

Advanced nursing education in HIV care: Why is it necessary?

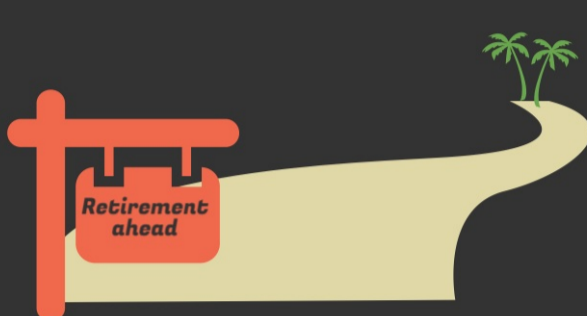
Increases the HIV care workforce in response to the epidemic

Addresses the social determinants of health that impact quality care outcomes

There's an estimated **1.2 million** people living with HIV (PLWH) in the U.S.¹

Veterans of the HIV care workforce are retiring, and more providers with HIV care education are needed to respond to the epidemic.^{2,3}

Of HIV care providers in the U.S., **>50% are >50** years old



Specialized HIV care training increases the pool of practitioners capable of providing primary care to PLWH.

Nearly **70%** of Ryan White facilities report difficulty recruiting HIV clinicians, citing a lack of providers as the leading cause

Cultural competence is associated with greater equity in care and better care outcomes of PLWH.⁴

Advanced practice nurses in HIV care are prepared to respond to related public health conditions that can impact the management of HIV care,^{5,6} like:


Poverty & homelessness


Racism, discrimination & stigma


Low health literacy


Mental health disorders


Substance use disorders

Specialized HIV care training focuses on cultural competence and the social determinants of health across communities and settings.

Approximately **1/4** 
PLWH in the U.S. are >55 years old⁷

Due to improvements in treatment and prevention strategies, HIV is now a chronic condition that requires a shift in treatment delivery.⁸

PLWH in the U.S. are living longer and require the broader skills of primary care physicians, advanced practice nurses and physician assistants to address other health care needs,⁹ like:


comorbid conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, etc.


family planning & preconception care


comprehensive care for overall wellness

Specialized HIV training care can be integrated into and complement primary care services.

Considering advanced nursing education in HIV care?

Rutgers School of Nursing HIV Care Specialization Program

is an HIV primary care education program, administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau, which is designed to train nurse practitioners in HIV care and treatment, and expand the number of culturally competent advanced practice nurses capable of providing primary care to people living with HIV. The program is designed for DNP students or for current APNs.

The curriculum includes:

- Social Determinants of Health and the Impact on HIV Care
- Diagnosis, Care and Treatment for Primary Care Providers
- Responses to the HIV Epidemic
- HIV-Specific Primary Care Clinical Hours



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