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**Board of Registered Nursing
 2009 Survey on Clinical Placement of Nursing Students In
 Prelicensure RN Program**

A survey on clinical placement of prelicensure nursing students was distributed to all schools (125) offering prelicensure nursing program in June 2009. The survey was sent via email and by mail. The timing of the survey, being at the end of the academic year, could have been the reason not all programs responded. The purpose of the survey was to obtain information on issues and concerns related to clinical placement of prelicensure nursing students.

The data obtained were grouped by regions in order to determine any regional impact and by educational program, i.e., BSN/ELM and ADN programs. Written comments related to the questions were received with the survey. Two appendices are included to facilitate review of data:

- Appendix 1 List of schools and regional groups
- Appendix 2 Table of tabulated data

Response rate: There are 125 nursing schools with 43 BSN/ELM and 82 ADN programs. Responses were obtained from each school and not from each prelicensure nursing program offered by the school. Charles Drew University, which was approved on 6/12/2009, was left out from the survey, which reduced the total number of schools to 124. A total of ninety-five (95) schools returned the survey, making the response rate at 76.6%.

Table 1 Response Rates:

Total Number Surveys sent to Schools	BSN/ELM	ADN
124*	42*	82
Total Surveys returned		
95 (76.6%)	30 (71.4%)	65 (79.3%)

*Charles Drew University was not included in the total number of schools..

Question 1:

Is your program currently experiencing any difficulty with placing the enrolled students your program has admitted?

Approximately 70% of the responding schools (both BSN/ELM and ADN) reported that the programs are experiencing difficulty placing enrolled students in clinical areas.

Table 2 Programs reporting difficulty with clinical placement for their students:

Total Responses		BSN/ELM		ADN	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
67	28	21	9	46	19
70.5%	29.5%	70.0%	30.0%	70.8%	29.2%

Question 2:

Has your program experienced a change in previously agreed clinical placement, i.e., cancellation of placement from the facility or change from previously assigned clinical unit?

Slightly more than 60% of responding schools indicated they have experienced changes in the agreed clinical placements, such as cancelled units, terminated agreement, reduction in units, or

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change in ratio of number of students allowed in units. ADN programs reported slightly less changes (60.0%) than BSN/ELM schools (63.3%)

Table 3 Programs reporting a change in previously agreed clinical placement.

Total Responses		BSN/ELM		ADN	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
58	37	19	11	39	26
61.1%	38.9%	63.3%	36.7%	60.0%	40.0%

Question 3:

The program is a member of consortium or organization to coordinate clinical placement.
 A total of 75 responding schools (78.9%) reported that they participate in a computerized clinical placement system or is a member of a consortium that coordinates and facilitates clinical placements. Several of the schools are a member of more than one placement system because of having multiple campus sites. Slightly more than half of the responding schools (42 or 56.0%) indicated being a member of the regional CCPS. San Diego and Long Beach/Orange County regions had 100% of respondents using an organized placement system.

Table 4 Programs reporting participating in a coordinated clinical placement program.

Total Responses		BSN/ELM		ADN	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
75	20	25	5	50	15
78.9%	21.1%	83.3%	16.7%	76.9%	23.1%

Question 4:

A. Is your program using off shift rotations?

Overwhelmingly a large majority of responding schools (87 or 92.6%) reported using shifts other than the traditional day shift for their clinical placements. This is higher among ADN schools than the BSN/ELM schools. One school left this question unanswered.

Table 5 Programs using off shift rotations to meet clinical placement needs of their students.

Total Responses		BSN/ELM		ADN	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
87	7	26	3	61	4
92.6%	7.4%	89.7%	10.3%	93.8%	6.2%

B. What percentage of clinical placement uses off shift clinical rotations?

This question attempted to obtain the extent of use of non-traditional clinical rotations in the prelicensure programs.

PM shift was the most used off shift rotation, as indicated by 66 or 69.5% of the responding schools. The second most identified off shifts used were the 12-hour night shift (7PM – 7AM) and Weekend rotations with 29 or 30.5% of responding schools. The use of night shifts was identified as placement used primarily for preceptorship experiences with less than 5% noted. Other shifts identified were 12-hour day shift or variations of shift hours.

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Table 6 Off-Shift rotations used grouped by regions.

Region and Shift	North (12)	Bay Area (22)	Central (10)	Canyon/ Ventura (5)	LA (18)	LB/OC (11)	Palm sp In Emp (7)	San Diego (10)	Total (95)
PM 3-11	11	17	4	2	14	5	4	9	66 (69.5%)
Noc 11-7	5	3	0	0	3	2	0	3	16 (16.8%)
7P – 7A	6	4	1	1	5	6	2	4	29 (30.5%)
Weekend	5	4	1	0	9	3	5	2	29 (30.5%)
Other	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	13 (13.7%)

C. If you are using off shift clinical placements, for which content area(s) are the off shift clinical rotations used for?

Responding schools identified all five content areas for using off-shift rotations. Most frequent off shift clinical placement reported was for medical-surgical, pediatric and obstetric experiences. ICU/Telemetry/special care unit, which could be considered as part of medical surgical, was ranked next, followed by psychiatric nursing, and lastly geriatrics.

Table 7 Nursing areas impacted and regions.

Region and Nurs Areas	North (12)	Bay Area (22)	Central (10)	Canyon/ Ventura (5)	LA (18)	LB/OC (11)	Palm sp In Emp (7)	San Diego (10)	Total (95)
Med-Surg	11	13	5	4	10	4	4	8	63 (66.3%)
ICU/Tele	7	9	4	2	5	3	2	6	43 (45.3%)
OB	7	13	4	1	9	3	2	8	47 (49.5%)
Peds	5	11	3	3	9	7	4	6	49 (51.6%)
Psy-MH	3	9	2	2	6	4	1	4	31 (32.6%)
Geriatrics	4	5	0	0	1	1	1	6	18 (18.9%)

Question 5:

Has your program experienced any impact with clinical placement related to addition of a new nursing program in your community?

62 or 65.3% of responding schools reported that they have been impacted by addition of a new program and/or by increased number of students. More than 70% of the responding schools in Central, Long Beach/Orange County, Palm Springs/Inland Empire, and San Diego regions, reported experiencing difficulties with clinical placement of students. All of the responding schools in Palm Spring/Inland Empire region responded affirmatively indicating their difficulties with clinical placement. 100% of the responding ADN programs in Long Beach/Orange County, Palm Spring/Inland Empire, and San Diego regions reported having placement difficulties.

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Table 8 Programs that have experienced an impact with clinical placement related to addition of a new nursing program and/or increased number in student enrollment.

	North (12)		Bay Area (22)		Central (10)		Canyon/ Ventura (5)		LA (18)		LB/OC (11)		Palm Sp In Emp (7)		San Diego (10)		Total (95)	
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
BSN/ELM	3	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	3	3	3	3	2	0	2	2	18	12
																	60.0%	40.0%
ADN	4	5	10	7	5	2	2	2	6	6	5	0	5	0	6	0	43	22
																	66.2%	33.7
Total	7	5	12	10	7	3	3	2	9	9	8	3	7	0	8	2	62	33
					70%						72.7%		100%		80%		65.3%	34.7%

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List of Schools and Regions

North	Bay Area	Central	Canyer/Ventura	LA	LB/OC	Palm Spr/In Emp	San Diego
BSM/ELM (3)	BSN/ELM (3)	BSN/ELM (4)	BSN/ELM (1)	BSN/ELM (3)	BSN/ELM (8)	BSN/ELM (5)	BSN/ELM (8)
BS-CSU Chico	BS-Dominican Univ	BS-CSU Bakersfield	BS-CSU CI	BS-Azusa Pacific Uni	BS-AUHS	BS-Calif Baptist Univ	BS-CSU-San Marcos
BS-CSU Sacto	BS-CSU East Bay	BS-CSU Fresno		BS-CSU Northridge	BS-Biola University	BS-CSUSB	BS-National University
BS-Humboldt State	BS-Samuel Merritt	BS-CSU-Stanislaus		BS-CSULA	BS-Concordia Univ, Irvine	BS-Loma Linda University	BS-Point Loma Nazarene
	BS-San Jose State	BS-U of Phx-Modesto		BS-Mt St Mary's BSN	BS-CSU Fullerton	BS-West Coast IE	BS-San Diego State
	BS-SF State			BS-UCLA	BS-CSULB	ELM-Western Univ HS	ELM-InterAmerican College
	BS-Sonoma State			BS-West Coast Univ-LA	BS-UCL		ELM-USD
	BS-USF			ELM-Charles Drew University	BS-West Coast univ-OC		
	ELM-UCSF			ELM-CSU Dominguez Hills	BS-Western Governors Univ		
ADN (10)	ADN (19)	ADN (9)	ADN (7)	ADN (17)	ADN (5)	ADN (9)	ADN (5)
AD-American River	AD-Cabrillo College	AD-Bakersfield College	AD-Alien Hancock	AD-Cerritos College	AD-Cypress College	AD-Charley College	AD-Grossmont
AD-Butte College	AD-Chabot College	AD-College of Sequoias	AD-Antelope Valley	AD-Citrus College	AD-Golden West	AD-College of the Desert	AD-Kaplan College
AD-College of Siskiyous	AD-City College of SF	AD-Fresno City College	AD-College of the Canyons	AD-East LA College	AD-LB City College	AD-Copper Mountain College	AD-Mira Costa College
AD-College of the Redwoods	AD-College of Marin	AD-Gevonian College	AD-Questia College	AD-El Carrino College	AD-Saddleback Col	AD-Everest College	AD-Palomar College
AD-Mendocino Col	AD-Col of San Mateo	AD-Hartnell College	AD-Moorpark College		AD-Santa Ana	AD-Imperial Valley	AD-San Diego CC
AD-Sac City College	AD-Contra Costa Col	AD-Merced College	AD-Santa Barbara CC	AD-Glendale College		AD-Mt. San Jacinto	AD-Southwestern
AD-Shasta College	AD-DeAnza College	AD-Modesto College	AD-Ventura College	AD-LA City College		AD-Riverside CC	
AD-Sierra College	AD-Evergreen Valley	AD-San Joaquin Delta		AD-LA Harbor		AD-SB Valley College	
AD-Wes Career Col	AD-Los Medanos	AD-San Joaq Vly Col		AD-LA Pierce College		AD-Victor Valley College	
AD-Yuba College	AD-Merritt College			AD-LA Southwest			
	AD-Mission College			AD-LA Trade Tech			
	AD-Monterey Pen			AD-LA Valley College			
	AD-Napa Valley Col			AD-LAC College of Nur			
	AD-Ohlone College			AD-Mt SAC			
	AD-Pacific Union			AD-Mt St. Mary's ADN			
	AD-Santa Rosa JC			AD-Pasadena City			
	AD-Solano College			AD-Rio Hondo College			
	AD-Unilek College			AD-Santa Monica			
	AD-West Hills Col						
	Lemoore						

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Question 1	Is your program currently experiencing any difficulty with placing the enrolled students in your program has admitted?	# Schools Responded at	North (10)		Bay Area (9)		Central (9)		Canyon/Ventura (7)		LA (7)		LB/OC (8)		Palm Sp/In Emp (5)		San Diego (6)		Total		Total BSN/ELM AD(82)	
			BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN	BSN/ELM	ADN		BSN/ELM
Question 2	Has your program experienced a change in previously agreed clinical placement, i.e., cancellation of placement from the facility or change from previously assigned clinical unit?	BSN	3	0	3	2	2	1	0	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	0	1	3	19	11	30
			ADN	5	4	11	8	3	5	3	1	9	3	5	1	7	5	1	5	3	48	19
Question 3	The program is a member of consortium or organization to coordinate clinical placement.	BSN	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	0	6	0	6	0	2	0	0	4	0	25	5	30
			ADN	4	5	14	8	5	7	2	3	8	4	14	0	11	0	8	10	0	75	28
Question 4	Is your program using off shift rotations?	BSN	3	0	4	1	2	1	0	1	5	1	5	1	2	0	2	4	0	25	5	30
			ADN	9	0	16	1	5	1	4	0	11	1	5	0	7	1	5	6	0	61	4
Medical-Surgical ICU/Intensive/Special Care OB Peds Psych Genetics	a. PM shift (3PM to 11PM) b. Night shift (11PM to 7AM) c. Night shift - 12 hour (7PM to 7AM) d. Weekend e. other	BSN	11	5	17	3	4	4	2	0	14	3	5	4	2	4	0	9	3	68	16	84
			ADN	13	0	20	1	7	2	4	1	16	1	10	1	7	1	10	0	87	9	95

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Question 6 Has your program experienced a change in previously agreed clinical placement, i.e., cancellation of placement from the facility or change from previously assigned clinical unit?	# Schools Responded	North BSN/ELM (3) ADN (10)		Bay Area BSN/ELM (8) ADN (19)		Central BSN/ELM (4) ADN (9)		Canyon/Ventura BSN/ELM (1) ADN (7)		LA BSN/ELM (7) ADN (17)		LB/OC BSN/ELM (8) ADN (6)		Palm Sp/In Emp BSN/ELM (5) ADN (9)		San Diego BSN/ELM (6) ADN (8)		Total BSN(42) ADN(82)	Total ADN(82)	Total ADN(82)
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No			
BSN	3	0	2	3	2	1	1	0	3	3	3	2	0	2	2	18	12	30		
ADN	4	5	10	7	5	2	2	2	6	6	5	0	6	0	6	43	22	65		
Total	7	5	12	7	7	3	2	2	9	9	8	3	7	2	61	34	95			