Implementing a Practice Doctorate Program at a Distance through an Urban-Rural Partnership

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ABSTRACT:
The purpose of this paper is to present a model for implementing a Practice Doctorate Program (PDP) through an urban-rural partnership. The unique approach presented in this paper focuses on utilizing the Internet to provide distance learning for urban and rural nursing students. Case studies from various sites are used to explain the process and outcomes of a successful distance health care program for nurses.

INTRODUCTION:
Through support from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Health Resources and Services Administration, under the auspices of the Bureau of Health Professions, the Jefferson School of Nursing, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA and Danville, PA; Academic Instructional Support Resources, Thomas Jefferson University have created a model for implementing a Practice Doctorate Program (PDP) through an urban-rural partnership.

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