Introducing the Benner Institute for Teaching and Learning, a revolutionary solution to remake nursing education.

The Benner Institute is a collaboration between HealthImpact and Dr. Patricia Benner.

Dr. Benner is an internationally renowned nursing educator, researcher, author and co-author of more than 12 books, whose influence extends beyond nursing and into the areas of clinical practice and clinical ethics.

What is the Problem?

The nursing community has been charged to remake its educational programs to better meet the contemporary needs of patient care and the nursing practice. The landmark study by The Carnegie Foundation\(^1\) has challenged us to radically change nursing curricula and to identify the most effective teaching and learning practices for nursing students.

There is a gap between what academia teaches and how they prepare nurses versus the needs and the practice of practice partners across the healthcare settings where nursing care is being delivered.

In Summary

Individual efforts have attempted to meet this call to action, but there has not been a coordinated effort that brings together academic and practice scholars to radically change curricula. Nor has there been an organization to provide thought-leadership support to faculty and institutions and explore innovations in nursing education.

What’s Next?
Our Solution: Benner Institute

The Mission of the Benner Institute for Teaching and Learning is to:

- Provide thought leadership for nursing education, curricula, and teaching/learning.
- Serve as an innovation incubator for teaching/learning methodologies.
- Disseminate and foster adoption of innovations to improve nursing education nationally and internationally.

With more than 11,000 new graduate nurses entering the workforce every year, it's more important than ever to improve the preparation of nurses to improve the health of Californians.

We hope you will join us in building the Benner Institute by providing financial support, participating in Institute programs, and advocating for its mission.

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