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Dear Journalists and Editors,

I am contacting you to let you know that the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) is hosting a forum on clinical/practice education in nursing on November 16 at the Minto Place Suite Hotel in Ottawa.

It is CASN's position that without an adequate, well-educated and well-prepared supply of nurses — and enough professors to prepare those nurses — further investments in the healthcare system will fail to meet the needs of Canadians. Clinical/practice education is a critical component of nursing education yet there is a crisis in the spaces available. This national forum will be discussing the crisis and identifying new, innovative approaches to clinical/practice education.

The Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing is the national voice of nursing education, research and scholarship, representing 91 schools across Canada.

If you are interested in attending, please don't hesitate to give me a call at my coordinates below before end-of-day Thursday, November 11 to confirm your attendance and/or interviews with nurse educators.

Best,

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