

**APPROVED**  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES:  
NURSE EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP**

The proposed amendment to the rules for the Nurse Educator Fellowship impacts applicant eligibility, the nomination and approval processes, and fellowship amount. These amendments are in alignment with the goals and strategies of the higher education strategic plan, "A Thriving Illinois." Specifically, amendments address the Equity Goal to close equity gaps for students who have been left behind and the Growth Goal to increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth. The major proposed amendments to 23 Illinois Administrative Code 1105 include:

- Expand fellowship eligibility to include employment in a nursing faculty position with a minimum of a .50 full-time equivalent at an eligible institution; and have not received a fellowship under this Program in the previous year.
- Increase in fellowship award up to \$25,000 per recipient.
- Updates to the nomination process include the requirement for nominees to submit a fellowship plan outlining the anticipated use of Fellowship funds to enhance teaching, learning, scholarship, student success, equity, and/or professional practice.
- Updates to the approval process to include consideration of the impact of fellowship plans on underserved students and communities, including but not limited to, rural, low-income, and culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*The Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the proposed rulemaking and amends the rules for the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1105) as detailed above.*