



## GUIDELINES

### Mission

The primary mission of the Helene Fuld Health Trust is to support and promote the health, welfare and education of student nurses.

### Funding Strategies

The first priority of the Trust is financial aid to nursing students. Acknowledging the increased complexity of and sophisticated knowledge required for health care delivery, the Trust will give preference to programs that offer BSN degrees and higher. The Trust will seek opportunities to establish endowed scholarships for students in baccalaureate programs at selected nursing schools through an invitational process. The Trust will not accept unsolicited grant requests.

### Guidelines for Endowment Grants to Baccalaureate Programs

Based on a study commissioned by The Helene Fuld Health Trust, the Trustee has adopted guidelines for endowment grants to outstanding baccalaureate programs. The Trustee believes that outstanding baccalaureate nursing programs generally have most of the following characteristics:

#### Students in an Outstanding Program

- At least 30 baccalaureate nursing students graduate annually.
- All, or nearly all, students admitted to the program complete the program and graduate from it.
- Students are licensed within six months of graduation, and nearly all pass the NCLEX licensing exam on the first attempt.
- The percentage of male and/or minority baccalaureate nursing students has increased in recent years.

#### Curriculum of an Outstanding Program

- The curriculum for all students is innovative and creative, and offers a flexible schedule.
- The curriculum demonstrates that all baccalaureate nursing program graduates are prepared to be culturally competent, to care for well and frail older adults, and to provide palliative care.
- The school has a true academic-practice partnership with at least one health care system/institution that reflects collaboration on both curricular and practice issues.
- The student learning/practice laboratories reflect a variety of realistic practice settings and are easy for students to access.
- Required clinical experiences include a range of settings (hospital, tertiary, home care, hospice, and community care) and work with patients from a wide range of economic, cultural, and racial backgrounds.
- All students have a structured, extended experience that integrates program knowledge and skills (e.g., preceptorship, capstone or clinical immersion program).

- A comprehensive assessment of each student is conducted prior to graduation to ensure that the student has integrated clinical and academic learning and that each student is fully prepared as a nurse to care for patients.

#### **Faculty of an Outstanding Program**

- All faculty teaching in the baccalaureate nursing program hold at least a master's degree and many are certified in the specialty in which they are teaching.
- Many of the faculty who teach baccalaureate nursing students also maintain a patient care practice.

The Trust will also continue to award grants to leading nursing schools and other organizations which undertake innovative programs designed to develop and expand the professional and leadership skills of nursing students, faculty, and administration. Proposals for these grants will be by invitation only.

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