

OREGON CENTER FOR NURSING 2015 SURVEY OF NURSE EMPLOYERS Acute / Long Term / Home Health / Hospice Care

Dear Colleague,

The Oregon Center for Nursing (OCN) is presently conducting a survey of nurse employers in Oregon. As part of this effort, we are asking acute, long term, home health, and hospice care employers throughout Oregon to complete and return the attached questionnaire concerning demand for and recruitment of nursing personnel. If you do not represent an acute care organization which offers long term care, home health or hospice services in Oregon, please contact us at <u>ilic@up.edu</u> or (503) 342-4048.

Your participation, while voluntary, is essential to the richness and accuracy of survey findings. All information provided will remain **completely confidential** and will be released only in summary form. Individual organizations will not be identifiable. Return of a completed survey will be considered your consent to participate in this study.

Individuals returning a completed survey will be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$250 cash prizes.

Before you begin, please note:

- If you do not have the information required to complete this survey, please contact us at <u>ilic@up.edu</u> or (503) 342-4048.
- The attached document can be completed electronically. Saving the document to a secure location will allow you to save your responses at any point during survey completion, enabling you to exit the survey and resume the completion process at your convenience.
- If you prefer to complete a paper version of this survey, you can print the document and enter responses by hand.
- Please provide us with your contact information so we can follow up on your responses if necessary.

Please submit your completed survey by October 26, 2015. Surveys may be sent one of three ways:

- 1. E-mail the completed survey to <u>ilic@up.edu</u>
- 2. Fax the completed survey to 971-239-0627
- 3. Submit the completed survey via U.S. mail to:

Oregon Center for Nursing 5000 North Willamette Boulevard, MSC 192 Portland, OR 97203-5743

On behalf of the Oregon Center for Nursing, thank you for your contribution in this crucial research. We appreciate your participation as we continue to conduct research to support a well-prepared, diverse and exceptional nursing workforce. Please contact us at <u>ilic@up.edu</u> or (503) 342-4048 with any questions regarding our nursing demand study or completion of this survey.

Sincerely,

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1. Which of the following types of <u>licensed</u> nurses does your organization employ? **Check all that** apply.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

Registered Nurses (RN)

- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)
- Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)

If your organization does not employ any of the licensed nurses listed in Item 1, please stop here and return this survey to the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Otherwise, please continue with Item 2.

The remainder of this survey pertains to <u>licensed nursing personnel</u> employed by your organization. Please provide responses for acute care/inpatient/emergency care settings and long term care/home health/hospice settings separately where instructed.

2. Please indicate all practice settings for which your organization employs licensed nurses. Check all that apply.

Ambulatory care clinic	Military treatment facility
Ambulatory surgical center	Nursing facility/Nursing home
Assisted living facility	Psychiatric facility – Inpatient/Outpatient
Birthing center	Public health clinic
Emergency department	Rural health clinic
Federally qualified health center	Rehabilitation care
Home health	Residential group home
Hospice	Skilled nursing facility
🗌 Hospital - Inpatient	Urgent care facility
Hospital - Outpatient	Other
Mental/Behavioral health facility	
If "Other", please specify:	

- **3**. Some employers hire **agency and/or temporary staff, also known as contract labor**, to fill budgeted nursing positions.
 - **a.** Please indicate if your organization currently employs any of the following types of contract labor to fill **budgeted registered nurse (RN) and/or licensed practical nurse (LPN)** positions by checking the appropriate boxes. **Check all that apply.**

	Acute Care / Inpatient / Emergency Care Settings		Hos	rm Care / Health / pice ings
	RNs	LPNs	RNs	LPNs
Traveling				
Agency				
Per diem				
My organization does NOT currently use contract labor to fill these positions				

b. If your organization currently uses contract labor to fill budgeted RN or LPN positions, please indicate the approximate **percentage of all budgeted RN and LPN positions filled by contract labor.**

If your organization *does not* currently use contract labor to fill budgeted RN or LPN positions, *please skip to Item 3c*.

Acute Care / Inpatient / Emergency Care Settings		Long Term Care / Home Health / Hospice Settings		
RNs	LPNs	RNs	LPNs	
%	%	%	%	

c. Given your plans for the foreseeable future, please indicate if you anticipate your organization's **use of contract labor** to fill budgeted RN and/or LPN positions will increase, decrease, or not change **over the next 2 years**.

	Inpat Emergei	Care / ient / ncy Care ings	Long Term Care / Home Health / Hospice Settings	
	RNs	LPNs	RNs	LPNs
Increase				
Decrease				
Not change				
Not sure/Don't know				

- **4.** Now we will ask a series of questions about the number of **nursing positions** in your organization. Before completing this section, please familiarize yourself with the information we will be asking you to provide **by reviewing the "Nursing Positions" table on the next page**.
 - **a.** Before completing the "Nursing Positions" table, please indicate **how your organization defines full-time positions** (e.g., 36 hours per week, 64 hours per bi-weekly period).

An **RN** working full-time works hours per

An LPN working full-time works hours per

b. Please complete the "Nursing Positions" table below for the **most recent point in time** for which information is available. Please indicate the **date for which you will be reporting**:

As of Date:

(enter in MM/DD/YYYY format)

c. Also, please indicate **whether you will be reporting positions as headcounts or full-time equivalents (FTEs)**. A headcount is the number of individual employees regardless of full-time/part-time status. An FTE is the ratio of paid hours during a period to working hours in that period. For example, an employee paid for 40 hours during a 40-hour work week counts as 1.0 FTE, an employee paid for 20 hours during a 40-hour work week counts as 0.5 FTE, and so forth.

The numbers entered in the table on the next page are:

HeadcountsFull-time equivalents (FTEs)

d. Now, please fill in the following table about budgeted and vacant nursing positions.

Enter nursing positions in acute care / inpatient / emergency care settings and long term care / home health / hospice settings separately in the appropriate columns.

Enter RN and LPN positions in the appropriate columns.

Include advanced practice nurses in RN position counts.

Enter full-time and part-time positions separately.

Please fill in every cell. Enter "0" if zero or not applicable rather than leaving blanks.

	NURSING POSITIONS							
	Acute Care / Inpatient / Emergency Care Settings				Long Term Care / Home Health / Hospice Settings			
	RN	<u> S*</u>	LP	<u>'Ns</u>	R	<u>ls*</u>	<u>LPNs</u>	
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Total budgeted positions								
Total vacant positions								
Total vacant positions being recruited								
Of the total vacant RN positions being recruited (entered in the previous row), the number of positions for which new nursing school graduates are eligible to apply								

*Include advanced practice nurses in RN positions.

5. Now we will ask a few questions about nurses who have left your employ.

Please complete the "Separations" table below for the **most recent twelve-month period** for which information is available. Report separations for **RNs and LPNs separately**. Also report separations for **care settings separately** (acute care / inpatient / emergency care and long term care).

Please indicate the Start and End dates for which you will be reporting:

Start Date: (enter in MM/DD/YYYY format)

(enter in MM/DD/YYYY format)

End Date:

SEPARATIONS Acute Care / Inpatient / Long Term Care / Home **Emergency Care Settings** Health / Hospice Settings RNs LPNs LPNs RNs Total number of nurses employed as of the "Start Date" listed above Total number of nurses employed as of the "End Date" listed above Total number of nurses who left your employ during this period Please include both voluntary resignations and separations and involuntary terminations. Do not count employees who moved from one position to another within your organization. Of nurses who left your employ during this period, how many separations were due to lay-off?

6a. Given your experience over the past twelve months, please indicate **your level of difficulty with recruiting and hiring** the following types of nursing personnel **in acute care / inpatient / emergency care settings** by checking the appropriate box to the right of each type of personnel. (We will ask about long term care nurses on the next page.)

	ACUTE CARE/INPATIENT/EMERGENCY CARE						
	RECRUITING AND HIRING EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAS BEEN:						
Type of Nursing Personnel	Not Difficult						
LPNs							
New RN graduates							
Intensive care/Critical care							
Trauma							
Cardiac care							
Dialysis							
Emergency care							
Labor & Delivery							
Medical / Surgical							
Oncology care							
Operating room							
Pediatric / Neonatal critical care							
Pediatrics							
Pre/post surgical care							
Psychiatric / Mental health							
Case mngt/Discharge planning							
Unit-level Nurse Managers							
Nurse Supervisors							
Executive / Administration							
Certified Nurse Midwives							
Clinical Nurse Specialists							
Cert. Reg. Nurse Anesthetists							
Clinical Nurse Leaders							
Nurse Practitioners							
Other (specify)							
Other (specify)							

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6b. Given your experience over the past twelve months, please indicate **your level of difficulty with recruiting and hiring** the following types of nursing personnel **in long term care settings** by checking the appropriate box to the right of each type of personnel.

	LONG TERM CARE / HOME HEALTH / HOSPICE					
	RECRUITING AND HIRING EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAS BEEN:					
Type of Nursing Personnel	Not Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Very Difficult	Did not recruit	Did not employ	
LPNs						
New RN graduates						
Staff RNs						
Infection Control Nurses						
IV Nurses						
Quality Improvement Nurses						
Rehabilitation Nurses						
Case Managers/Discharge Planners						
Patient Care Managers/ Coordinators						
Project Coordinators						
Staff Educators						
Unit-level Nurse Managers						
Resident Care Managers						
Nurse Supervisors						
Nurse Administrators						
Clinical Nurse Specialists						
Family or Adult Nurse Practitioners						
Geriatric Nurse Practitioners						
Other (specify)						
Other (specify)						

Given your expectations for the future, please indicate if you anticipate the number of budgeted nursing positions for the following types of nursing personnel will increase, decrease, or not change over the next 2 years by checking the appropriate box to the right of each type of personnel.

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Type of Nursing Personnel	Increase	Decrease	Not change	Does not apply					
ACUTE CARE/INPATIENT/ EMERGENCY CARE									
LPN									
New RN graduates									
RN with Associate or Diploma degree									
RN with Baccalaureate degree									
RN with Master's degree in Nursing									
RN with Master's degree in management or administration									
Master's-prepared Clinical Nurse Specialist									
Master's-prepared Clinical Nurse Leader									
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist									
Nurse Practitioner									
Doctorate in Nursing Practice									
LONG TERM CARE / HOME HEALTH / HOSPICE									
LPN									
New RN graduates									
RN with Associate or Diploma degree									
RN with Baccalaureate degree									
RN with Master's degree in Nursing									
RN with Master's degree in management or administration.									
Master's-prepared Clinical Nurse Specialist									
Master's-prepared Clinical Nurse Leader									
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist									
Nurse Practitioner									
Doctorate in Nursing Practice									

- 8. If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please enter your comments below.
- **9.** Your responses to this survey will remain confidential. However, please provide us with your contact information so that we can get in touch with you should we have questions about your responses and enter you in the drawing for one of two \$250 cash prizes.

Name:

Title:

Name of Organization:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

Thank you for your participation.