



Nursing Support Grant II Accelerated ADN to BSN

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Hagerstown Community College is working toward the Institute of Medicine's recommendation that by 2020 80% of nursing will hold a Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree. By instituting an accelerated two-year pathway to the Associate Degree (ADN, students were accepted into the new accelerated pathway. These students are completing the prerequisite and nursing courses concurrently.

Project objective included recruitment, advisement, instructional support services and transfer assistance. With most nursing students currently needing three years to complete an ADN, the new pathway constitutes a fundamental change, leading students more expeditiously to the BSN. As two-year pathway numbers increase, simultaneous decreases in three-year pathway students will take place. By FY 2020, a potential 144 students will complete the two-year pathway, with an expected 80% graduation rate, or at least 115 new ADNs, with 80% transferring to a BSN program within one semester.