

**APPROVED**  
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Item #G-5  
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**FISCAL YEAR 2019 NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS**

**Submitted for:** Action.

**Summary:** This item presents a staff recommendation for 19 faculty members to receive Nurse Educator Fellowship awards in Fiscal Year 2019. These individuals meet the qualifications set forth in the Nurse Educator Fellowship rules and have been selected from 34 nominations. Awards will be used to supplement the salaries of 19 faculty members in 19 different nursing programs.

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 approve the allocation of \$190,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 19 individuals who are recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards in Fiscal Year 2019.



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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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 or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

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
- Did not receive 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 to receive the award.

The Fiscal Year 2019 appropriation for the program is \$197,400 and will provide 19 fellowships of \$10,000 each. 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 Nursing Workforce Center regarding statewide nursing issues. Each fellow will be responsible for preparing a final report that describes their fellowship experience.

Attached is the list of 19 faculty members that were nominated by their employers and recommended for the fellowship (Appendix 1).

**Recommendation**

The staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*That the Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the allocation of \$190,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 19 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2019 (see Appendix 1 attached to the item). 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**  
**Fiscal Year 2019 Nurse Educator Fellowship Recommendations**

<b><u>Fellows</u></b> (in alphabetical order)	<b><u>Nominating Institution</u></b>
Angela Andrews, PhD, RN	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Keith Bakken, MSN, RN	North Park University
Charlene Bermele, DNP, RN, CNE	Saint Xavier University
Lydia A. Bertschi, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC	Illinois Wesleyan University
John R. Blakeman,* MSN, RN, PCCN-K	Millikin University
Susan Carl,** MSN, RN	Heartland Community College
Elizabeth A. Davis, DNP, RN, CNL, RNC-MNN	Elmhurst College
Kara Fenne, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN	Aurora University
Catherine Folker-Maglaya, DNP, APRN, CNM, IBCLC	City Colleges of Chicago, Malcolm X College
Lindsey Garfield, PhD, RN, WHNP	Loyola University Chicago
Ashley Hasselbring, MSN, RN, CCRN	University of St. Francis
Heather Lea Heilman, MSN, RN, CHSE	Kishwaukee College
Melissa Jarvill, PhD, RNC-NIC, CHSE, CNE	Illinois State University
Angela M. Lepkowski, DNP, RN, NCSN, PHNA-BC	University of Illinois at Chicago
Autumn Mels, MSN, RN	Trinity Christian College
Nancy M. Petges, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE	Northern Illinois University
Brooke Lyn Piper,* MSN, RN	Olivet Nazarene University
Karen M. Roberson, DNP, RN	Joliet Junior College
Ariel Wright,* MSN, RN	Lakeview College of Nursing

\* Graduate student pursuing a DNP

\*\* Graduate student pursuing a Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate

Each fellow will receive a \$10,000 award for a total of \$190,000.