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Item #IV-15  
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### **FY2015 NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** This item presents a staff recommendation for 22 faculty members to receive Nurse Educator Fellowship awards in fiscal year 2015. These individuals meet the qualifications set forth in the Nurse Educator Fellowship rules and have been selected from a large group of 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 \$220,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 22 individuals who are recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards in Fiscal Year 2015.

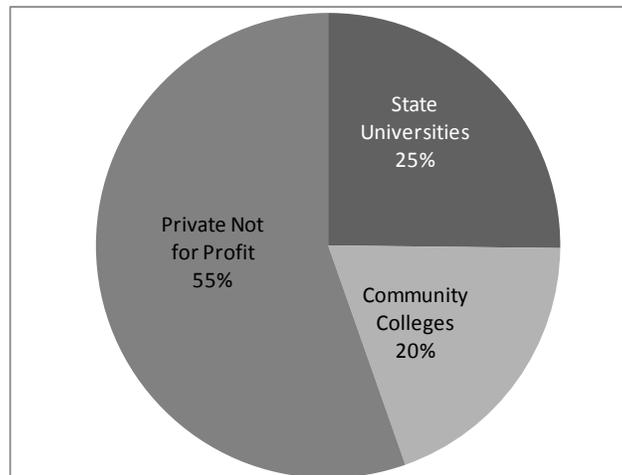


STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Fiscal year 2015 is the ninth year of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program. During the past 8 years, the Illinois Board of Higher Education has awarded fellowships to 139 faculty members who were nominated by the nursing school administrators in community colleges, public universities, and private institutions of higher education. The chart below shows the distribution of fellowship awards among the three sectors.

Distribution of Fellowship Awards Among Sectors  
Fiscal Years 2007 to 2014



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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

To be eligible to receive a fellowship 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 a fellowship award in the past five years.

Fellowship funds are salary supplements that, at the discretion of the Fellow, may be used for expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Awards are made to the participating higher education institution on behalf of the fellow selected for receiving the award.

The fiscal year 2015 appropriation for the program is \$224,300. The appropriation of \$220,000 will provide 22 fellowships of \$10,000. Fellows will have an opportunity 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 \$220,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 22 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2015 (see Appendix 1). The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make pro rata adjustments to awards in the event that appropriated funds are reduced or to delay the awards if funds are not available for the program.*

**APPENDIX 1**  
**FY2015 Nurse Educator Fellowship Recommendations**

(in alphabetical order)

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Tamara Bland, MSN, RN	Resurrection University
Angela J. Caldieraro-Bentley, MS, RN-BC*	St. John's College
Denise Caldwell, MSN, RN	Lewis & Clark Community College
Richard Ellis, MSN, MSHA, RN*	Methodist College
Tisha Goad, MSN, RN	Lake Land College
Jennifer L. Grobe, MSN, CCM, RN*	Rockford University
Amy Grugan, MSN, RN*	Bradley University
Amanda Hopkins, Ph.D., RN	Illinois Wesleyan University
Anne Hustad, MSN, RN	IL Eastern Community College - Olney Central
Carol Kostovich, Ph.D., RN	Loyola University of Chicago
Pam Laskowski, MSN, RN, CNE*	Millikin University
Lorinda Lindemulder, MSN, RN	Trinity Christian College
Catherine Maney, MS, RN*	Northern Illinois University
Donna Martin, MSN, RN-BC, CMSRN, CDE*	Lewis University
Karen L. O'Brien, MS, RN*	St. Xavier University
Tina Parks, MS, RN*	Prairie State College
Megan Pet, MSN, MBA, RN*	Moraine Valley Community College
Natacha Pierre, DNP, RN, ANP, FNP-BC	University of Illinois at Chicago
Monique Reed, Ph.D., RN	Rush University
O. Ed Reitz, Ph.D., RN	Illinois State University
Jennifer Smith, Ed.D., RN	Harper College
Carole Sullivan, DNP, RN	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

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Each recipient will receive a \$10,000 award for a total of \$220,000.

