

# HOW TO IMPLEMENT AN ACADEMIC-PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP

## EXPERTS' TIPS FOR SUCCESS

FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF OTHERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SET UP SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

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### DON'T HESITATE

- Schedule a meeting ASAP with nurse education leaders in your state.
- Include state hospital and healthcare associations.
- Communicate with nursing administrators across the state too.

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### USE EXISTING RESOURCES

Take advantage of communication templates already written by OADN and nursing leaders in Iowa who already successfully penned letters.

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### GARNER WIDE SUPPORT

- Make a statewide announcement if possible.
- Include nurse education leaders early.
- Talk with student nurse leaders too.
- Then share their enthusiasm with practice partners.

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### REQUEST EMERGENCY LICENSING & FOCUS ON STUDENTS GRADUATING SOONEST

Ask your state BON what steps are necessary and then make sure students know exactly what to send in to receive their licenses.

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### ADJUST TO PLACE STUDENTS ASAP

Consider how to fulfill practice-partners' needs, e.g., end final-semester coursework early to onboard new grads quickly & work with your registrar to run transcripts ahead of other university students.

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### DETERMINE HOW HOURS WILL CONVERT & COUNT THEM TOWARD ORIENTATION

Work with your BON to decide how students' participation in preceptorships will convert to clinical experience.

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### BE ACCOMMODATING BUT ...

Ease practice partners' needs wherever possible, such as supplying students' PPE. But keep students' needs in mind, too, such as asking for back-to-back clinicals.

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### SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

Once you've experienced success, reach out to other providers. Explain that the pipeline is emptying & that new nurses may not be available when they need them without their participation.