

Critical Care Nursing Education Program

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Two educational programs that prepare nurses to work in critical care settings are currently delivered within the WRHA: a 24-28 week program, the Advanced Intensive Care Nursing Program (AICNP), that prepares nurses to work at SBGH & HSC; and a 12-week program, Community Intensive Care Unit Program (C-ICUP), that prepares nurses to work in community hospitals. An external review of the programs in 2007 identified opportunities to utilize current resources more effectively through standardization of program content, sharing of teaching duties and educational resources. The goal of this project is to develop and implement a standardized collaborative regional critical care nursing education program that will support the learning needs of both new and experienced staff and increase the number of nurses prepared to work in critical care areas across the region.