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“Nurses must create, serve in, and disseminate re-conceptualized roles to bridge whatever gaps remain between coverage and access to care. More must become health coaches, care coordinators, informaticians, primary care providers, and health team leaders in a greater variety of settings, including primary care medical homes and accountable care organizations.”

The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (2010)

Dear Prospective Carpenter Community Nursing Fellow,

The National Nurse-led Care Consortium (NNCC), the Convenient Care Association (CCA), the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, the Pennsylvania Action Coalition, and the Social Innovations Institute have partnered to offer an innovative and exciting competitive community nursing Fellowship opportunity for nursing students and recent graduates. Along with a scholarship of \$2,000, this competitive Fellowship provides current nursing students and recent graduates with the education, leadership training, and mentoring opportunities to help build the skills necessary to assume a greater role in community-based care and become leaders in transforming the nursing field.

The Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship introduces Fellows to the diverse world of public health nursing and the career opportunities available to them in the ever-expanding field of community-based care which includes nurse-managed and retail health clinics. The Fellowship will incorporate both academic symposiums and site visits to community health centers to provide Fellows with best practices of current nursing and healthcare leaders, technical instruction, and important policy shaping healthcare initiatives. The site visits, in addition, will provide opportunities to interact with current nursing professionals and experience the innovative ideas that are changing the face of healthcare. Incorporated into this Fellowship, participants will have the chance to network with nurse leaders, policy makers, National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC) leaders and Convenient Care Association (CCA) members.

Fellows will be encouraged to customize their program so that their activities correspond to their interests and future career goals. With this goal in mind, a Fellow's registration fees will be covered by the Fellowship if they choose to participate in the Social Innovations Summer Institute focused on Healthcare Innovations.

With the knowledge that every Fellow will build a solid understanding of these current trends and the skills necessary to assume a leadership role in the healthcare workforce of the future, **we invite you to [apply](http://www.nncc.us) for the Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship at www.nncc.us by January 27, 2017.**

Yours,

Nancy De Leon Link, CEO
National Nurse-led Care Consortium

Tine Hansen-Turton, Executive Director
Convenient Care Association



CARPENTER COMMUNITY NURSING FELLOWSHIP BACKGROUND AND APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

“Not all nurses begin their career with thoughts of becoming a leader. Yet strong leadership will be required to transform the U.S. health care system. A transformed system will need nurses with the adaptive capacity to take on re-conceptualized roles in new settings, educating and reeducating themselves along the way—indispensable characteristics of effective leadership.” The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (2010).

The Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship, offered through the National Nurse-Led Care Consortium (NNCC), is an introductory and competitive fellowship program in community-based and public health nursing available to current nursing students and recently graduated nurses of all levels. The program will:

- Introduce Fellows to newly emerging nursing career opportunities in the community;
- Develop Fellows’ leadership skills; and
- Provide Fellows networking opportunities that support their future career path.

The Fellowship program is supported by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. Mrs. Leona B. Carpenter dedicated her life to the field of public health nursing and nurse education and the Foundation continues to provide financial support for community health nursing projects in the communities of Worcester, Massachusetts; Richmond, Virginia; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that support her vision.

NNCC’s mission is to advance nurse-led health care through policy, consultation and programs to reduce health disparities and meet people’s primary care and wellness needs. Ensuring a well-prepared workforce of nurses with the skills needed to play an increasingly significant role in leading interdisciplinary health care teams is central to our mission.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The program’s goals are to:

- (1) Increase the competency of the students to function in a leadership role,
- (2) Encourage more nurses to pursue careers in community-based settings, and
- (3) Create a model for integrating education and training on community-based primary care into nursing curricula that can be replicated and expanded.

At the end of this semester-long program, Fellows will have a better understanding of the career opportunities available for nurses that are outside traditional settings, experience opportunities to network and build relationships with current leaders in the nursing field, and have an ***increased sense of their own potential and leadership competence in the workplace.***

SCHOLARSHIP

Fellows will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 to cover the costs of participation in the program to be paid in two installments at the beginning and end of the Fellowship.

STRUCTURE/COHORTS

The Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship program will take place outside of traditional learning facilities, allowing Fellows to engage actively with nursing leaders in real-world settings. This learning experience allows for a degree of flexibility in order to adapt to the changing demands of work, school, home, and life events. The Fellowship demands a high degree of personal responsibility in order to complete the assignments.

The *Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship* program will include students and recent graduates from Greater Philadelphia-area nursing programs and provide them with readings and in-person opportunities to learn about possible clinical and administrative careers as well as opportunities for leadership in the rapidly expanding nursing field.

APPLICATION

Potential Fellows must complete an application that includes a short essay and at least one academic reference by January 27, 2017.

A link to the application can be found by clicking [here](#), pasting the following url into your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcZTS--qulohOIMSGaGvMskZgxKgQxyARB3IJ-J9okopmerQ/viewform>

Or by visiting www.nncc.us

Decisions will be announced to Fellows the week of February 6, 2017.

NETWORKING

Fellows will have the opportunity to network with current nurse leaders, health care entrepreneurs, NNCC and CCA members, and other leaders in the field of public health. *The Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship* is also partnering with the Pennsylvania Action Coalition, a statewide coalition which is part of a national network of nursing and non-nursing stakeholders working to implement the recommendations endorsed by the IOM's *Campaign for Action: Future of Nursing*, to facilitate mentoring relationships between Fellows and Pennsylvania Action Coalition members. Pennsylvania Action Coalition members and other guests of the Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship come from diverse backgrounds in nursing, health care and leadership and are an invaluable asset to the development of well-rounded leaders.

REQUIRED READINGS

NNCC will provide all reading materials, either electronically or in print, which the Fellow can keep at the end of the program. Fellows will post their responses in an online forum and provide feedback to their cohorts in order to facilitate an open and positive learning experience.

PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE

The Carpenter Community Nursing Fellowship Program includes:

- Several topic-focused symposiums, including in-depth discussions on nursing education, entrepreneurship, and the Institute of Medicine's *Future of Nursing* report
- Minimum of two (2) visits to different community health settings, such as a nurse-managed health center, a retail-based clinic, and/or a community-based home visit program
- Required monthly readings focused on community nursing and responses based on prompts from nurse leaders or Fellowship staff
- Free registration to the NNCC and CCA annual conferences, highlighting leadership, entrepreneurship, and excellence in nursing
- Free registration to the Social Innovations Summer Institute focused on Innovations in Health Care.
- Submission of a brief "idea" article summarizing an innovative idea to transform healthcare and a leadership interview for publication in the Social Innovations Journal
- Completion of pre and post Fellowship questionnaires including the Fellow's experience, lessons learned, and future career plans.

Fellows are expected to participate in all activities listed.

SCHEDULE

The Fellowship will begin in March 2017 and run through May 2017. Fellowship workshops will be held in the evenings and/or some weekends and will take place at NNCC's offices at 1500 Market Street in Philadelphia. A final schedule will be announced at the beginning of the Fellowship.

CONTACT

For any additional questions, concerns, or information, please contact Nate Bronstein at nbronstein@nncc.us or 610-656-1213.

"The changing landscape of the health care system and the changing profile of the population require that the system undergo a fundamental shift to provide patient centered care; deliver more primary as opposed to specialty care; deliver more care in the community rather than the acute care setting; provide seamless care; enable all health professionals to practice to the full extent of their education, training, and competencies; and foster interprofessional collaboration." The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (2010).