

# Training American Indian and Alaskan Native Nurses as Researchers



This project trains nurses working in rural Indian hospitals to conduct independent research within their own institutions. These projects vary according to the needs, experience, and expertise of the nurses.

The goals are to institutionalize research practices and implement their findings to improve patient health outcomes.

**Reducing health disparities by  
preventing or delaying diabetes in  
American Indians and Alaskan  
Natives.**

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