

The Future of Master's Education in Maryland: What Do Nurses Think?

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Abstract

The number of nurses registering for and in master's-level programs in Maryland and across the country is declining. An NSP II grant allowed this researcher to survey and interview nurses across the state of Maryland as to their preferences about master's-level programs. Those surveyed included practicing nurses, hospital administrators, and deans and directors of nursing education programs. The findings were specific to each site but revealed that if master's educational offerings are to be viable in Maryland, they need to look different than the current options. School and health care collaboration, different ways of offering classes, and more options for postmaster's study were included in the preferences. This presentation/poster will address those preferences and make suggestions for the future of nursing education.