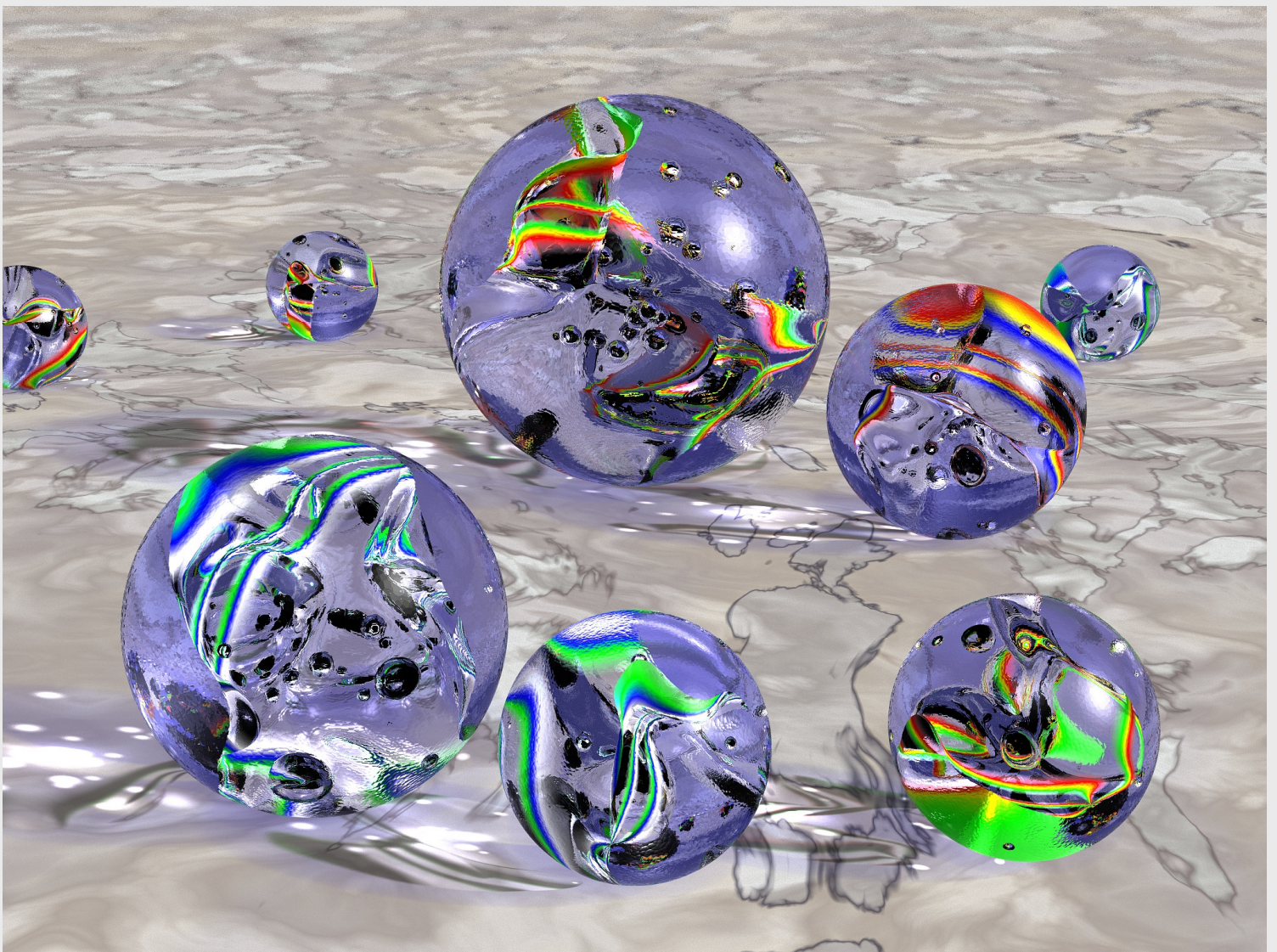


**ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
FUTURE DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN NURSING  
A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN  
FROM THE MAY 2010 DOCTORAL FORUM**



## Introduction

As part of the preparation for the CASN Doctoral Forum, an Environmental Scan was sent to the 75 Canadian schools that do not currently have a doctoral program. The purpose was to obtain information that would contribute to the discussion on the current, and future, capacity of Doctoral Nursing Programs in this country. Sixteen of the 75 (21.3%) schools responded to the scan questionnaire. The key findings are reported below

## Plans to Develop new Doctoral Programs

- Currently six schools are actively engaged in working towards establishing a doctoral program in nursing.
- Of these six, two are planning to be up and running within the next two years.
- Two expect to be established in the next two to four years.
- A further two schools reported that they planned to establish a doctoral program in Nursing in the next four to six years.

## Delivery Model of Interest

Of the six schools who are planning to introduce a new PhD program:

- Two reported an interest in starting an interdisciplinary program.
- Two reported that they are interested in starting a fast track program.
- Three reported that they are interested in starting a distance delivered program.
- Five reported that they are interested in starting a residency based program.
- Two reported that they are interested in starting a collaborative program.

**Note:** Some schools indicated that they were interested in introducing more than one type of program.

## Challenges Identified in Mounting a Doctoral Program in Nursing

Schools were asked to identify challenges in developing a doctoral program at the school, University and Provincial levels. The major challenges identified at all three levels were funding and a lack of qualified faculty.

## Strategies Identified to Address Challenges of Establishing a New Doctoral Program in Nursing

The schools were asked to identify strategies they felt may address the challenges faced by schools who wish to establish nursing programs.

- Three schools indicated that funding should be actively sought by lobbying the provincial government for increased financial allocations, or by creating part time programs so that students could fund their own education.
- Five schools responded that faculty members should be encouraged to advocate strongly for the introduction of a PhD program in nursing.

## Summary

The results of the Environmental Scan of schools who do not currently have a doctoral program in nursing indicated the following:

- Six new doctoral programs in nursing may be established within the next six years.
- Most will be residency based programs.
- The major challenges identified in establishing a new doctoral program in nursing are a lack of sufficient faculty with the required credentials and insufficient funding opportunities to support the program.

**School Name:**

**Programs Available**

- Baccalaureate
- Post BACC
- Masters
- NP

**If you do not currently have a Doctoral Program are you working towards this goal?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes then when is your goal for implementation?**

- 1-2 years
- 2-4 years
- 4-6 years
- 6-10 years
- 10 years or more

**What type(s) of Delivery Model are you interested in?**

- Interdisciplinary
- Fast tracking
- Distant delivered
- Residency based
- Collaborative Please specify possible partner \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the challenges to mounting a program at the school level?**

**What are the challenges to mounting a program at the university level?**

***What are the challenges to mounting a program at the provincial level?***

***Describe any strategies may be helpful in addressing these challenges.***