

# Interim Results [Data Summary] from the Evaluation of the John A. Hartford Foundation's Geriatric Nursing Initiative

## Web-Based Activities

### An Evaluation Report by The Measurement Group<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** The Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative [HGNI] includes programs designed to increase the supply of geriatric nurses and the quality of care provided to older adults by building academic geriatric nursing capacity nationwide. A diverse set of component programs have been funded to tackle unique issues related to geriatric nursing capacity and training to individually and synergistically achieve the goals of the initiative.

The Internet has emerged as a common tool used across the programs of the HGNI to meet the overall initiative and individual program goals. This report presents a preliminary summary of the HGNI Grantees' web-based activities. The intent of this report is primarily to survey the individual grantees and catalog the totality of their activities. A more final report will examine the longer-term impact of the innovative work described here.

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