



Case Study: Ascend Services in Action

We build pipelines where critical gaps exist.

Problem

Indiana, and the nation as a whole, face a serious shortage of registered nurses (RNs). By 2020, the nation is projected to experience a shortage of 250,000 RNs, of which Indiana's shortage is approximately 7,000. Left unaddressed, thousands of individuals miss out on the opportunity for strong careers and wages, and even more individuals face inadequate access to healthcare.

Solution

The Nursing Academy is a unique and scalable education model that not only brings shared value to CHNw, UIndy, and the Central Indiana community, but also directly addresses shortages in the national nursing workforce. The mission of the Nursing Academy is to be an innovative educational design, using an inter-professional approach, for the preparation of undergraduate and graduate registered nurses.

Shortage addressed.
Business staffed.
Students placed.

"BSN-educated nurses require less orientation time, display higher levels of critical thinking skills, and provide better patient outcomes."

Jean Putnam, Chief Nursing Officer, Community Health Network

Results

In partnership with the University of Indianapolis (UIndy) and Ascend, CHNw created a scalable, employer-driven solution that addresses critical shortages in the nursing workforce. Students benefit from scholarship dollars, work-based experiences, and job placement.

