



Two-Year Pathway Initiative: Hagerstown Community College Associate Degree in Nursing Program

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Abstract

In keeping with the Institute of Medicine's recommendation that by 2020, 80% of nurses would hold a Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree, the Hagerstown Community College (HCC) Nursing Program decided to institute an accelerated two-year pathway. This pathway will facilitate students to more expeditiously obtain a BSN.

Since students who are in the two-year pathway will be taking their prerequisites and nursing courses concurrently, HCC nursing program decided to write an Institutional NSP II grant to support these students. This grant supports recruitment, advisement, instructional support services, and transfer assistance. It is estimated that by 2020, a total of 95 students will have completed the two-year pathway, pass the NCLEX exam, and transfer to a BSN program.