

HRSA – Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship

Awarded Total: \$21,271.00

The purpose of the proposed project is to assure quality health care by increasing the abilities of graduate nursing students who are seeking advanced degrees (MSN or DNP) or post-graduate certificates in a nursing specialty at Madonna University to serve high risk, special needs, and vulnerable groups. In addition, the project plans to increase primary care access for Michigan citizens by increasing primary care capacity, and to increase training opportunities in underserved and/or rural communities within the state of Michigan.

Nurses working in advanced roles and specialty practice such as nurse practitioners (NP) and nurse administrators continue to demonstrate a positive impact on the health status and quality of life of the citizens of the United States. By preparing more nurses to work in advanced practice and specialty roles, the Objectives for the Nation articulated in *Healthy People 2020*, such as increasing the quality and years of healthy life, and reducing health disparities, can best be attained. Madonna University has also developed a niche specialty of hospice and palliative care nursing, and is one of few programs nationally to offer a formal graduate program preparing advanced practice palliative care nurses who are educated to lead this emerging field.

The NP program at Madonna University holds a firm commitment to community service that is consistent with the mission of this Catholic Franciscan independent university located in Wayne County, Michigan. Significant health disparities exist in health outcomes and health care utilization among racial and ethnic groups in Wayne County and the Southeast Michigan community. In addition, nursing and nursing faculty shortages in the State of Michigan are acute. The program objectives are aimed to impact these health disparities and nursing shortages by preparing nurses with advanced degrees who will work as faculty members, and leaders in both clinical and administrative practice.

The proposed project seeks to provide advanced nurse traineeship grant support opportunities for the graduate nursing students pursuing advanced educational preparation (MSN or post MSN, DNP or Post MSN certificates) in the profession as advanced practice registered nurses, nurse administrators, or nurse educators.