



# **CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health Workforce Capacity**

## **Request for Proposals: Public/Population Health Learning Hubs**



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**Application Deadline:** Friday, April 13, 2018

**Award Date:** Friday, May 4, 2018

**Project Completion Date:** Friday, December 14, 2018

**Project Description:**

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is pleased to announce a request for proposals for two awards to schools of nursing for the development of Public/Population Health Learning Hubs to support new or existing partnerships with local/state health departments, non-health sector entities, and community agencies. The purpose of the Public/Population Health Learning Hubs is to provide leadership and public/population health learning opportunities to undergraduate and/or graduate nursing students while engaging with health departments, and non-health sector entities and community agencies to address community population health needs.

The expected outcomes of the Public/Population Health Learning Hubs include: 1) development or enhancement of sustainable academic-community-public health partnerships; 2) creation of meaningful learning opportunities for graduate nursing students focused on leadership, community engagement, and public/population health; 3) creation of meaningful learning opportunities for undergraduate nursing students focused on public/population health, and 4) addressing one or more community population health needs mutually identified by the academic-community-public health partners.

**Eligibility:**

- Current AACN member school.
- Public/Population Health Learning Hub should include partnerships/involvement with at a minimum, one school of nursing, plus at least two of the following: one local/state health department, one non-health sector entity (i.e. local public works department, transportation, school district), and one community agency. Proposals that build on existing partnerships, particularly those that have been sustained for two or more calendar years, are strongly preferred and encouraged. Building on current or recent community agency assessments of the community population health needs is strongly advised. Involvement of students/faculty in other disciplines or health professions programs/schools is also encouraged. Applicants will be asked to provide documentation of their partnership arrangement(s).
- Involvement of students, undergraduate and/or graduate nursing students engaged in public/population health, leadership, informatics, or an area of advanced nursing practice. Students should be included in the planning and the partnership engagement processes and meetings as well as the community practice activities/opportunities.

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## **Awards:**

Two awards in the amount of \$10,000 each are available to support the initial planning and implementation of a Public/Population Health Learning Hub Project. The funds will be in two installments: \$5,000 at project inception and \$5,000 when the project deliverables have been met. (It is anticipated but cannot be confirmed that additional funding to support the ongoing implementation and sustainment of the initiatives may be available in the future.)

The funds are intended to cover direct costs of the Public/Population Health Learning Hub Project, such as convening local meetings, doing priority setting, and planning community-based initiatives. The partnership will be expected to augment the monies, including in-kind support, to implement the community public/population health initiative and student learning experiences placements. Monies may not be used for salaries or to purchase computers or other similar equipment. Due to limitations of funding and time, monies should not be used to initiate or conduct a comprehensive community assessment but rather the Learning Hub Public/Population Health project should build on a current community assessment and address a mutually identified community initiative to improve health or health outcomes.

## **Application Instructions:**

Applications are completed online through the AACN Online Application System via Formstack at:

[http://aacn.formstack.com/forms/public\\_population\\_health\\_learning\\_hubs\\_application\\_form](http://aacn.formstack.com/forms/public_population_health_learning_hubs_application_form)

To begin your online application, please copy and paste the link above into your Web browser. You will need the following items below to complete your application. Please upload all documents to application form.

- Proposal (5 pages maximum not including cover page, itemized budget and justification, and letters of support) with the following sections:
  - Cover page that includes the title of your proposal along with the abstract
  - Describe the nature of academic-community-public health partnership(s)
  - Describe the population health/community need that will be the focus of the project(s) and how this need was selected
  - Describe the activities the academic-community-public health partnership will undertake including how students, preferably both graduate and undergraduate students, will be engaged in the initiative planning and implementation.
  - Stated Goals or Intended Outcomes of the public/population health initiative
  - Project Description
    - Brief review of the literature providing the evidence support for the intervention

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- Data sources to be used to measure outcomes of the public/population health initiative
  - Evaluation Plan (include student outcomes as well as community outcomes)
  - Project Plan/Timeline
  - Describe the key personnel
  - Itemized Budget and Justification
  - Letters of support from each of the partners/agencies involved in the initiative.

This detailed proposal will be due by Friday, April 13, 2018. All candidates will be notified no later than Friday, May 4, 2018. Selected candidates will be required to submit proof of institutional review board approval or IRB exemption for the proposed impact evaluation project no later than Friday, July 6, 2018.

**Selection:**

Proposals will be assessed on:

1. Evidence that participating parties of the partnership invest time for joint work and provide opportunities to develop shared goals and work plans.
2. The initiative is creating opportunities for students, at the undergraduate and/or graduate level, to be engaged in the planning and implementation. Both undergraduate and graduate level student engagement is preferred but not required.
3. There is a plan for sustaining the Learning Hub and partnership beyond the funding period.
4. The proposed project is producing knowledge, information, data, etc. that can potentially inform public/population health efforts beyond this initiative.
5. The proposed project is building the capacity of participating parties to engage in the partnership work.

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