

## Simulation Project Think Tank Results Published

For the past two years, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation (previously known as The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida) and the Florida Center for Nursing have partnered on a project to promote the use of simulation in nurse education. Our goal is to address the limited clinical capacity for practical learning, a primary barrier to nurse education program growth and expansion. Additional consideration has been given to using simulation to improve nurse retention through simulated learning opportunities, and facilitating transition from one area of practice to another. Both strategies are essential to prevent the critical nursing shortage facing our state. On January 10-11, 2011, these partners brought together academic, industry and policy leaders to address Florida's nursing shortage through promoting simulation, collaboration and sustainable solutions -- *Simulation, Nursing and Healthy Florida Communities: An Imperative for Change*.

Read the think tank results [here](#).

## FCN Nursing Shortage White Paper Updated

This paper utilizes original research conducted by the Florida Center for Nursing and reviews the most current data available on various elements of the nurse workforce in Florida, including nurse supply and demand, nursing education capacity, and nurse retention and turnover.

Read the updated white paper [here](#).

## FCN Applies for PIN Funding

The Florida Center for Nursing and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation have completed a Partners Investing in Nursing's Future 2011 proposal -- *Simulation, Nursing and Healthy Communities: Making Change a Reality*. If successful, the project will last from September 2011 to September 2014 and has three primary components:

1. establishing a virtual simulation resource center;
2. promoting regional collaboration through coalition development; and
3. developing and implementing a simulation-based school-to-work transition program.

Awards will be announced in July.

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