

BACKGROUND

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B.C.'S NURSING STRATEGY FUNDING COMMITMENTS

Since 2001, government has invested \$174 million in B.C.'s Nursing Strategy to educate, recruit and retain the best qualified nurses in B.C. – including \$28 million this week. Here is a breakdown of the \$28 million funding:

| AREA | DETAILS | \$ |
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| Undergraduate Nurses (UGN) Program | Allows health authorities to employ third and fourth year nursing students in supernumerary positions. | \$11M |
| UGN Program for Difficult to Fill Areas | Educates student nurses in specialty areas such as emergency rooms, operating rooms and critical care areas. | \$1M |
| New Graduate Internship | Supports building and consolidating clinical competencies for new graduates and senior students in specialized clinical settings. | \$3.55M |
| Nurse Practitioner Implementation | Health authorities will be supported to expand the implementation of the role of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and increase the number of NPs in areas of need. | \$9M |
| Aboriginal Nursing Strategies | Focused on enhancing the progression of Aboriginal students in B.C.'s nursing programs and the recruitment and retention of nurses in Aboriginal communities. | \$500,000 |
| Return to Nursing Fund | Allows nurses to complete qualifying courses and upgrade skills to enter into the nursing workforce. | \$350,000 |
| Retention Strategies | Focused on supporting retention of nurses in a variety of practice settings in acute and community care. | \$1.3M |
| Nursing Leadership Initiative | B.C.'s Nursing Leadership Institute will be expanded to provide education and mentoring for front-line nurse leaders. | \$300,000 |
| Best Practices and Innovation | Allows development of best practices and innovation in nursing education and practice. | \$1M |
| | TOTAL | \$28 M |

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