



**State University System
2023-2024 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund
Proposal Form**

University:	University of Central Florida
Healthcare Partner:	UCF LAKE NONA HOSPITAL
Date Proposal Approved by University Board of Trustees:	8/23/2023
Amount Requested:	\$50,000
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Please check the boxes below as appropriate:	<i>All boxes must be checked in order to be eligible to participate.</i>
Healthcare partner making contribution is located in and licensed to operate in Florida?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Healthcare partner making contribution is a healthcare provider as defined in Section 768.38(2), Florida Statutes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Nursing programs met or exceeded a first-time NCLEX passage rate of 70% for the prior year based on the 2023 Accountability Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
The funds will be used for an eligible purpose per section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Background

The LINE Fund is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce. Subject to available funds, for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare partner, the fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals.

Funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state. Funds may not be used for the construction of new buildings. To participate, an institution must submit a timely and complete proposal to the Board of Governors for consideration. For more details, see Board of Governors [Regulation 8.008 - Nursing Education](#).

Proposals must be submitted with a total of no more than three pages of narrative for the following sections. Proposals with more than three pages of narrative will be rejected.

Proposal Details

Provide a detailed narrative for each section below.

I. Use of Funds - *Describe in detail and with specificity how the institution plans to use the funds, including how the funds will be utilized to increase student enrollment and program completion.*

Matching funds are requested for a \$50,000 gift provided by UCF LAKE NONA HOSPITAL, which will be utilized to hire additional part-time clinical nursing faculty during the 2023-2024 academic year.

The funding will support the equivalent of 0.5 FTE clinical instructor to supervise students at UCF LAKE NONA HOSPITAL. This equates to 20 hours per week in the amount \$50,000 during the 2023-2024 academic year.

The matching funds will be used to support a second part time clinical instructor at UCF LAKE NONA HOSPITAL, providing a clinical placement for 8 additional students. Secondary to the 2022-2023 PIPELINE funding, we are now placing 200 pre-licensure students annually, so the additional clinical placements are of high need.

II. Onboarding & Retention of Graduates - *Describe in detail and with specificity how the health care partner will onboard and retain graduates.*

The clinical instructors will be placed at UCF LAKE NONA HOSPITAL to instruct their student cohort. These clinical placements provide the students with the education and training they need to graduate and successfully pass the NCLEX examination.

Hospital leadership will have the opportunity to engage with the student cohort led by the clinical instructor.

III. Program Expansion - *Describe in detail and with specificity how the funds will expand the institution's nursing education programs to meet local, regional,*

or state workforce demands. If applicable, include advanced education nursing programs and how the funds will increase the number of faculty and clinical preceptors and planned efforts to utilize the clinical placement process established in Section 14.36, Florida Statutes.

Through the PIPELINE funds received, UCF is planning to increase undergraduate pre-licensure enrollment by at least 50% within three years. We have increased admissions to the prelicensure program by 100 students each year, resulting in increased enrollment of 200 students (cohorts for years 1 and 2). As we have admitted more students, it is essential to expand clinical partner sites. Highly qualified clinical instructors are needed in order to offer additional clinical sites and provide the necessary clinical experience to prepare students for success after graduation.