Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Susan M Dyess

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Accept without revision. I enjoyed reviewing the paper that demonstrated academic-practice partnership successes, challenges and outcomes. The manuscript is well written and reports on a funded program that was piloted in 15 sites. Research questions clear. Qualitative methodology appropriate and sample explained clearly. Human subject ethics addressed. Systematic data collection that yielded reasonable findings. Linkages to current literature in nursing and other disciplines presented. Supporting figures and tables relevant.

Nice work.

**Level of interest:** An exceptional article

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflicts of interest