



The RIBN Project



1st cohort = Fall 2010
Graduation = Spring 2014



WNC RIBN Project

- The model
 - Adaptation of the Oregon (OCNE) model
- The project partners
 - Western Carolina University
 - Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College
 - Foundation for Nursing Excellence

Funding for Project

- RWJF Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) grant
- Duke Endowment
 - Awarded to FFNE; Primary use = RIBN Nursing Advisor
- Jonas Family Fund (NYC)
- Janirve Foundation

The Power of Partnerships

- Collaborative project
 - Urban (NY) and rural partners (WNC)
- Consensus building
 - Key stakeholders
 - Local advisory committee & funders
 - Faculty, administrators
 - Local and state

Shared Vision: Seamless Transition

- Admission & Progression policy
 - dual enrollment
- Financial aid agreements
- Redesigned curriculum
- Enhanced senior nursing courses
 - Geriatrics, leadership, community health

Student Support & Outcomes

- NC Nurse Scholars Commission
 - Merit-based scholarship/loan program
 - Years 1-3 funded at CC level
 - Year 4 funded at university level
- Outcomes
 - Increased #BSN
 - Better return on investment dollars

Challenges

- Earn AAS in Nursing (yrs 1-3)
 - Take NCLEX – RN
 - Begin employment as RN (optional)
 - Supportive work environment
- Earn BS in Nursing (yr 4)
 - Employment PT (optional)

Evaluation & Initiatives

- Evaluation in collaboration with
 - Jonas Center
 - Partner schools in NY
 - NY Academy of Medicine evaluation team
- Initiatives
 - 5 additional regional RIBN collaboratives
 - See map

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Project**