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Nurse Education Grant Program (NEGP) Annual Report

September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016

Section 4723.063, Ohio Revised Code (ORC), authorizes the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) to establish the Nurse Education Grant Program (NEGP) through which the Board awards money to nurse education programs that establish partnerships with other education programs, community health agencies, patient centered medical homes, or health care facilities. The NEGP recipients are to establish partnerships to increase the nursing education program's enrollment capacity. Methods of increasing a program's enrollment capacity may include hiring faculty, gaining preceptors through clinical agency partnerships, purchasing education equipment and materials, and other actions acceptable to the Board. Grant money cannot be used to construct or renovate buildings.

The NEGP is funded through the transfer of ten dollars of each nursing license renewal fee to the NEGP account through December 31, 2023. The Board is authorized to use up to ten percent of the amount transferred for its expenses incurred in administering the NEGP.

During the first year of the two-year 2015-2017 NEGP grant cycle, the Board disbursed a total of \$1,493,506 to sixteen NEGP recipients. By the end of this first year of the grant cycle, nine recipients reported unspent funds totaling \$152,536.74 (amounts ranged from \$1,653 to \$31,341) that will be carried over for use by the recipients in the second year. The explanations for the carry over of funds to the second grant year are provided at the end of this report.

Below is a summary of NEGP recipient partnerships, fund use, student enrollment capacities, goals achieved, and applicable recipient explanation of unspent funds that will carry over.

Programs and Partnerships

LPN Programs

➤ North Central State College

Partners: North Central State College; Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center; Brethren Village Care Center

➤ Tri-Rivers School of Nursing

Partners: Tri-Rivers Career Center for Adult Education; Marion Manor

RN Pre-Licensure Programs

- Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Partner: OhioHealth MedCentral Health System
- Baldwin Wallace University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
Partner: University Hospital Health System
- Capital University, Department of Nursing
Partner: Center for Medical Education and Innovation at Riverside Hospital, OhioHealth
- Marion Technical College Nursing Department
Partners: The Ohio State University College of Nursing; Ohio University (RN-BSN)
- Notre Dame College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
Partner: University Hospital Case Medical Center
- Xavier University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
Partners: Mercy Health Hospitals; Episcopal Retirement Homes
- Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education School of Nursing LPN to RN Program
Partner: Morrow County Hospital
- James A Rhodes State College
Partners: Lima Memorial Healthcare Systems; Joint Township District Memorial Hospital; Springview Manor

Post-Licensure Programs

- Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Partners: Marion Technical College; Stark State College
- Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Partner: Aultman Health Foundation [System]
- Ohio University College of Health Sciences & Professions School of Nursing
Partners: OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital; Ohio University School of Nursing (Associate Degree) Regional Campuses
- Youngstown State University, BSN [Completion]
Partner: Mercy Health (St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital)

Disbursed Funds

LPN Programs	Funds Disbursed	Funds Used	Funds Carried Over to Second Year
North Central State College Practical Nurse Program	\$106,212.00	\$83,540.19	\$22,671.81
Tri-Rivers School of Nursing	\$90,329.27	\$90,329.27	\$0

RN Pre-Licensure Programs	Funds Disbursed	Funds Used	Funds Carried Over to Second Year
Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences	\$90,734.00	\$67,980.19	\$22,753.81
Baldwin Wallace Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program	\$90,629.00	\$90,625.00	\$4.00
Capital University, Department of Nursing	\$97,274.90	\$89,492.63	\$7,782.27
Marion Technical College	\$89,672.00	\$77,138.84	\$12,533.16
Notre Dame College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program	\$126,023.42	\$108,302.00	\$17,721.42
Xavier University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program	\$118,734.00	\$118,734.79	\$0

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Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education School of Nursing	\$48,537.41	\$40,562.86	\$7,974.55
James A. Rhodes College, Associate Degree Program in Nursing	\$112,734.00	\$112,734.00	\$0

Post-Licensure RN Programs	Funds Disbursed	Funds Used	Funds Carried Over to Second Year
Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences	\$90,250.00	\$88,596.78	\$1,653.22
Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences	\$90,734.00	\$90,734.00	\$0
Ohio University School of Nursing	\$90,734.00	\$59,392.88	\$31,341.12
Xavier University, Master of Science in Nursing Program	\$100,734.00	\$100,734.00	\$0
The Ohio State University	\$65,734.00	\$65,734.00	\$0
Youngstown State University, BSN (completion)	\$84,440.00	\$56,334.62	\$28,105.38

Student Enrollment Capacities and Goals Achieved

LPN Programs

- North Central State College
Reported student enrollment capacity: 20 as of September 1, 2015, and 32 as of August 31, 2016.

Since hiring the additional faculty, 81% of the LPN students have been retained to graduation, nine graduated in August 2016. Thirteen students were enrolled for Fall 2016. It is predicted that 33% of the 2016 graduates will proceed to the LPN to RN articulation program in Summer 2017.

- Tri-Rivers School of Nursing
Reported student enrollment capacity: 105 as of September 1, 2015, and 105 as of August 31, 2016.

The Fast Start Program is being implemented through the high school's Health Careers Academy (HCA). The HCA currently has 18 seniors and 17 juniors who may be given credits for all pre-requisites that are successfully completed. These students will be evaluated for direct admission to the PN program after their high school graduation on or before June 2017. The overall retention rate for the PN Day Program was 71%. A second PN evening class was implemented August 2016 with a total of 20 students.

Pre-Licensure RN Programs

- Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Reported student enrollment capacity: 175 as of September 1, 2015, and 229 as of August 31, 2016.

The enrollment capacity projected for August 2016 has been exceeded by 26 students.

- Baldwin Wallace University Accelerated Bachelor
Reported student enrollment capacity: 34 as of September 1, 2015, and 48 as of August 31, 2016.

Although the Immersion Experience was not implemented due to staffing levels within the University Hospitals Health System (UHHS), all cohort clinical experiences were provided within UHHS.

- Capital University, Department of Nursing
Reported student enrollment capacity: 112 as of September 1, 2015, and 150 as of August 31, 2016.

The goal for increased enrollment capacity was exceeded in year one and is on target to increase further in year two.

- Marion Technical College
Reported student enrollment capacity: 220 as of September 1, 2015, and 220 as of August 31, 2016.

There was a decrease in applicants this past year. The Program is working to increase public awareness of the impending nursing shortage. Eighty-eight students started the program in Fall 2016. Thirteen LPNs enrolled in the program.

- Notre Dame College Bachelors of Science in Nursing Program
Reported student enrollment capacity: 24 as of September 1, 2015, and 36 as of August 31, 2016.

Enrollment is growing incrementally to achieve the program goals with the support of our clinical partner.

- Xavier Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program
Reported student enrollment capacity: 504 as of September 1, 2015, and 530 as of August 31, 2016.

The NEGP award is supporting the continued increase in enrollment in the Xavier University pre-licensure program. The 16% goal to be achieved by the end of the funding period is 50% met and on target.

- Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education School of Nursing
Reported student enrollment capacity: 30 as of September 1, 2015, and 60 as of August 31, 2016.

The program's enrollment capacity has increased and on target. The initial enrollment for the LPN to RN Evening track was initially 14 students with 11 remaining in the program as of this report period.

- James A. Rhodes Associate Degree Program in Nursing
Reported student enrollment capacity: 339 as of September 1, 2015, and 432 as of August 31, 2016.

Although enrollment capacity has increased, the nursing program enrollment is currently below projected growth. The NEGP permitted the nursing program to offer 13 clinical groups at a faculty to student ratio of 1:7. Further study indicated that students in the 1:7 ratio clinical groups on average did 15% better in meeting clinical SLOs than students in clinical groups with 1:8 ratios.

Post-Licensure Programs

- Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Reported student enrollment capacity: 40 as of September 1, 2015, and 53 as of August 31, 2016.

Although the total number of students the first year is 65% of the goal, it is below original projection. The enrollment office is expecting seven new students per admission cycle. If these targets are met, the two-year goal will be exceeded.

- Aultman College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Reported student enrollment capacity: 70 as of September 1, 2015, and 70 as of August 31, 2016.

In year 1 of the NEGP, 40 new students were admitted, however 11 withdrew for a variety of reasons. As of the end of the reporting period 38 students who were enrolled 9/1/2015 have continued. Most students are Aultman Health Foundation employees.

- Ohio University School of Nursing
Reported enrollment capacity: 28 as of September 1, 2015, and 56 as of August 31, 2016.

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A total of 34 students were enrolled during year one, including 25 nurse educator applicants for Fall Semester. The Partnering to Promote Quality Education and Practice conference was held in August 2016, and facilitated integration of strategies to promote clinical and academic success by promoting the Nurse Educator and graduate programs to multiple community partners.

- Xavier University, Master of Science in Nursing Program
Reported enrollment capacity: 244 as of September 1, 2015, and 280 as of August 31, 2016.

Fall enrollment totaled 237, representing an 11% increase over the previous year. Rural nurses continue to be supported by video conferencing. Plans are to utilize on-line teaching strategies so more students in rural areas can earn advanced degrees. Plans are to track the number of graduates who go into teaching roles following graduation.

- The Ohio State University
Reported enrollment capacity: 150 as of September 1, 2015, and 200 as of August 31, 2016.

Plans of study have been developed for six ADN programs partnering with OSU. An MOU is still being drafted for contract approval. Progress has been made, but enrollment numbers are not expected to meet capacity, though data is still being collected.

- Youngstown State University, BSN (completion) Program
Reported enrollment capacity: 23 as of September 1, 2015, and 36 as of August 31, 2016.

In the first year of the NEGP, a total of fourteen students were clinically precepted at St. Elizabeth Mercy during the Nursing Transitions course. The YSU Office of Marketing and Communications is tracking program interest through search engine hits and social media. Billboard advertising continues to be strategically placed near large local hospitals. Current enrollment is at 36 students, an increase of 50%, exceeding expectations of a 25% in this first year.

Program Explanations of Fund Carry Over to Year Two

Pre-License PN Program:

North Central State College Practical Nurse Program; \$22,671.81. The NEGP funded faculty position was not filled in the first quarter due to lack of qualified applicants.

Pre-License RN Programs:

Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences; 22,753.81. There was a delay in hiring the Clinical Preceptor Coordinator, and

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not all adjunct resources were utilized in this first year, since the project was implemented during the second half of Fall and Spring.

Capital University, Department of Nursing; \$7,782.27. This is an accumulation of various factors that included lesser faculty expenditures resulting from previous Board approved reallocation of personnel expenditures, faculty time off, and delay from Year One to Year Two in contracting personnel due to the Board's adjustment at the beginning of the NEGP cycle of Capital's originally requested Quarter 4 disbursement.

Marion Technical College; \$12,533.16. Delay in hiring personnel until December 2015 due to time needed for recruitment and hiring process.

Notre Dame College Bachelors of Science in Nursing Program; \$17,721.42. Equipment cost was less than budgeted. Approximately \$14,000 is a delay in use of personnel that were not needed during time of equipment installation, faculty/staff orientation, and implementation planning.

Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education School of Nursing; \$7,974.55. The delay in implementation of the RN program evening track reduced personnel costs.

Post License Programs:

Ashland University Dwight Schar College of Nursing and Health Sciences; \$1,653.22. Personnel costs were less than anticipated.

Ohio University School of Nursing; \$31,341.12. There was a delay in hiring the Partnering for Education and Practice through Technology Coordinator. The position is now filled.

Youngstown State University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion) Program; \$28,105.38. Use of personnel and some marketing was postponed temporarily due to the delay in the launch of the new YSU website. The site recently went live and funds will be utilized in Year Two.