The purpose of RENEW Oregon is to expand academic-clinical partnerships that prepare and graduate academically and clinically prepared family nurse practitioners (FNP) and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners (PMHNP) to improve access and meet the primary health care needs of rural and urban underserved populations in Oregon. Grant Years 2019-2023

Year Four of the grant saw the completion and opening of our clinical skills “Grad Space” for FNP & PMHNP students

$383,000 was provided in scholarships to 29 FNP & PMHNP students in Year 4 of the Grant.

4-year impact

102 scholarship awards totaling $1,419,877.34

109 DNP projects published

64 scholarships went to students in Rural Oregon

Established & Extended Clinical partnerships in Rural & Underserved communities

Grant Purchased Equipment for FNP & PMHNP:
- Task Trainers
- Remote patient monitoring
- Otoscope/Ophthalmoscope loaner Kits for FNP
- Exam table & supplies for Grad Space

Total Graduated 2019-2023

Portland Campus
40 FNP
45 PMHNP

Rural Campuses
19 Family Nurse NP
5 Psych Mental Health NP
FNP and PMHNP RENEW Graduates Committed to Serving in Rural and Underserved Communities.

2023 Graduate Musah Iddrisu, FNP, DNP  
"It gladdens my heart that I could study and have my clinical rotations in FQHC and Urban Underserved communities. My study in the FQHC has given me the opportunity to learn directly from patients from diverse backgrounds, including immigrants, refugees, people experiencing homelessness, LGBTQ members as well and patients of all different age groups. It was humbling to be able to work with them, learn from them, and provide a perspective into their care. This learning helped broaden my knowledge and added to my passion for primary care. The skills that I gained during my clinical rotation in the FQHCs, as well as conducting my DNP project at the FQHC are invaluable and will serve as the basis for which I give back to the community. This learning and skill acquisition are also serving as my lifelong tool for practice and to give back to the very people from whom I learned. I have accepted a fellowship position with Multnomah County Health Department, partly due to my interaction with patients at the FQHC that have boosted my morale to work in the FQHC. The reason for this fellowship is for me to learn more about the patient population, practices, policies, and all that I need to deliver quality care to the patients served by the Multnomah Health Department before taking up a full-time job. And After my fellowship, I will pick up a full-time position with the Multnomah Health Department to continue to deliver care to the people who I think need my care most. With this, I am committed to serving patients at the FQHC and community level with my deepest passion throughout my career."

2023 Graduate Zenaida "Zee" Gabriel, PMHNP, DNP  
"Klamath County is a unique rural community, it encompasses a large geographical area with a diverse population. It is an agriculturally based county; therefore, it attracts people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, and social-economic status to provide the workforce in this industry. It is because of the unique needs of my community; I am grateful I was able to study and complete most of my clinical rotations in Klamath County. Due to the RENEW scholarship I was able to accomplish my degrees from my hometown and experience firsthand what our population needs. Now, that I am ready to begin practice as a psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner, I look forward to assist my community in building a competent behavioral health department based on equity to serve our diverse rural community."

2020 Graduate Lea Sturges, FNP, DNP  
"My service as a Family Nurse Practitioner to underserved communities at the Blackburn Center in East Portland has been incredibly rewarding. OHSU prepared me well for this role, given the program focus of meeting the needs of vulnerable populations, in addition to the vast majority of my clinical rotations placed in FQHCs. I am humbled by the resiliency and perseverance of the patients I see each day. I love this work and the difference it makes."