



# ProInCa *News*

*Promoting the Innovation Capacity of Higher Education in Nursing During Health Services Transition*

## Welcome to the Fourth Issue of ProInCa News!

### Welcome

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It has been a year since we started our ProInCa project through collaboration of medical universities within Kazakhstan and with European top performing universities. The highlights on this issue were from the past four months. Continued efforts are seen towards the launching of the Center for Nursing Excellence soon, general outlook of nursing research in Kazakhstan, nursing leadership training, including evidence-based nursing practice, and lastly the development of educational materials for educators to be used in their nursing curriculum.

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### Nursing Leadership

Leadership in modern management, including the management in nursing, has of great importance for the professional activity of any leader, chief and head nurse. A training seminar and master classes “Leadership in Nursing” was held at the Nazarbayev University Medical School, as part of the ProInCa project from February 25 to March 1. This event is organized by Lahti University of Applied Sciences (Finland) and Marat Ospanov West Kazakhstan State Medical University.

The purpose of the seminar was to test teaching materials on leadership in nursing, the creation of an association of nursing leaders to promote leadership positions in nursing and new nursing roles in healthcare. The seminar was attended by 68 participants, chief and senior nurses, managers of nursing in the health institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan, teachers of medical universities and colleges of Kazakhstan.



## Center for Nursing Excellence

Work Package 2.1 is working on the design and development of the e-platform for the Center of Nursing Excellence (CNE). The needs and requirements activities are almost finished. Learning from best practices and findings from a literature review have lead to a list of requirements. This list is verified by a two round Delphi research. The e-platform itself will have a website with information for nurses, nursing students, nursing teachers and nursing researchers about the main topics of the ProInCa project: "Evidence-Based Nursing"; Nursing Research; and Nursing Leadership.

Also, information about Nursing Clinical Guidelines can be found on the CNE website in the future. The CNE e-platform also provides facilities for collaboration and includes an e-learning environment with courses developed in Moodle. The first courses in the Moodle environment will have materials for nursing teachers. During a masterclass in Astana in April participants will work on the further development of the CNE and its e-platform. CNE will be a structural unit of the Astana Medical University.



*ProInCa Team during the Evidence-Based Nursing masterclass in Slovenia*

## Evidence-Based Nursing

Within the framework of the 5-day masterclass workshop, from November 12<sup>th</sup> to November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Angela Boškin Faculty of Health Care (ABFHC) hosted ProInCa project partners and other participants. The masterclass was aiming at higher education teachers of medical faculties in Kazakhstan, who teach evidence-based practice. The aim of the masterclass was to adapt the draft educational materials to the needs and situation in Kazakhstan. Interestingly, nursing faculties in Kazakhstan do not practice the concept of evidence-based nursing; they know and practice the concept of evidence-based medicine, instead.

The task of ABFHC as the leader of the working package was to create learning materials that will

be used in Kazakhstan to learn the evidence based nursing. Learning materials for basic, advanced and master level teaching were designed.

## Nursing Research

As part of Work Package 2.3, an analysis of Delphi research data was started, which will allow to describe the general picture of the state of research in nursing care in the Kazakhstan. The working group of the WP 2.3 is engaged in the analysis of the opinions of nursing experts on the state and prospects of scientific research in nursing.

This study is a Delphi, or expert interview, which focuses on a comparative analysis of the infrastructure of nursing researches, their administrative, financial support, development of information technologies and the innovative potential of universities in this area.

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The study involves experts of nursing education:

- Administrative and managerial staff of the Higher Education Institutions / colleges.
- Researchers and / or teachers of “Nursing” specialty.
- Nursing managers at clinical bases: chief-nurse, senior nurse of the department.

## Upcoming Conference

Within May 23 and 24, 2019, the international ProInCa Mid-conference will be held at Nazarbayev University, Astana. The main topic of the conference is advancing nursing profession in Kazakhstan through strengthening collaboration.

The program of the ProInCa conference includes a welcome ceremony from representatives of Nazarbayev University, Ministry of Health, and European ProInCa partners, a plenary session with keynote speeches, and two parallel sections with discussions on evidence-based nursing and nursing leadership issues.

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The interim results of the ProInCa project will be also disseminated to the conference participants: (universities, higher medical colleges, medical colleges, hospitals, nursing associations, etc.). European experts on nursing from Finland, Netherlands, and Slovenia will share the international best practices and operating models in nursing.

The conference provides an opportunity for joint knowledge sharing among the nursing community, universities and colleges, hospitals, etc., on developing nursing research, nursing leadership and evidence-based nursing.

As a result, participants will adopt the conference resolution with recommendations for future steps on strengthening nursing in Kazakhstan through enhancing collaboration of all stakeholders in nursing.

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## UP COMING EVENTS



Name of event: **Nursing Research Workshop**  
Date: April 1-5, 2019  
Venue: Nazarbayev University, School of Medicine

Name of event: **Center for Nursing Excellence Masterclass**  
Date: April 8-12, 2019  
Venue: Astana Medical University

