



Scholarship Announcement

Wound Care Certification

The Oregon Department of Human Services Seniors and People with Disabilities Division and the OHSU School of Nursing John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence are committed to reducing the prevalence and severity of pressure ulcers among residents of licensed nursing facilities. Together we are pleased to announce the availability of scholarship funds in the amount of \$2,000 each for Baccalaureate prepared Registered Nurses who wish to obtain Wound Care Certification. These funds have been made available through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Pressure ulcers have a significant negative impact on the lives of nursing home residents: increasing pain, stress, and mortality. The incidence of pressure ulcers in nursing homes ranges from 1.9% to 23.9% with costs from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per ulcer. The prevalence of pressure ulcers is an important indicator of nursing home quality. Nursing homes that have implemented dedicated wound care programs have improved resident outcomes and decreased costs of care.

Who is eligible: Registered nurses with Baccalaureate degrees who are currently employed in a nursing facility licensed by the State of Oregon or provide consultation on wound care to such facilities.

What is required: Facilities are required to provide supplemental funds for completion of coursework and certification. Applicants must make a commitment to practice in long term care in the area of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment following certification.

Successful applicants must be accepted and enrolled into an approved program that will qualify the applicant to become a Certified Wound Care Nurse within 6 months of the scholarship award, and must complete the program and obtain certification within the following 6 months. ***Applicants must complete the coursework and obtain certification or they will be required to repay the scholarship funds.***

What is the process: Applications must include a letter of support from the nursing facility's Administrator and two references (one supervisor and one clinician). Application Forms and supporting materials can be obtained by clicking the appropriate links below:

[Application Form](#)

[Reference Form](#)

[Statement of Support](#)

Requests for additional information should be sent to robertpe@ohsu.edu.

Limited scholarships are available and will be granted on a rolling basis, based on funding.