
President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

Oregon Governor's Healthcare Workforce Initiative



Grant Amount: \$300,000

Grantee: State of Oregon

Key Partners: *In Portland:* Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE); Oregon Center for Nursing; Northwest Health Foundation. *In Tualatin:* Oregon Health Career Center; Community College Healthcare Action Plan

Leveraged Amount: \$450,000 in cash from the State's Employer Workforce Training Fund

Location of Grant Activities: Statewide

Challenge: Overcoming nursing shortages requires that the education system devise ways to supply clinical facilities and faculty. Otherwise, the education system will be unable to fill the pipeline with qualified nurses.

Addressing the Challenge: With its \$300,000 grant, the Oregon Governor's Healthcare Workforce Initiative will purchase seven SimMan[®] real-time interactive human patient simulators made by Laerdal Medical Corporation. The simulation technology will be integrated into health care curricula for use by well-prepared and networked faculty, available over the state's broadband Internet network, and affordable for all education and service groups in the state.

Projected Outcomes:

- 7 SimMan[®] human patient simulators will be purchased;
- The Governor's Healthcare Workforce Initiative will report on the use of simulators to ensure that they increase the capacity of educational programs; increase access to simulation-based education; increase simulation technology expertise statewide; and prove satisfactory as a quality educational tool.

