



**Problem**

Health disparities exist in rural populations that differ from inner cities, particularly limited access to health care due to:

- Shortage of primary providers
- Limited clinic facilities
- Transportation issues to existing clinics.

Rural populations also have a higher rate of poverty, lower educational levels as well as multicultural ethnic groups, which limits access to health information and information on preventative health care. (National Rural Health Association)

**Purpose**

The mobile health program has three goals;

1. Provide preventative health screenings, and education services to underserved populations
2. Provide clinical training sites for nursing students
3. Provide an opportunity for inter-professional collaboration amongst students at Fresno State University



**Methodology**

The Essential Curriculum Elements, developed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and The Core Competencies for Inter-professional Collaborative Practice

**Curriculum Elements**

- Research
- Policy
- Organization
- Financing of health care
- Ethics
- Values for collaboration
- Roles and responsibilities
- Communication
- Teamwork



**Findings**

Despite Health Care reform in the United States, many still do not have access to health care due to an impacted system and inadequate resources. Additionally, the burden of disease and access to care is significant in both rural and urban areas of Fresno. The collaborative efforts of students helps to meet the needs in underserved communities.



**Clinic Statistics**

	Spring 2015	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Clinic Totals
Number of Site Visits	3	12	15	24	27	30	23	134
Number of Patients	142	314	324	985	923	1089	812	4,589
Number of Students	12	72	90	240	459	399	372	1,644
Service Hours	80	432	540	1,440	74,358	71,820	51,336	200,006

**Conclusion**

The program's success is due to the engagement and collaborative efforts of students from the following disciplines: Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing, Pharmacology, Athletic, Kinesiology, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Dietetic, Psychology and Student Lead Organizations.