

**Request for funding for Nursing Program: Consultant for updating curriculum**

The National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) visited our Nursing Program this past March. Although the final report from NLNAC will be sent in August, the accreditation team provided this synopsis.

We are not in compliance with one section of Standard 6 and must revise curriculum to meet national standards. Our curriculum is good and solid but needs updating. The site team advised us to call in external consultation to help and guide the revision. It is imperative that the curriculum be revised to meet the NLNAC standards as well as the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) standards. A follow up report is due in two years and the NLNAC wants to see that our National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) scores are improving and that we are working on the curriculum.

The faculty took this recommendation seriously and developed a list of questions to find consultants. Dr. Caputi was recommended by the member of the site visit team. Also, our faculty networked with other nursing faculty in California, and Dr. Caputi’s was repeatedly recommended. About nine nursing faculty attended a workshop by Dr. Caputi and were inspired, motivated and enthusiastic to get started with the curriculum changes. As a result, Dr. Taylor contacted her to determine the overall cost and available dates. Nursing faculty were hoping to start this process as soon as possible, but she is booking quickly. Early November is the earliest date she currently has available and she will schedule us only when we have a signed contract. In spring, 2014, we have an accreditation visit by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and they will want to see progress also. We anticipate the cost will be a maximum of \$15,000.

To review curriculum and develop a plan	1,000.00
Daily rate for consulting	2,800.00
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Answer questions 3 hours	450. 0
Airfare (American Airlines) transportation in Chicago	1,500.00
Hotel accommodation	400.00
Additional meals	300.00
Review final curriculum 2 days	1,000.00
Pay for faculty for 1 day*	4,500.00
Lunch for 2 days	500.00
Rental Car	200.00

TOTAL 15,000.00

\*If a meeting must be scheduled during a break, I budgeted funds for faculty for one day at a non-instructional rate.

The nursing faculty are eager to get started and hope to meet with the consultant as early as possible. Once we have the commitment for funding, I will then proceed with the contract and board approval.

Thank you for your efforts.