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Regis Awarded Grant for Nurse Faculty Loan Program *Funding supports doctoral nursing students from all over the U.S.*

Weston, MA – Regis College announced today that it received a significant grant for its nationally recognized School of Nursing. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services gave the university \$659,978 under its [Nurse Faculty Loan Program \(NFLP\)](#).

“At Regis, our students are deeply committed to serving those in need,” said Regis President Antoinette Hays, PhD, RN. “With this grant and the recent launch of Regis’ award-winning nursing program online, the university is able to reach students across the country who otherwise would not have had access to higher education allowing them to have a critical impact to the communities they call home.”

The NFLP gives grants to accredited schools of nursing to provide loans to nurse educators pursuing a doctoral degree. The program’s goal is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty by providing access to education that prepares and trains qualified educators to fill faculty vacancies and increases the number of trained nurses entering the workforce.

“Nationally, there is a shortage of highly qualified and trained nursing faculty to educate the next generation of nurses who are critical to providing care,” said Diane Welsh, dean of the Regis School of Nursing. “With the expansion of the university’s online doctoral programming and our presence in 35 states, the HRSA grant funding helps Regis address this shortage directly.”

Regis has more than 30 doctor of nursing practice (DNP) students who are supported with NFLP funds and has received more than \$1 million in federal funding to assist doctoral students with their education.

“I’m thrilled that Regis College offers the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) to online DNP students,” said Joyce Contois, an online DNP student from Seekonk, Mass. “Without this federal grant funding, I wouldn’t have the financial capabilities to advance my education and fulfill my career goals. I think the NFLP is a wonderful opportunity to increase future leaders and educators within the nursing profession.”

Prospective DNP students are encouraged to apply to the Regis DNP program for 2018-2019. For more information, please visit www.regiscollege.edu/dnp.

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