

Nursing education at the crossroads: Empowering nurses and patients

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Overview of where we are today and how we arrived at our current state

- A. Development of Community Colleges
- B. Recommendations of past studies conducted during the 20th century
- C. Changes in practice and career opportunities

The IOM study entitled The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health

- A. Findings of the study and how they affect nursing education
- B. Actions underway at present

The demand for more nurses prepared to exert leadership in all aspects of health care

- A. Changes in delivery systems
- B. Innovations for today and the future
- C. Resultant increased power for nurses in all settings.

Biography

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