

FY2013 NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item presents a recommendation for 18 faculty members to receive Nurse Educator Fellowship awards in fiscal year 2013. These individuals meet the qualifications set forth in the Nurse Educator Fellowship rules and have been selected from a group of 39 nominees. Awards will be used to supplement the salaries of these nursing faculty members.

This grant program is tied to Goal 3 of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*, increase the number of high-quality postsecondary credentials to meet the demands of the economy. Nursing has been a long-term high-demand field that requires the retention of well-qualified faculty to train additional nursing students. This fellowship helps institutions recognize their well-qualified nurse educators so that Illinois can continue to address the long-term demand for well-trained nurses.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approves the allocation of \$163,100 to 18 eligible institutions on behalf of the 18 individuals who are recommended to receive \$9,061 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards in Fiscal Year 2013.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Fiscal year 2013 is the seventh year of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program. During the past six years the Illinois Board of Higher Education has awarded 99 fellowships. The prior Fellows were nominated by 40 institutions of higher education. Fellowships have been awarded to 12 community colleges, 5 public universities, and 23 private institutions of higher education.

Participation in this program is open to Illinois institutions of higher learning with a pre-licensure nursing program approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

To be eligible to receive an award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Nominated by the chief nursing administrator in an eligible institution;
- Made significant contributions to the nursing program;
- Illinois resident and a minimum of a master's degree in nursing;
- Employed in a full-time nursing faculty position at an eligible institution;
- Employed by the nominating institution in a teaching position preparing registered nurses for a minimum of 12 months; and
- Not received an award in the past five years.

Thirty-nine applications were reviewed and evaluated by an external independent nursing expert and subsequently reviewed by the IBHE staff to ensure compliance with the rules. Fellowship funds are salary supplements that, at the discretion of the Fellow, also may be used for expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Awards will be made to the participating higher education institution on behalf of the fellow selected for receiving the award.

The fiscal year 2013 appropriation for the program is \$163,100. This amount is approximately 9.4 percent less than the prior year level of \$180,000. After consulting with the advisory board for the Illinois Center for Nursing, the staff recommendation is to reduce the amount of each award but continue to provide 18 fellowships. Thus, the appropriation of \$163,100 will provide 18 fellowships of \$9,061.

The fellows selected to participate in the fiscal year 2013 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program will be responsible to participate in statewide nursing advocacy to help address the nursing shortage in Illinois. Fellows may be asked to consult with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Center for Nursing regarding statewide nursing issues. Each fellow will be responsible for preparing a final report that describes their fellowship experience.

Recommendation

The staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the allocation of \$163,100 to 18 eligible institutions on behalf of the 18 individuals recommended to receive \$9,061 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2013 (see Appendix 1).

APPENDIX 1
FY2013 Nurse Educator Fellowship Recommendations
(in alphabetical order)

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Theresa Adelman-Mullally, MSN, RN, CNE* Assistant Professor	Bradley University, Peoria
Cathy Carlson, PhD, RN, CGRN Associate Professor	Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
Regina Conway-Phillips, PhD, RN Assistant Professor	Loyola University of Chicago, Maywood
Elizabeth F. Gephart, DNP, APN, PNP-BC Assistant Professor	Millikin University, Decatur
Nora Hamilton, MSN, RN* Instructor	Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby
Mary S. Haras, MSN, MBA, APN, NP-C, CNN* Assistant Professor	St. Xavier University, Chicago
Barbara Harris, PhD, RN Assistant Professor	DePaul University, Chicago
Pamela Hood, MSN, RN* Assistant Professor	Lakeview College of Nursing, Danville
Krista Jones, DNP, RN Assistant Professor	University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago
Sonja Koontz, MSN, RN* Professor	Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield
Mary Beth Luna, MSN, RN, CNE* Professor	Joliet Junior College, Joliet
Lynn D. Mohr, MSN, APN, PCNS-BC, CPN* Professor	Rush University, Chicago
Nancy Petges, MSN, RN* Assistant Professor	Aurora University, Aurora
Theresa Schwindenhammer, MSN, RN* Assistant Professor	Methodist College, Peoria
Stephen J. Stapleton, PhD, RN Assistant Professor	Illinois State University, Normal
Susan Winters, PhD, RN, CNE Assistant Professor	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville
C. Dawn Zibricky, EdD, RN Assistant Professor	Elmhurst College, Elmhurst
Linda Zroskie, MSN, RN, CNE* Associate Professor	Prairie State College, Chicago Heights

* Doctoral student

Each recipient will receive a \$9,061 award for a total of \$163,100.