



2009 State Report

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Projects/Issues Addressed This Year:

Utah has had a very busy and successful year in advancing public health nursing. The 13 PHN directors in the state collaborated with the Pacific Public Health Training Center to take an 6 hour didactic PHN Orientation to the web. Our web-based, interactive orientation uses the same curriculum in a much more manageable capacity. The course takes about 4 hours to complete, with off-line assignments and readings adding another 2-3 hours.

Here is the link for the on-line course:

http://pphtc.org/training/course_descr/course_phn.htm

Projects/Issues Pending:

Developing a mentoring process for new public health nurses

Implementing the Wheel of PHN Interventions

Surviving the budget cutting processes

Keeping public health nursing at the policy table

And, Utah, like all other states, has grave concerns over the nursing shortage, the average age of a public health nurse and staying competitive as an employer