

The Helen (Martindale) Ferguson Education Award 2019

This award, named in memory of **Helen (Martindale) Ferguson**, is designed to provide funding support for continuing staff education for Registered Nurses at the Greater Niagara General site of Niagara Health in order to enhance their ability to provide comprehensive, holistic, quality care to patients and their families.

Scope of the Awards Program:

The Program will provide an annual award in support of educational initiatives undertaken by Registered Nursing Staff employed at the Greater Niagara General (GNG) site of Niagara Health (NH).

The focus of the awards will be on innovations in treatment and supportive care through research and academic enhancement. Staff supported through this Program will be encouraged to share their learning and skills with their colleagues at NH.

1.0 Process to Apply

1.1 Applications for **Helen (Martindale) Ferguson Education Award** will be received by Niagara Health Foundation – by May 31st, 2019.

1.2 A completed Niagara Health Foundation Continuing Education Application Form will be submitted to Niagara Health Foundation.

2.0 Process for Payment

2.1 An ad-hoc committee will be formed including representation from NH Administration, the Niagara Health Foundation and GNG nursing staff. The ad-hoc committee shall review all completed grant applications and determine awards to be disbursed subject to final approval by the Niagara Health Foundation Grants Committee.

2.2 The funding for the approved continuing education program will be transferred through Niagara Health Foundation for NHS as required.



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**Continuing Education Application Form
Deadline for Applying: May 31st, 2019**

Niagara Health Foundation for NHS was established to raise money for capital projects and equipment, research, education (including professional development) and patient care. Projects must be compatible with the NH mission, strategic plan and management priorities and should be viewed as an enhancement rather than as a necessity for basic operation.

- **Grants will be offered to a maximum of 80% of tuition fees and will be awarded upon receipt of proof of successful completion of course.**
- **Grants will be awarded to a maximum of \$500.**

A complete application must include:

1. ALL required signatures
2. An abstract that clearly states the case for support.
3. Documentation supporting costs.
4. A timeline for completion of the program.
5. Proof of enrolment as a Registered Nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Applications that do not include these items will not be considered.

The ad-hoc committee will review all applications after May 31st, 2018 for grants to be made in early September. All completed applications can be submitted to Niagara Health Foundation for NHS. Forms can be scanned and emailed to Foundation@niagarahealth.on.ca or can be placed in interoffice mail to Andrea Scott, c/o Niagara Health Foundation, St. Catharines Site.

Section 1

Program Title

Amount requested

*Applicant must provide proof of enrolment or acceptance in a college or university undergraduate or graduate degree program or registration in an approved continuing education program, workshop or conference.

Applicant Name

Signature

Location

Telephone

Extension

Signature of Supervisor

Date



Section 2

Describe or comment on how this program/course of study will affect patient care.

Section 3

Description/Comments: Use this space for any comments you feel would assist the committee in reviewing your application.

Section 4

Post-Secondary Education Awards Program

1.0 Criteria:

1.1 Applicants for funding must be Registered Nurses and be full-time or part-time Employees who have completed his/her probation period as an employee of NH at the GNG site.

1.2 Preference will be given to employees who have been employed by NH for at least one year.

1.3 Employees will be eligible to apply for bursary monies in each year of their program. Preference will be given to applicants requesting funding for the first time.

1.4 Applicants must provide proof of enrolment or acceptance in a college or university undergraduate or graduate degree program or registration in an approved continuing education program, workshop or conference.

