

Student Nurse Transition to Practice: From the Classroom to the Ambulatory Care Environment

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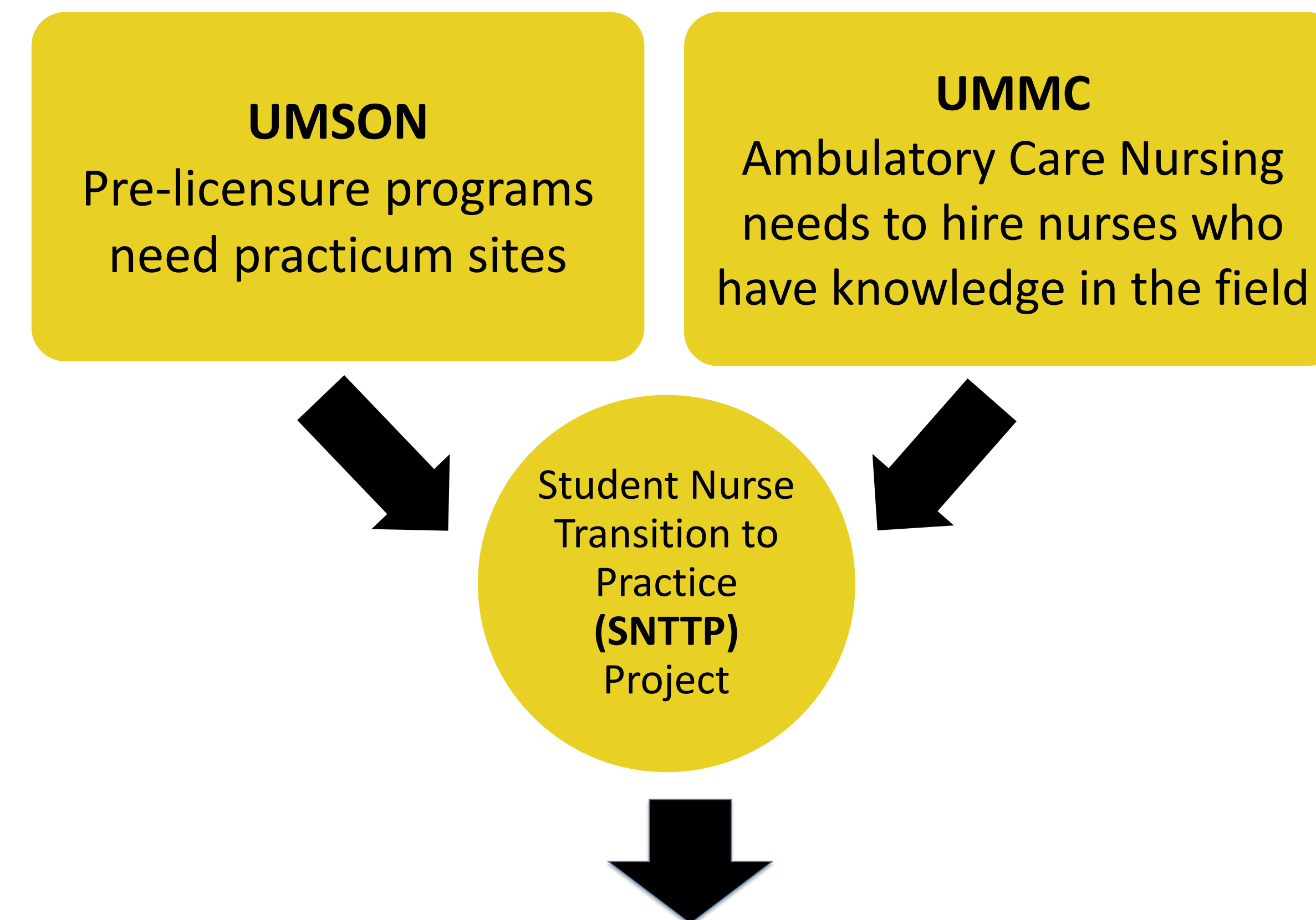
Background

- Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses (AACN) promotes need for RNs in the ambulatory care environment (2014).
- Ambulatory care nursing leadership need to develop strategies to train novice nurses to deliver care to patients in this unique environment (AACN, 2014).
- AACN-AONE (2012) encourages academic-practice partnerships.
- University of Maryland, School of Nursing and University of Maryland Medical Center wish to bridge the gap between entry-level nursing education and practice in the ambulatory care environment.

Objectives

VISION - Provide path for newly licensed nurse to enter the nursing workforce in the ambulatory care environment:

- Develop a framework for a student nurse transition-to-practice (SNTTP) within the current university-school partnership that enhances understanding of the role and key activities of the ambulatory nurse.
- Offer a pre-licensure clinical practicum rotation in ambulatory nursing. (Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) /Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) 4th semester).
- Identify learning needs and implement ambulatory nurse preceptor training to prepare them for their role in supporting the student nurse throughout the experience.



Conclusions

- The clinical and academic leaders collaborated with a vision of developing a future ambulatory nursing workforce.
- Careful planning and mentoring will develop clinically strong, confident nurses able to address the clinical and care coordination needs for our complex population.

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