VIRGINIA NURSE WORKFORCE INFORMATION

- In February 2011, there were 94,127 active RN licenses and 30,558 LPNs in the Commonwealth.
- 75.8% of licensed RNs are employed in nursing and 53.8% of employed nurses work in hospitals.
- Average age of currently working RNs is 45 years. 16% of all RNs working are 55 or older.
- The highest degree achieved was 15.8% Diploma, 28.3% Associates, 38.9 BSN and 16.9% Masters and doctorate level.
- In the 2007-2008 academic year, there were 3,228 new RN graduates.

THE FUTURE FOR VIRGINIA

- By 2020, Virginia will experience a 36% deficit in the number of nurses required by health care employers.
- In a 2004 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia report, a projected shortage of 23,000 nursing FTEs is predicted by 2020.
- 43% of RNs currently working report their intent to discontinue work within 10 years. 39% of nurses with master's degrees – 37% of nurse practitioners and 47% of clinical nurse specialists – also report their intent to discontinue work within 10 years. Both are primarily due to retirement.
- In order to meet the projected demand for RNs in Virginia, an average of 1,600 additional nurses is needed each year.

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