

### Q. What is the purpose of the overall project?

A. In a national survey, 69% of schools responded that insufficient availability of clinical sites is one of many reasons that 66,274 qualified applicants are rejected from BSN programs (AACN, 2022). In Washington state, 52% of pre-licensure programs report that clinical site availability is inadequate for their program and is the “largest challenge to expanding program enrollment”. Washington has rejected 3,996 qualified nursing applicants from pre-licensure programs between 2018-2023.

The purpose of the Washington State Clinical Placement Initiative is to increase clinical placements for nursing students statewide by connecting regional representatives from schools and facilities and providing a digital platform for ongoing communication.

### Q. What is my commitment to this initiative as a stakeholder?

A. Your engagement entails participating in quarterly stakeholder meetings and in the online community. We encourage you to actively participate in discussions that fully flesh out the system and contribute insights, experiences, challenges, and recommendations related to clinical placements.

### Q. Is this initiative going to replace Clinical Placements Northwest (CPNW)?

A. No. We are committed to collaborating with CPNW, and they are serving on the steering committee.

### Q. What is Hivebrite?

A. Hivebrite is the digital communication platform we will use to host our Clinical Placement Initiative online community. Hivebrite offers a dedicated space for regional collaboration, communication, and the posting of clinical placement opportunities or needs.

### Q. Is a Hivebrite account going to be required to participate in the initiative?

A. The platform is designed to support ongoing communication beyond stakeholder meetings, providing a convenient space for sharing insights, resources, and opportunities, while also fostering the establishment of new relationships. The platform is set up to connect you with representatives in your region or statewide.

### Q. How will clinical placement opportunities posted to Hivebrite be managed?

A. Organizations that are interested in offering clinical placement experiences are posting in Hivebrite.

### Q. Will this work include graduate programs?

A. Yes. The steering committee is advising us as to what extent we can include graduate programs within the timeline of the proviso.

### Q. What is the difference between this Initiative and the Rural Clinical Practice Project?

A. These are two different projects. However, our projects are in communication with each other to identify how we can collaborate and where we can align.

If you have questions about the Rural Clinical Practice Project, please contact Brenda Senger, PhD, MA, RN at Gonzaga University, [sengerb@gonzaga.edu](mailto:sengerb@gonzaga.edu).

### Q. Is Simulation going to be part of this work?

A. We are inviting our steering committee and simulation experts to provide guidance as to what extent Simulation can increase access to clinical placement experiences and the clinical placement realm.

