

Exemplary Academic-Practice Partnership Award
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University on Minnesota School of Nursing – Collaboratory of Collaboratories

The University of Minnesota School of Nursing academic - practice partnerships is an exemplar of the “Collaboratory of Collaboratories”. The School of Nursing Academic Practice Partnerships building upon the first partnership established in 2013 with MHealth Fairview and recognized by the AACN-AONL award in 2017, now consists of our 10 Collaboratories. These Collaboratories work directly with the School of Nursing as well as with each other on a variety of initiatives and priorities. This academic-practice partnership demonstrates innovative and sustained relationships that while including clinical placements for prelicensure and doctoral students, extend to address 1) Shared Governance and Open Communication, 2) Alignment of Vision, Goals, and Strategy, 3) Supportive Resources and Infrastructure, 4) Integrative Research Programs, 5) Interprofessional Collaboration, and 6) Focus on Improved Community Health Outcomes [Guiding Principles for Academic-Practice Partnerships, AACN and AONL].

Each collaboratory is designed to be a nursing think tank and incubator for creativity and innovation to engage nursing faculty, staff, students, and clinicians. They foster innovative educational experiences for University of Minnesota nursing students across the state; advance nursing knowledge to improve and support the health of individuals, families and communities; address workforce needs ranging from enhanced pipelines through supporting smooth transitions of graduates into practice; and foster retention, flourishing in leadership and career trajectory.

The University of Minnesota School of Nursing “Collaboratory of Collaboratories”, encompassing 10 academic-practice dyads, emphasizes shared innovation and partnerships across 2 or more of the dyads.

- **MHealth Fairview** – collaboration among U of MN Medical School, Fairview Health Services, and University Minnesota Physicians comprised of more than 10 hospitals, and primary and specialty care clinics, senior facilities, facilitated living centers, rehabilitation centers, home health care services, counseling, pharmacies.
- **Children’s Minnesota** - One of the largest freestanding comprehensive pediatric health systems in the US - 2 hospitals, 9 primary care clinics, 7 rehabilitation and 9 specialty care sites. Only health system and Level I Trauma Center in MN to provide care exclusively to children.
- **Minneapolis Veterans Administration Health System** – As part of the largest integrated healthcare system in the United States, the Minneapolis VA Healthcare System, a full service inpatient and ambulatory care center with 13 Community Based Outpatient Clinics and Community Resource and Referral Center for Veterans experiencing homelessness.
- **Essentia Health** – integrated health system serving patients in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota - 14 hospitals, 78 clinics, 6 long-term care facilities, 6 assisted living and independent living facilities, 7 ambulance services, 27 retail pharmacies, and 1 research institute.
- **PrairieCare** – one of the US’s largest providers of a continuum of mental health and psychiatric services to individuals of all ages in Minnesota.
- **Mayo Clinic** – Largest integrated, not-for-profit academic medical center focused on integrated care, education, and research.
- **Faith Community Nurse Network** - over 400 faith community nurses and a public health nurse providing programs and services to over 230 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim congregations in Minnesota.
- **Allina Health** – nonprofit health system that cares for individuals, families and communities throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin with 12 hospitals and 60+ primary care clinics
- **Hennepin County Health Center** – Safety net hospital in Minneapolis - Level I Adult & Pediatric Trauma Center, an acute care hospital, as well as a clinic system with primary care clinics.
- **Minnesota Hospital Association** – Advances health through representing Minnesota’s hospitals and health systems to provide the resources, best practices and guidance to provide an exceptional patient experience and high-quality, affordable care that extends beyond the hospital’s walls.

The initiative engages students, faculty, staff, and clinicians from all organizations in the generation and implementation of new ideas, discoveries and models of care. The accompanying document shows exemplars that address increasing student enrollments through new pipelines and resources (eg scholarship, tuition reimbursement), expanding creation and use of DEU’s, integrating DNP projects within collaboratories, expanding faculty appointments, expanding research and scholarship, developing residency opportunities, creating a state-wide center for workforce, and legislative action for workforce in Minnesota.