

Education Report Highlights Need to Address Clinical Capacity

FCN's recently-released [Education](#) report shows that clinical capacity continues to be a significant barrier in producing enough nurses to meet the state's growing demand. Additional key findings:

- The combined pre-licensure RN graduate rate increase of 2.9 percent is lower than that predicted by forecast simulations to meet demand in 2022.
- Qualified applicants continue to be turned away by all programs in large numbers.
- Both MSN Educator and PhD student enrollment decreased from AY 2008-2009.
- Faculty vacancy rates have increased at all levels of nursing education. Given the increased faculty vacancies, a slight increase in the ratio of number of students to full time faculty member is noted, indicating an increasing faculty workload.

Read the full report [here](#).

Regional Reports Updated

Regional reports have been updated to reflect new education data. To download the Statewide Report or your regional report, visit [here](#).

FCN Updates & News

Susan Towler, Executive Director of The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of Florida, and Mary Lou Brunell, Executive Director of the Florida Center for Nursing, will serve as co-leads in building **one of only 15 Regional Action Coalitions (RAC) in the country**. They will work with the sound base of QUIN for nursing as well as funders focused on nursing and health from the Florida Philanthropic Funders. Part of *The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action*, these long-term partnerships have been convened to move key health care workforce-related issues forward at the local, state and national levels. RACs function as a component of the campaign's field operations. Comprised of diverse groups of stakeholders from a variety of sectors, their mission is focused on fostering interprofessional collaboration, the ability of all health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their education and training,

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strengthened nurse education and training and the increased participation of nurses as leaders. RACs will further CFA by capturing best practices, determining research needs, tracking lessons learned and identifying replicable models.

The Center **continues to seek support for sustainable funding bills.** Please visit our site to learn more about our [sustainable funding plan](#).

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