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# Abstract

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Project Period: 1 July 2012 through June 20 2014

This application requests support for student family nurse practitioners in their second and third year of training at Western Carolina University (WCU) in order to meet the current and continuing demand for primary care providers locally, state-wide and nationally. Given the need for access to primary care providers in rural settings, the Western Carolina University program has specifically emphasized family nurse practitioner training in and recruitment from rural sites. Several of WCU's clinical sites are located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) in western North Carolina. We have focused our student recruiting efforts on our rural hospitals and have worked to develop clinical sites in western North Carolina.

The shortage of qualified Primary Care Providers, especially in rural America, is great. This shortage is a trend that threatens to decrease the access to quality health care. Family Nurse Practitioners are increasingly needed to fill this gap. There is a need for Primary Care Providers across the country, but the need in rural North Carolina is especially pressing. A recent study found that 18% of Nurse Practitioners practice in rural or frontier settings, and 68% practice in at least one primary care site.<sup>1</sup>

North Carolina is predominantly a rural, medically-underserved state. Of the 100 counties within North Carolina, 99 (99%) are classified as wholly or partially medically-underserved<sup>2</sup>. The state has a high percentage of minority/under-represented and illiterate residents, a high percentage of minority migrant workers, and one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina ranked eighth in the nation in infant mortality<sup>3</sup>.

This application will meet the goals of the Advanced Nursing Education Traineeship by: 1) increasing the number of highly skilled family nurse practitioners and 2) supporting second and third year family nurse practitioner students through funding of tuition, fees, books and reasonable living expenses (up to the allowed \$11,000 limit per student).

The vast majority of our current student body has stated their willingness to work as a primary care provider in the underserved areas of our state. Supporting these students directly contributes to the Bureau of Health Professions' mission to improve the health status of the population by providing national leadership and resources to develop, distribute, and retain a diverse, culturally competent health workforce that provides the highest quality healthcare for all, especially the underserved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HPSA Data 2009

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# **Project Narrative**

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# **Project Narrative**

# INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this application is to request support for the education of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students at Western Carolina University (WCU) School of Nursing. This project clearly addresses the legislative purpose to prepare and educate advanced practice nurses in congruence with Healthy People 2020. This application meets the goal of the Title VIII Advanced Education for Nurses Traineeship to increase the number of primary care providers by providing traineeships to nurses who are pursuing advanced degrees as primary care nurse practitioners.

The WCU family nurse practitioner program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (attachment 3), and students who graduate are eligible to sit for the certification exam of either the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' Certification Program or the American Nurses' Credentialing Center. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools also accredits Western Carolina University. The program curriculum is designed to reflect current educational recommendations, including the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Criteria for evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs and the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education.

The program is considered a part-time program by Western Carolina University, as the students take between 6 and 8 credit hours each semester, inclusive of summer sessions. The WCU FNP program is a part-time 3 year, 52 credit hour program that provides the Master of Science (MSN) degree in nursing. The program is year-round, and offered over 3 semesters per year (8 semesters total for the program). The courses during the first year of the program are offered online, and include many core MSN classes taken with students in other MSN programs at WCU. During the second and third year, the courses are offered on Tuesdays, leaving time for clinical practicum completion on other days of the week. The structure of the program was designed to increase accessibility for area students, who often drive long distances to class in this rural, mountainous region of North Carolina.

# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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All second and third year students enrolled in the family nurse practitioner program will benefit from the Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship during the grant period. The family nurse practitioner program admits 18 students per year. The AENT will meet the objectives of students by keeping them actively involved in learning and by offering the opportunity to apply knowledge without the added stress of worry about finances in a program where outside work is difficult due to the intensity of the program. Students who are actively engaged with their education as a result of less financial worry are ultimately more likely to matriculate.

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Family Nurse Practitioners are qualified, cost-effective primary care providers who can help meet the anticipated increased demand for health care providers in rural areas. The WCU School of Nursing (SON) Family Nurse Practitioner program utilizes clinical training sites in rural and underserved areas of North Carolina providing care to disadvantaged citizens of the state. This program utilizes clinical training sites throughout the western region of the state of North Carolina, which includes numerous rural and medically underserved areas and HPSAs. More than 90% of the family nurse practitioner graduates remain in their North Carolina home communities after graduation, thus providing primary care to North Carolina citizens, which includes many rural and underserved areas.

The students in the Family Nurse Practitioner program at WCU come predominantly from the 16 counties in the far west portion of North Carolina. Demographically, they are predominantly white females with an average age of 40.5 years. Only 18% of the FNP applicants last year were minority. Many are first generation college students from Appalachia. Some of the applicants are veterans and/or work at the local VA hospital. WCU SON is committed to <u>Helping Veterans Transition to Careers in Nursing</u> and also to the <u>Joining Forces Campaign</u> which educates nurses to meet the unique health needs of service members, veterans, and their families. Our recent graduates had a 100% pass rate on FNP certification exam.

Western North Carolina has a population of 739,965 residents (2009 Census data) spread over 16 counties in the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountain areas. Access to primary care is prohibited by both distance to providers and lack of adequate number of providers. The unique health care needs of the region include oral care, psychiatric care, obesity and diabetes management. The primary clinical sites for FNP student practicums are very diverse and include private practices, federally and state funded clinics, county health

departments, hospices, and acute care facilities. Of the 16 western NC counties, 14 are designated as wholly or partially medically underserved. There is a local VA hospital serving the needs of veterans in the western portion of the state.

A survey of alumni conducted in April 2012 revealed that 4 of 9 respondents (44%) served residents in underserved areas/populations. A similar survey of last year's alumni only found that 3 of 6 respondents (50%) provided primary care to these target populations.

Because of the broad scope of Family Nurse Practitioner practice, all the Healthy People 2020 Goals are positively affected by increasing the number of FNP graduates. Educating family nurse practitioners is in keeping with the objectives of Healthy People 2020, specifically Goal 2: eliminate health disparities. Our proposal is also in concert with the Bureau of Health Professionals goals, as seen here: Goal 1: Eliminate Health Barriers – objectives 1-3, Goal 2 – Eliminate Health Disparities – objectives 1-3, Goal 3: Assure Quality of Care – objectives 1-3. The project objectives reflect and support the legislative purpose of Public Law 105-392, section 811: to prepare advanced education nurses through the enhancement of nursing education and practice. This project is highly consistent with federal, state, and nursing professional plans, priorities, and linkages to *Healthy People, 2020* and the *Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr)*. Graduates of the Family Nurse Practitioner program at Western Carolina University will be prepared to deliver primary care services to special populations and to eliminate health disparities, as outlined in *Healthy People, 2020*.

This proposed project will provide nurses in western North Carolina an opportunity to obtain family nurse practitioner education from the only academic program located in the area. North Carolina nurses currently provide health care services to a variety of clients from target populations in medically underserved areas throughout the state. Funding of this project will provide these nurses the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to become family nurse practitioners, thereby improving access to primary health care in North Carolina, pursue advanced education, and increase access to care for vulnerable minority and geriatric residents.

# METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this application is to request support for the education of family nurse practitioner students at Western Carolina University's School of Nursing. The objectives for meeting the purpose/goal of this funding opportunity are as follows:

- Increase the number of family nurse practitioners providing primary care in medically underserved areas of western North Carolina
- Increase the diversity of the student population through the recruitment of minorities
- Reduce health disparities within the region by increasing access to primary care providers/family nurse practitioners

The traineeship support will be awarded to and divided among all second- and third-year FNP students. During the second and the third/final year of studies, students begin their clinical site rotations and must withdraw from their work obligations to meet the demands of the program. This places a significant

hardship on the students and their families. It was therefore deemed appropriate to provide traineeship money to this selected group.

A well designed recruitment plan has been developed with the assistance of the Director of Student Services in order to increase the number of underrepresented or disadvantaged minority trainees, as well as to increase the number of veterans transitioning to a career in nursing. The recruitment plan is as follows:

- Publish advertisements for the FNP program in minority journals and military nursing journals.
- Mail brochures to veteran and minority nurse organizations and attend their recruiting events.
- Review policies on transfer of college credit to allow smooth articulation of veterans and transfer students.
- Schedule FNP students to speak to minority and underserved communities and actively recruit for healthcare professions, including the profession of FNP. These populations will include Cherokee Indians, which are indigenous to our region, as well as other ethnic and racial minority populations.
- Recruit at all local and regional hospitals and universities deemed minority dominant (Example: Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia) as well as the local VA Hospital.
- Increase the number of students that represent more diverse ethnicity in our advertisements, our online website, and in our program brochure.

The program pass rate on certification exams for academic years 2010 and 2011 has been 100%. The total time to complete the program is 2 years and 9 months. The FNP program at WCU consists of 8 semesters. Students attend classes through the summer semesters until graduation.

The plan for the selection of settings for clinical experiences includes deliberate rotation through a rural clinical site. Students will have their first exposure to rural healthcare during their first year of study in the program. This first exposure will occur during their online Rural Health class. While enrolled in this class, students will be required to shadow a rural healthcare provider and write a paper on this experience. During their second and/or third year of study in the program, students will be required to have one of their clinical experiences in a healthcare provider shortage area, which encompasses many of the surrounding counties of this region. This experience will provide the students with direct hands-on care of the underserved in order for them to better understand the unique needs of this population. It is hoped that this experience will also compel students to work in these underserved areas upon graduation.

The FNP program was recently presented with an exciting opportunity to work with seasonal clinics located in Sylva, a rural community, which will be serving the farm worker population. Not only will this provide students with an opportunity to work with an underserved population but it will provide them with an opportunity to practice cultural competence, and how to work with interpreters during the provision of patient care.

# WORKPLAN

<u>To increase the number of FNPs providing primary care in medically underserved areas of WNC</u>, we will maintain maximum enrollment at 18 students per year through recruitment and maintain current retention rates of 90% or better. We will increase student awareness of rural health and the needs of medically underserved populations through the Rural Health Course and one mandatory rotation in a rural/underserved clinical placement and continue the service project with underserved populations.

To increase the diversity of the student population by recruiting minorities who will benefit from financial support through this funding opportunity, we will recruit at all local and regional hospitals and universities deemed minority dominate, publish ads in minority/diverse publications (pending funding), and have FNP students speak to minority and underserved communities to actively recruit for healthcare professions, including family nurse practitioners. These populations will include the Cherokee Indians and ethnic and racial minority populations.

To reduce health disparities within the region by increasing access to primary care providers, we will continue our focus on the reduction of health disparities throughout curriculum and monitor graduate placements in rural and medically underserved areas through post-graduate surveys.

We recruit at all local and regional hospitals and universities deemed minority dominate. We published ads in minority/diverse nurse publications (pending fund availability). This year (2012), we had 3<sup>rd</sup> year FNP students actively recruiting for health professions through presentations at 2 middle schools in the region, including schools on the Cherokee Reservation and in a low income predominantly African American middle school in Buncombe County.

Western Carolina University has developed a new Council on Diversity and Inclusion which links student and employment diversity resources, programs, initiatives, and goals throughout the university system. This is in alignment with the UNC Tomorrow Report 2010. The objectives of this group targeting students include: Learning experiences, pedagogy and curricula that lead to the development of globally aware, confident citizens/graduates who possess multicultural competence; student-centered experiences that lead to greater student retention and success; and transformative learning experiences that inspire and prepare agents of change as global citizens. In addition, we have campus resources available for all students in writing, time management, studying, test taking, note taking, maintaining focus, and maximizing learning styles including on-line tutoring.

Alumni surveys are used to track where students are employed after graduation at 1, 3 and 5 year intervals. We have historically had a poor response to this survey. We are actively in the process of changing our survey to include information about medically underserved community settings. Although we have limited data from last year's graduating class, at least 4 of 8 (8 responding out of 12) students from the previous year (2010) are currently working in medically underserved areas. This was obtained from email questionnaires sent to previous graduates. These include: Perfect Kids & Family Care in Union Springs, AL, a Rural Health Clinic -medically underserved population and Collettsville Medical Center, NC, a rural, federally funded community health center (2 graduates).

The University and the School of Nursing are committed to recruiting students from disadvantaged communities. We actively seek other funding sources and already have existing structures and programs

in place on a university level to meet these target goals. We will continue to recruit at all local and regional hospitals and universities deemed minority dominate. We will continue to publish ads in minority/diverse nurse publications (pending fund availability).

OBJECTIVES	PRIMARY ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	TIMELINE by Semester				
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1. To increase the number of FNPs providing primary care in medically underserved areas	Maintain maximum enrollment at 18 students per year through recruitment	Student Services Director	X	X		X	X
of WNC.	Maintain current retention rates of 90% or better.	FNP Faculty to continue mentorship program, faculty support, and	X	X		X	Х
		maintain reasonable class sizes					Х
	Increase student awareness of rural health and the needs of medically underserved populations through the Rural Health Course and one mandatory rotation in a rural/underserved clinical placement	FNP Faculty			Х		
	Continue service project with underserved population	FNP Faculty		X			Х

2. Increase the diversity of the student population by recruiting minorities by	Recruit at all local and regional hospitals and universities deemed minority dominate.	Student Services Director	X	X		X	X
providing dollars.	Publish ads in minority/diverse publications (pending funding).	Student Services Director	X	Х		X	X
	Have FNP students speak to minority and underserved communities to actively recruit for healthcare professions, including family nurse practitioners. These populations will include the Cherokee Indians and ethnic and racial minority populations.	FNP Faculty to organize in NSG 686 Course Assignment					Х
3. Reduce health disparities within the region by increasing access to primary care providers.	Continue focus on the reduction of health disparities throughout curriculum	Faculty NSG 501 Roles and Issues; Faculty NSG 675 Adult Health; Faculty NSG 645 Pediatric Health	X	X		X	X
	Monitor graduate placements in rural and medically underserved areas through post-graduate surveys	Student Services Director			X		

# **RESOLUTION OF CHALLENGES**

One challenge that could impact the success of this program is competition for clinical placement sites. Other programs preparing primary care providers are interested in western NC and a medical school from the center of the state has placed a limited number of students in the area. Although WCU SON has the only FNP MSN program, there are a limited number of sites in this predominantly rural area. One strategy the WCU FNP program plans to use is to discuss our focus on rural primary care with our clinical preceptors and ask for their support. In addition, WCU will continue efforts to secure additional sites in the area.

A second potential challenge to the effective recruitment of a diverse student body lies in the demographics of western North Carolina. The area is 92% white and the major minority racial and ethnic groups in the area (Cherokee and African American) have not historically applied to baccalaureate and

graduate nursing programs in western North Carolina. In the past few years, the FNP program has had some success in recruiting these minorities, and the current student body of 39 students includes one Hispanic, two who self- report as more than one race, undescribed (10% minority). Our efforts to increase the diversity of our student population have resulted in a greater diversity of the applicant pool for 2012-2013, with two Asian and two African American applicants as well as 3 veterans and more males.

# EVALUATION PLAN

The evaluation plan below outlines the methods that will be used to monitor the administration and results of the traineeship. We will measure our three primary goals and also our processes related to administration of the traineeship funds and enrollees. The project is amenable to replication by other rural or underserved areas that boast an FNP program, and possibly by programs located in other areas as well.

Evaluation	Process	Reviewed By	Date
Technical Capacity	Associate Director (AD) for Graduate Programs has managed HRSA grants before and is experientially and educationally prepared. Student Services Director is doctoral prepared in Educational Administration and maintains student records/survey data for the School of Nursing.	AD for Graduate Nursing Programs Student Services Director	End of each semester and ongoing
Performance Measures for Objectives: 1. To increase the number of FNPs providing primary care in medically underserved areas of	BHPr required performance measures will be collected from all FNP students at the beginning of each semester. BHPr required performance measures will be collected from each alumnus at 1, 3, and 5 years post-graduation.	AD for Graduate Nursing Programs Student Services Director FNP Faculty	Each semester Annual survey
<ul> <li>WNC.</li> <li>2. Increase the diversity of the student population by recruiting minorities by providing dollars.</li> <li>3. Reduce health disparities within the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data to be collected about enrolled students receiving traineeship funds:</li> <li>GPA overall and last semester</li> <li>Demographic data on race, ethnicity, gender, age, military background and other background data</li> <li>Number receiving clinical training in primary care</li> <li>Number receiving clinical</li> </ul>		

region by increasing access to primary care	training in medically underserved areas		
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	<ul> <li>Number of graduates</li> <li>number of graduates receiving traineeships</li> <li>number of graduates who passed the FNP certification exam</li> <li>number of graduates practicing in primary care</li> </ul>		
Evaluation Methods	Monitor GPA of students receiving AENT grant funds to determine eligibility to continue in traineeship.	AD for Graduate Nursing Programs	Each semester
	Paper/pencil demographic survey to students at beginning of second and third years of study.	Student Services Director FNP Faculty	Yearly
	Collect record of all support received by enrolled trainees each semester (financial aid office and self-report on survey).		Yearly
Quality Assurance Plan	Data will be compiled by Student Services Director and reviewed each semester by FNP Faculty, Student Services Director, and Associate Director for Graduate Nursing/	AD for Graduate Nursing Programs Student Services Director	
	Processes for surveys and records reviews	FNP Faculty	

will be assessed for accuracy, efficiency,

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# ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

A member of the University of North Carolina system, Western Carolina University offers courses in the arts, sciences, technologies, humanities, and professions. Students can elect degree programs at the bachelor, masters, or doctoral levels. As a regional comprehensive institution, it serves the people of North Carolina from its residential campus at Cullowhee and through off-campus instruction in Asheville and other locations. The School of Nursing is part of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

# **University Mission**

Teaching and learning constitute the central mission of Western Carolina University. The university seeks to create a community of scholarship in which the activities of its members are consistent with the highest standards of knowledge and practice in their disciplines.

The commitment of the community to service, research, and creative activities complements the central mission and extends the benefits of its scholarship to society. As a major public resource for Western North Carolina, the university assists individuals and agencies in the region through the expertise of its faculty, its staff, and its students. Western Carolina University has a regional reputation for providing excellent nursing education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The undergraduate program has been in existence for over 35 years and the graduate program has a successful 9 year track record. Both levels have successfully implemented several grants and programs.

# WCU School of Nursing Mission Statement

The mission of the School is to prepare professional nurses at the baccalaureate and graduate levels to address the health care needs of diverse populations in the region. In accordance with its teaching mission, the School provides a scholarly atmosphere that stimulates service, research, and creative activities by its faculty and students.

The WCU School of Nursing offers both undergraduate and graduate nursing education. The school of nursing admits on average 70 pre-licensure students annually divided between the traditional and accelerated BSN programs. The RN to BSN program has an average of 130 students annually and the graduate programs average approximately 100 students. In total, the School of Nursing has approximately 380 students enrolled currently.

Western Carolina University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accredits the Baccalaureate and Masters' programs at the School of Nursing.

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	RESE	ARCH & RELAT	ED BI	udge	t {A-B	} (I	Funds Re	equested)				

* Budget Type: 👌 Project 🤶 Subaward/Consortium	
Enter name of Organization: WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	
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C. Equipment Description	
ist I tems and dollars amount for each item exceeding	g \$5,000
Equipment I tem	*Funds Requested (\$)
. N/A	0.00
Total Funds requested for all Equipment in the attached file.	0.00
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D. Travel *Fui	nds Requested(\$)
1. Domestic Travel Costs (Incl. Canda Mexico and U.S.Possessions)       0.00	
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F. Other Direct Costs		Funds Requested(\$)	)
. Material and Supplies		0.00	
2. Publication Costs		0.00	
3. Consultant Services		0.00	
ADP/Computer Services		0.00	
5. Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs		0.00	
5. Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees		0.00	
7. Alterations and Renovations		0.00	
8. Other Specify:		0.00	
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A. Seni	or/Key P	erson										
Name	Project Role	Base Salary (\$)	Cal. Month	ns	Acad. Month	s	Sum Months	Requestec Salary (\$)	ł	Fring Bene (\$)		Funds Requested (\$)
1. N/A	N/A	0.00	N/A		N/A		N/A	0.00		0.00		0.00
									Total	Senio	r/Key Person	0.00
B. Otł	ner Perso	onnel									-	
Number of Personnel	Project R	Role		Cal. Mont	ths		ad. onths	Sum Months	Reques Salary (\$)	sted	Fringe Benefits (\$)	Funds Requested (\$)
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. N/A	0.00
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Total Travel Cost 0.00	
E. Participant/TraineeSupportCosts	*Funds Requested (\$)
1. Tution/Fees/Health Insurance	0.00
2. Stipends	0.00
	0.00
3. Travel	0.00
<ul><li>3. Travel</li><li>4. Subsistence</li></ul>	
	0.00

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* ORGANIZATIONAL DUNS: 066300039			
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*Start * End Date: Date: Date:	Budget Period 5		
F. Other Direct Costs		Funds Requested(\$)	)
1. Material and Supplies		0.00	
2. Publication Costs		0.00	
3. Consultant Services		0.00	
4. ADP/Computer Services		0.00	
5. Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs		0.00	
6. Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees		0.00	
7. Alterations and Renovations		0.00	
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8. Other Specify:		0.00	
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Total Direct and Indirect In	stitutional Costs (G + H)	0.00	

		Totals (\$)
Section A, Senior/Key Person		\$0.00
Section B, Other Personnel		\$0.00
Total Number Other Personnel		
Total Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits (A+B)		\$0.00
Section C, Equipment		\$0.00
Section D, Travel		\$0.00
1. Domestic	\$0.00	
2. Foreign	\$0.00	
Section E, Participant/Trainee Support Costs		\$647,920.00
1. Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance	\$0.00	
2. Stipends	\$616,000.00	
3. Travel	\$0.00	
4. Subsistence	\$0.00	
5. Other	\$31,920.00	
6. Number of Participants/Trainees	56	
Section F, Other Direct Costs		\$0.00
1. Materials and Supplies	\$0.00	
2. Publication Costs	\$0.00	
3. Consultant Services	\$0.00	
4. ADP/Computer Services	\$0.00	
5. Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs	\$0.00	
6. Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees	\$0.00	
7. Alterations and Renovations	\$0.00	
8. Other 1	\$0.00	
9. Other 2	\$0.00	
<b>10</b> . Other 3	\$0.00	
Section G, Direct Costs (A thru F)		\$647,920.00
Section H, Indirect Costs		\$51,834.00
Section I , Total Direct and Indirect Costs (G + H)		\$699,754.00
Section J, Fee		\$0.00

# **Budget Justification**

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- 1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
- 2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
- 3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- 4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- 6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C.§§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U. S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g)  $\S$  and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being

- Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
- 10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- 11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
- 12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
- 13. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 14. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
- 15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
- 16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which

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made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

- 7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.

- 17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

* SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	* TITLE
Dr. Linda S Comer	AO
* APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	* DATE SUBMITTED
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	5/7/2012

RESEARCH & RELATED Other Project Information
1. * Are Human Subjects Involved? 🚊 Yes 🦉 No
1.a. If YES to Human Subjects
Is the IRB review Pending? é Yes é No
IRB Approval Date:
Exemption Number: e 1 e 2 e 3 e 4 e 5 e 6
Human Subject Assurance Number:
2. * Are Vertebrate Animals Used? e Yes b No 2.a. If YES to Vertebrate Animals
Is the IACUC review Pending? ê Yes ê No
IACUC Approval Date:
Animal Welfare Assurance Number
3. * Is proprietary/privileged information included in the application? 🔮 Yes 🍯 No
4.a. * Does this project have an actual or potential impact on the environment? 👩 Yes 🍯 No
4.b. If yes, please explain:
If this project has an actual or potential impact on the environment, has an exemption been authorized or an environmental assessment 4.c. (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) been performed? e Yes b No
4.d. If yes, please explain:
5.a. * Does this project involve activities outside the U.S. or partnership with International Collaborators? 🤤 Yes 🎍 No
5.b. If yes, identify countries:
5.c. Optional Explanation:
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Attachment 1: Maintenance of Effort Documentation

Applicants must complete and submit the following information with their application:

NON-FEDERAL EXPENDITURE FY 2011 (Actual) Actual FY 2011 non-federal funds, including in-kind, expended for activities proposed in the application. If proposed activities are not currently funded by the institution, enter \$0. Amount: \$0 FY 2012 (Estimated) Estimated FY 2012 non-federal funds, including in-kind, designated for activities proposed in the application. Amount: \$\_\_\_\_0

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#### Table 1 - AENT: Master's and Post-Nursing Master's Certificate Data (Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

A. Student Enrollment						
	Total Student Enrollment (Headcount as of 10/15/11)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	Primary Care Nurs N	•	Post-Nursing Master's Certificate (PNMC)			
	FT	PT	FT	PT		
Family    Rural	0	33	0	3		
Creared Table	0	33	0	3		
Grand Totals	3	3		3		

B. Traineeship Support						
	Total # of Students Supported by Traineeship 07/01/10 - 06/30/11 (Budget Period)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	Primary Care Nurs N	e Practitioner (PC- P)	Post-Nursing Master's Certificate (PNMC)			
	FT	PT	FT	PT		
Family    Rural	0	33	0	3		
	0	33	0	3		
Grand Totals	3	3	:	3		

C. Graduate Activity						
	Total # of Graduates 07/01/10 - 06/30/11 (Budget Period)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	Primary Care Nurs N	,	Post-Nursing Master's Certificate (PNMC)			
	FT	PT	FT	PT		
Family    Rural	0	9	0	0		
Constant Table	0	9	0	0		
Grand Totals		9	(	D		

	Total # of G	Total # of Graduates Supported by Traineeship 07/01/10 - 06/30/11 (Budget Period)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	2	e Practitioner (PC- P)	Post-Nursing Master's Certificate (PNMC)				
	FT	PT	FT	PT			
Family    Rural	0	9	0	0			
Grand Totals	0	9	0	0			
		9	0				

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Table 2 – AENT: Nurse-Midwifery Data (Nurse-Midwifery Certificate, Nurse-Midwifery Master's, Nurse-Midwifery Post-BSN to Doctoral) Enrollment, Traineeship Support, Graduate and Graduate Support Data Total # of Students Graduates Supported by 07/01/10 - 06/30/11 **Total Enrollment** Traineeship (Headcount) Total # of Graduates 07/01/10 -Nurse-Midwifery Programs (As of 10/15/11) Total # of Graduates Supported by 06/30/11 (Budget Period) Traineeship FΤ ΡТ FΤ ΡТ FΤ ΡТ FΤ ΡТ Nurse-Midwifery Certificate 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Nurse-Midwifery Master's 0 Nurse-Midwifery Post-BSN to 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Doctoral

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## Table 3 – AENT: Doctoral Program Data (Post-BSN to PhD and Post-BSN to DNP/DrNP)

A. Doctoral Enrollment							
	Total	Total Enrollment (Headcount as of 10/15/11)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	Post-BS	N to PhD	Post-BSN to DNP/DrNP				
	FT	PT	FT	PT			
No focus areas have been added.							
	0	0	0	0			
Grand Totals	(	0		0			

B. Doctoral Traineeship Support							
	Total # of Doctoral Students Supported by Traineeship 07/01/10 - 06/30/11 (Budget Period)						
Focus Areas and Specialty	Post-BSN to PhD		Post-BSN to DNP/DrNP				
	FT	PT	FT	PT			
No focus areas have been added.							
	0	0	0	0			
Grand Totals	(	2	(	)			

C.	Doctoral Graduat	tes Data					
	Total # of Doctoral Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11 Budget Period)						
Focus Areas and Specialty	Post-BS	N to PhD	Post-BSN t	o DNP/DrNP			
	FT	PT	FT	PT			
No focus areas have been added.							
o 17.1	0	0	0	0			
Grand Totals	0		(	D			

D. Doctoral Gr	aduates Supported	by Traineeship	Data			
	Total # of Doctoral Graduates Supported by Traineeship (07/01/10 - 06/30/11 Budget Period)					
Focus Areas and Specialty	Post-BSN to PhD		Post-BSN to DNP/DrNP			
	FT	PT	FT	PT		
No focus areas have been added.						
	0	0	0	0		
Grand Totals	(	0		0		

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Table 4 - AENT: Rural, Underserved, or Public Health Practice Settings Data

A. Graduate	es from 07	/01/10	06/30/11					
	TAB	LE 1	TABLE 2			TABLE 3		
Practice Settings	PC-NP	PNMC	NMW Certificate		NMW Post-BSN to Doctoral	Doctoral Post BSN to PhD and Post BSN to DNP/DrNP	Grand Total	
Community Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Migrant Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Health Care for the Homeless Grantees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Housing Primary Care Grantees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rural Health Clinics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Indian Health Service / Tribal Health Sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Federally Qualified Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State or Local Health Departments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ambulatory Practice Sites Designated by State Governors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rural Population	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Underserved Population	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
1. Total Number of Graduates employed in these Settings (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	
2. Total Number of Graduates (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	
3. Percentage of Graduates employed in these Settings (Item 1 divided by Item 2)	77.78 %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

B. Graduates Supported by Traineeship from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11								
	TAB	LE 1		TABLE 2		TABLE 3		
Practice Settings	PC-NP	PNMC	NMW Certificate	NMW Master's	NMW Post-BSN to Doctoral	Doctoral Post BSN to PhD and Post BSN to DNP/DrNP	Grand Total	
Community Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Migrant Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Health Care for the Homeless Grantees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Public Housing Primary Care Grantees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rural Health Clinics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Indian Health Service / Tribal Health Sites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Federally Qualified Health Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
State or Local Health Departments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ambulatory Practice Sites Designated by State Governors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rural Population	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Underserved Population	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	
1. Total Number of Graduates Supported by Traineeship employed in these Settings (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	7	0	о	0	0	0	7	
2. Total Number of Graduates (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	

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3. Percentage of Graduates Supp Traineeship employed in these S (Item 1 divided by Item 2)	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
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1. Number of enrollees supported with AENT grant funding who had clinical experiences in MUCs (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	9
2. Number of enrollees in all primary care settings (from 07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	9
3. The percentage of enrollees supported with AENT grant funding who had clinical experiences in MUCs (Item 1 divided by Item 2)	100.00 %

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	Hispanic/Latino	Non Hispanic/Non Latino	Unreported/ Unavailable	Total
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	0	36		36
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	36		36
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	9		9
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	9		9

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A. Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity Data By Race							
	Total # of Enrollees	Total # of Students Supported	Total # of Graduates	Total # of Graduates Supported			
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0			
Asian Not Under Represented	0	0	0	0			
Black Or African American	0	0	0	0			
More Than One Race	0	0	0	0			
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0			
Underrepresented Asian Subgroup	0	0	0	0			
Unreported/Unavailable	0	0	0	0			
White Disadvantaged	0	0	0	0			
White Non Disadvantaged	0	0	0	0			
Grand Total	0	0	0	0			

	Non Hispanic/Non Latino By Race							
	Total # of Enrollees	Total # of Students Supported	Total # of Graduates	Total # of Graduates Supported				
American Indian or Alaska Native								
Asian Not Under Represented								
Black Or African American								
More Than One Race	2	2						
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander								
Underrepresented Asian Subgroup								
Unreported/Unavailable								
White Disadvantaged								
White Non Disadvantaged	34	34	9	9				
Grand Total	36	36	9	9				

C. Unreported/Unavailable Ethnicity Data By Race							
	Total # of Enrollees	Total # of Students Supported	Total # of Graduates	Total # of Graduates Supported			
American Indian or Alaska Native							
Asian Not Under Represented							
Black Or African American							
More Than One Race							
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander							
Underrepresented Asian Subgroup							
Unreported/Unavailable							
White Disadvantaged							
White Non Disadvantaged							
Grand Total							

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Age and Gender				
Age Group	Males	Females	Total	
Under 20				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
20-29				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	1	4	5	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	1	4	5	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	1	2	3	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	1	2	3	
30-39				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	2	22	24	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	2	22	24	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	1	4	5	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	1	4	5	
40-49	<u>.</u>			
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	0	3	3	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	3	3	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	1	1	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	1	1	
50-59				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	2	2	4	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	2	2	4	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
60 or older				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Unreported/Unavailable				
Total # of Enrollees (As of 10/15/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Students Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total # of Graduates Supported (07/01/10 - 06/30/11)	0	0	0	
Total	14	76	90	

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A. Projected Master's Students							
Enrollment and Traineeship Data	Primary Care Nurse Practitioner		Nurse- Midwifery				
	FT	PT	FΤ	PT			
Total # of Projected Master Degree Student Enrollment 10/15/2012	0	54	0	0			
Total # of Projected Master Degree Students Expected to Receive Traineeship Support by 10/15/2012	0	28	0	0			
Total # of Projected Post Nursing Master's Certificate Student Enrollment by 10/15/2012	0	5	0	0			
Total # of Projected Post Nursing Master's Certificate Students Expected to Receive Traineeship Support by 10/15/2012	0	3	0	0			

Table 8 – AENT: Projected Master's and Doctoral Data						
B. Projected Doctoral Students						
Enrollment and Traineeship Data	Post-BSN to PhD		Post-BSN to DNP/DrNP			
		PT	FT	PT		
Total # of Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Student Enrollment by 10/15/2012	0	0	0	0		
Total # of Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Students Projected to Recieve Traineeship Supported by 10/15/2012	0	0	0	0		
Total # of Nurse-Midwifery Student Enrollment by 10/15/2012	0	0	0	0		
Total # of Nurse-Midwifery Students Projected to Recieve Traineeship Supported by 10/15/2012	0	0	0	0		