



College of Nursing
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*Pioneering Nursing's Future:
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Dear Graduate Student:

The U.S. Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, (HRSA) Division of Nursing provides traineeship funds "for individuals in advanced-degree programs in order to educate the individuals to serve in and prepare for practice as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse educators, public health nurses, or in other clinical specialties determined by the Secretary to require advanced education." Receipt of funds for Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships (AENT) occurs through a competitive grant process; each year we must submit a written grant proposal and the amount of money we receive varies from year to year.

To be eligible to receive a traineeship, the student must:

- (a) be a US citizen, non-citizen national, or foreign national who possesses a visa permitting permanent residence in the United States;
- (b) be currently licensed as a registered nurse in a State;
- (c) be enrolled **full-time** in an advanced degree program as described in the paragraph above (**part-time** students may receive a traineeship if they will graduate within 12 months); and
- (d) be pursuing a **master's** or **doctoral degree**, or a nurse-midwife certificate.

Students in the RN-MS program are not eligible for a traineeship until they have completed the BS degree requirements.

In the College of Nursing, preference for traineeships is given to students enrolled in nurse practitioner programs; students who demonstrate commitment to work in medically underserved communities; students who are residents of health professions shortage areas designated under section 332 of the PHS Act; doctoral students who are employed as GTA's; and those who demonstrate financial need.

We usually do not receive notification about our grant application until midsummer, and the amount we receive is unpredictable. The regulations require that new trainees be appointed for not less than 9 months, except to assist the trainee in completing the required program of study. Normally we provide the traineeship for the fall and spring semester and, when possible, will support a student for two years. We pay some tuition and fee costs as well as a monthly stipend; however, the amount of the stipend varies depending on our total grant.

If you accept a traineeship, you are assuring us that it is your intent to be enrolled on a full-time basis for the full academic year or will be graduating in December, and you agree to respond to communications from the Division of Nursing in regard to professional activity following training. TWU College of Nursing traineeship awardees are expected to remain in good academic standing. A grade of B or better is required in all required courses.

Attached is the application for traineeship. **Please provide the information requested on the form itself and do not attach additional materials.** All questions must be answered and the application must be submitted to the program coordinator or to the Dean's office **no later than June 1**. If you have any questions, please contact the program coordinator for your program.

Sincerely,

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