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Abstract

Currently, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) education programs limit enrollment due to a lack of available preceptors. In order to increase understanding of preceptor needs and preferences, a needs assessment was conducted with Nurse Practitioner (NP) and Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) preceptors for the University of Washington School of Nursing (UWSoN). A survey was sent to 385 NP/CNM preceptors with a response rate of 69%. Preceptors reported that the lack of time for teaching and productivity expectations are the primary barriers to precepting. Preceptors desire more training, more support and payments to their institutions to create more time for teaching.

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