

# Current research agenda for staffing firms

Topic	What we're researching	Why it matters
<b>State of the nursing workforce</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What challenges are facing nurses today?</li> <li>• How is the role of the nurse changing in today's healthcare environment?</li> <li>• What steps can nurse leaders take now to prepare for the future?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing firms need data and insights that reflects the post-pandemic state of nursing to help guide and support business decisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Health system growth and ambulatory strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the actionable goals of an ambulatory strategy? What wider enterprise or growth ambitions do they serve?</li> <li>• What gaps in execution emerge from researching on-the-ground experiences?</li> <li>• What are characteristics of a successful ambulatory strategy?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As health systems evaluate their ambulatory strategy, they need partners who understand and can support their objectives.</li> </ul>
<b>Turnover and span of control benchmarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the current turnover rates within acute care hospitals?</li> <li>• What are the current span of control benchmarks for nurse leaders in acute care hospitals?</li> <li>• How does the span of control vary across different departments?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing firms need to compare turnover and span of control across facilities to analyze staffing needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Health system purchasing and partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can you improve strategic partnerships with systems?</li> <li>• How will a broad view of value impact system purchasing?</li> <li>• How can hospitals improve clinical operations through care standard development, handoff support, and clinical decision support?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing firms need to understand what health systems are looking for in their partners.</li> </ul>