculty we can expand class sizes to meet the growing healthcare demands of Utah

Need & Outcomes

- **For every \$3 million, we can educate 100 new nurses**
- **With adequate funding, we can accommodate a 25% overall class size increase**
- **We provide education for in-demand jobs for interested Utahns**

Thank you



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NURSING**
CONSORTIUM

Economic Impact

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