

University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing Center for Community Partnerships and Nursing Innovation

The mission of the *Center for Community and Global Partnerships* is to develop sustainable partnerships with health systems in Memphis, throughout Tennessee and globally to advance the profession of nursing and improve health outcomes.

Achieving this mission requires embracing a new vision for academic nursing accomplished by collaborative support from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) leadership team and health care leaders. Partnerships strategically align collaborative projects, foster innovative models of care and enable nursing faculty to engage in clinically based research. The Center's mission and strategic plan are consistent with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Advancing Health Care Transformation: A New Era for Academic Nursing, the Institute of Medicine's Future of Nursing Recommendations and the Affordable Care Act.

The Center provides education, support and mentoring in evidence-based practice, research, new graduate nurse residency programs, nurse fellowships and specialized nurse scholars programs. The Center is currently expanding our efforts to include grant funding for clinical and community nurses within the Memphis community who want to improve patient care and clinical outcomes in their area of practice.

This is a unique opportunity for nurses without prior research or grant writing experience to receive funding and the necessary academic support to change nursing practice. A **pre-award workshop** will be offered on to assist interested nurses in the application process, and a post-award workshop will be offered for all awardees to assist with the implementation process. **The pre-award workshop will be held from 10 am to noon, April 1, 2020 at 920 Madison Ave., Room 1058.**

Center for Community Partnerships and Nursing Innovation Grant Application

Eligibility: This grant will fund practicing bedside clinical and community health nurses within the Mid-South who want to improve patient care in their area of practice. Nurses with previous history of funded research greater than \$2,500, nurses in management or administrative roles, or who possess doctoral degrees are not eligible.

Application

Application is not to exceed 5 pages, excluding budget, references, and letters of support.

- **Background:** Describe the relevant clinical background for your project. State the significance and importance of your proposed project with respect to your area of practice. For example, if the project involves improving a specific quality issue, include metrics documenting the problem.
- **Purpose:** Clearly state your overall purpose and project goals.

- **Literature Review:** Address the current state of the science and any identified knowledge gaps. **Overall Impact Statement:** Describe how this project will lead to improved patient care.
- **Approach/Interventions:** Describe the overall strategy to accomplish the goals of the project. Describe methodology and how goals will be realistically accomplished within the proposed funding period. A time line is highly encouraged (not to exceed one year). If a copyrighted instrument is to be used, include permission from author, as well as validity and reliability information.
- **Evaluation:** Clearly describe how you will measure the attainment of your project goals.
- **Budget:** Complete the Standard Grant Budget template. Costs may include any relevant supplies that you will need, subject incentives, etc. No salary support or indirect costs will be paid. **The budget template will be passed out at the pre-award workshop April 1.**
- **Human Subjects:** This section should briefly discuss participant recruitment, risks to participants, and procedures that will be used to minimize any risks to your participants. If IRB approval has already been granted, include the letter with your application. Please note if letter is not applicable or if letter is pending.
- **Literature Cited:** Please use APA format.
- **Letters of Support:** Provide a letter of support from the director of your area of practice, certifying that you will be allowed to complete this project in your area.

Selection Criteria

A review committee will determine strength of proposals based on the following criteria:

- Written clearly, concisely, and conforms to application guidelines: 20 points
- Has the potential to improve clinical outcomes in a specific area of practice: 20 points
- Approach/interventions are supported by current evidence-based practice: 20 points
- Strength of evaluation methodology and ability to provide measurable outcome data: 20 points
- Ability to replicate project in other areas and institutions: 20 points

Submission and Award Information

The number and amount of grants awarded will be determined by the strength of the proposals and the budgetary requirements for implementation. Consideration will be given to an even distribution of funding across the Mid-South community.

Proposals must be received by 12:00 midnight (CST) on **April 24, 2020** to sday5@uthsc.edu.

Awards will be announced no later than **April 29, 2020**. Funds will be distributed directly by UTHSC, CON.

Grant Recipient Requirements

As a grant recipient, an interim and final report must be submitted to sday5@uthsc.edu. The final report must document the outcomes of the project and an accounting of budget expenditures. The

interim report is due 6 months from award date, and the final report is due 12 months from award date. Any unexpended funds should be returned with the final report. Additionally, recipients must present a short 5-minute presentation on their findings to the UTHSC, CON business meeting, no more than 12 months after receipt of funding.