

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

The mission of the *Center for Community and Global Partnerships* is to develop sustainable partnerships with health systems in Memphis, the Mid-South and throughout Tennessee 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 experience to receive funding and academic support to change nursing practice. If you need assistance with the application process, **contact Dr. Sara Day at [sday5@uthsc.edu](mailto:sday5@uthsc.edu)**.

**Center for Community Partnerships and Nursing Innovation Grant Application**

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

**Application**

Application is not to exceed five pages, excluding budget, human subjects, literature and letter of support.

- **Background:** Describe the relevant background for your project. State the significance and importance of your proposed project with respect to your clinical 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 new or 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 timeline is highly encouraged. If a copyrighted instrument is to be used, include permission from author.
- **Evaluation:** Clearly describe how you will measure attainment of project goals. If instruments will be used, describe instrument validity and reliability.
- **Budget:** Complete the Standard Grant Budget template. No indirect costs will be paid.
- **Human Subjects:** Include IRB approval letter. Please note if letter is not applicable or if letter is pending. This section should briefly discuss participant recruitment, risks to participants, and procedures to minimize risks.
- **Literature Cited:** Please use APA format.
- **Letters of Support:** Provide one letter of support from the director of your area of practice.

### **Selection Criteria**

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

- Written clearly and concisely and conforms to application guidelines: 20 points
- Addresses improving clinical outcomes in a specific area of practice: 20 points
- Approach/ interventions 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. A review committee will determine strength of proposals. 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 8, 2022. Funds will be distributed directly by UTHSC College of Nursing.

### **Grant Requirements**

As a grant recipient, an interim and final report must be submitted. 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.