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Title: Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund
Responsible
Department: Office of the Provost

I. General Statement

The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund provides an opportunity for each state university to receive matching funds for every dollar contributed by a healthcare partner and is governed by the Board of Governors (“BOG”) Regulation 8.008 and section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, which set forth the criteria for the eligibility and use of LINE funds.

II. LINE Funding Proposals

LINE funding proposals may be submitted by the President or designee to the BOG Chancellor’s office in accordance with the guidelines, formats, instructions, and schedule provided by the BOG Chancellor. Each LINE funding proposal should be approved by the Office of the Provost and identify and include the following:

- A. The identity of the healthcare partner located and licensed to operate in the State of Florida and with whom the University will partner;
- B. Whether funds committed by the healthcare partner will contribute to an eligible purpose set forth in the section 1009.8962 and BOG Reg. 8.008;
- C. How the funds will be used, including how funds will be utilized to increase student enrollment and program completion;
- D. How the healthcare partner will onboard and retain graduates;
- E. How the funds will expand the University’s nursing education programs to meet local, regional, or state workforce demands; and
- F. If applicable, how funds will be used to expand the University’s advanced education nursing programs and how the funds will increase the number of faculty and clinical preceptors and planned efforts to utilize the clinical placement process established in section 14.36, Florida Statutes.

III. Reporting

The President or designee shall notify the BOG upon receipt of funds provided by the healthcare partner identified in an approved proposal before receiving dollar-for-dollar matching funds from the BOG's grant funds, subject to funds availability.

Annually, by February 1 of each year, if the University was awarded LINE Funds in the previous fiscal year, the President or designee shall submit a report to the BOG that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal, delineates the use of all funds (including contributions and matching funds), and otherwise provides the information, disaggregated by degree level set forth in BOG Reg. 8.008.

IV. Further Guidance

The Office of the Provost may establish further detailed policies for LINE fund administration in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory authorities, policies, and applicable collective bargaining agreements.

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Authority: Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution
BOG Reg. 8.008, Nursing Education

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