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BC Nursing Research Initiative Research Priority Areas - Health Services Research

All BC Nursing Research Initiative (BCNRI) Projects must address one or more of the following research areas:

1. Nursing Health Human Resources

- Research into how different models of staffing (e.g., different staff mixes and ratios) or different models of nursing care delivery (e.g., total patient care; collaborative practice) can help address the HHR challenges that involve nurses, e.g.: workload; staff shortages; ability to work to full scope of practice.
- Research into strategies aimed at enhancing recruitment and retention of the nursing workforce (e.g. leadership development, career laddering, staff development).

2. Practice Relevant Education

- Research that explores innovations in practice-based education (under-graduate, graduate or specialty education) related to development of clinical judgment and skills and socialization into the profession (i.e., ability to articulate and enact role).
- Research that evaluates the impact of education on the quality of nursing practice: supporting nurses to adapt to and implement changes in health services delivery to meet the needs, and improve health outcomes, of diverse populations.

3. Quality and Safety of the Practice (Work) Environment

- Research into the impacts (intended and unintended) of policy choices on the practice environment.
- Research into innovative promotion and prevention strategies that enhance the quality and safety of the work environment for nurses.