

## HCGNE Nursing Home Collaborative Planning Year Proposal

### Executive Summary

The American Academy of Nursing seeks a 1-year planning grant to develop the Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence (HCGNE) Nursing Home Collaborative. The Collaborative is a plan for action by the five HCGNEs and their partners. Their mission is *to improve the quality of care provided in nursing homes to very frail elders with complex and unstable health care needs.*

The goal of the future 5-year HCGNE Nursing Home Collaborative is to improve care for frail elders through implementation of a research-based professional nursing practice model that can be widely implemented and translated to a national standard. These efforts will result in improved care for very frail elders and enrichment of the professional working environment of the nursing home. Professional practice models are models in which the organization and delivery of care are based on a profession's specialized knowledge and commitment to service. The Professional Nursing Practice Model of the HCGNE Collaborative will be grounded in several core principles. To date, three core principles have been selected. Quality of care will be high: (1) when care is provided by highly skilled nurses with enhanced geriatric nursing competencies and enhanced nursing leadership for changing practice; (2) when best practices for elders are embedded in facility care processes; and (3) with enhanced nurse staffing models. During the planning year we will expand and refine the core principles of the Professional Nursing Practice Model.

Participating partners in the Collaborative are key to its success. The five HCGNEs working together create an impressive force. We will build on existing relationships and establish strong national and state partnerships with nurses in nursing home settings, industry leaders and operators, regulators, consumers, advocates, policy makers, and centers that are sources of important expertise, to increase the likelihood of success.

The purposes of the planning year are to further develop and refine the Nursing Home Collaborative and prepare a grant application to support its 5-year implementation. The goals for the planning year are to draw upon best practices to:

1. Develop the infrastructure and partnerships for the HCGNE Nursing Home Collaborative.
2. Reach consensus on the core principles for the professional nursing practice model to be implemented nationally in the future 5-year project.
3. Develop the overarching, research-based, professional nursing practice model.
4. Specify variations in the model needed by each of the five states and plans for its implementation in the future 5-year project.
5. Develop preliminary plans to (a) leverage investment in the Collaborative, (b) sustain the model within the current revenue stream, and (c) distribute the Collaborative model nationally.
6. Develop a plan to evaluate the Nursing Home Collaborative.