

Improving Access for Northeast Indiana to Quality Healthcare

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Goals

- Improve access to quality care by increasing nurse practitioners
- Increase promotion of advanced nursing degrees to undergraduate nursing students
- Promote interprofessional education
- Further incorporate interprofessional education and experiences
- Encourage shadowing experiences for undergraduates

Investigation

- Ratio of Population to Primary Care Providers
Allen County 2010: **934 to 1**
Allen County 2014: 1636 to 1
Indiana state average 2014: **1539 to 1**
- First Care and Acute Care clinics
- Walgreens and CVS
- Nurse Practitioner Run Clinics
- **71 nurse practitioner positions available** within 25 miles of Fort Wayne (Indeed.com on 5/28/2014)

Predicted Outcomes

- Increase number of nurse practitioners in Northeast Indiana
- Increase access to healthcare in Northeast Indiana
- Adjust nursing undergraduate curriculums to include information on advanced degrees
- Interprofessional Health teams

Methods

- Met with IPFW Graduate and Undergraduate Nursing Faculty and discussed findings and purpose
- Presented to undergraduate nursing counselors
- Spoke to Professional Seminar II undergraduate nursing students
- Presented to over 70 new students in nursing orientation
- Project presented to Fort Wayne Family Medicine Residency Program

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