Texas Nurse Workforce Information

Demographics

- There were 169,446 active RNs practicing in Texas in 2009.
- Approximately 68% of all RNs in Texas are white, 9.7% African-American, 11.3% Hispanic and 11% other.
- 27% of RNs in Texas are between 45 and 54 years old.
- The number of RNs age 55 and older increased from 15.1% in 2000 to 26.4 in 2009.
- An estimated 29.4% of RNs in Texas are eligible to retire in the next three to twelve years.
- 63.7% of the RN workforce is employed in the acute hospital setting.

Schools of Nursing

- Between 2005 and 2020 demand for RNs is expected to increase by 86% and supply by only 53%.
- Texas nursing schools produced 8,211 RN graduates in 2009.
- For supply to meet demand, the number of new graduates must grow to 15,199 by 2013 and to 24,870 in 2020.
- The median age for nursing faculty in Texas was 54 in 2008.
- Turnover rate for faculty was 14%.
- In order for schools to increase enrollment by 20%, it requires 265 additional full time faculty, 159 part time faculty, and 93 clinical assistants.
- Enrollment in BSN programs increased by 4.3% in 2009.
- In 2009, the highest degree attained for RNs was 14.8% diploma, 46.9% associates, 37.3% BSN, with 9% having masters’ degrees and .4% doctorates.

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