

**UNC School of Nursing and Piedmont Health**  
***Invest in Nursing Student Scholar Application***

**Purpose:** The *Invest in Nursing* Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Registered Nurses in Primary Care (NEPQR-RNPC) grant is intended to help stimulate the career interest and foster the professional development of primary care nurses in community settings. This project will support up to five (5) students for three (3) consecutive semesters and will provide an opportunity for undergraduate nursing students to enhance their education through applied clinical practice in community-based, primary care settings. Students will receive hands-on training and participate on interprofessional teams. In addition, students will be encouraged to volunteer for the Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC) and will complete one of the Spanish for Health Professionals courses (PUBH61X).

**Program Scope:** The Invest in Nursing Student Scholar program is a combination of 3 semesters of didactic, experiential, and service-learning opportunities aimed at providing nursing students with advanced knowledge and competencies necessary to excel as a clinician in community-based primary care.

- *Piedmont Health Services, Inc.:* Piedmont Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and operates ten community health center sites in Alamance, Caswell, Chatham and Orange Counties. Piedmont Health also operates the Piedmont Health Senior Care program, a Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)-deemed Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) with two sites in Burlington and Pittsboro, North Carolina. Students will be paired with nurse preceptors as they rotate between Piedmont Health sites across the three semesters.
- *Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC):* SHAC provides free health care and services to underserved populations while engaging UNC Health Science students in interdisciplinary service-learning activities. (NURS600)
- *Spanish for Health Professionals:* This course has been specifically designed to meet the needs of students in the health professions. (PUBH61X)

**Program Schedule:** The program will span three (3) consecutive semesters (Summer 2021, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022) and will be conducted at various Piedmont Health sites.

**Compensation:** Students will receive financial support during all three (3) semesters.

**Selection Process:** Please submit an email with **INVEST IN NURSING** in the Subject Line to [investinnursing@unc.edu](mailto:investinnursing@unc.edu). Applications **MUST be received by 5pm on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Interviews will take place between February 4<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Decisions will be made by February 19<sup>th</sup>.** *Students making a commitment to applying for the Invest in Nursing program should refrain from applying to the Oncology Fellowship.*

Include the following with your email:

1. Current Resume;
2. An essay (maximum 1500 words/3 pages single-spaced) describing your commitment to, and passion for, caring for North Carolinians in a community-based primary care setting. Include any previous experiences that may highlight your commitment to NC's vulnerable and underserved populations. In addition, describe the role of baccalaureate prepared nurses as leaders in helping meet the needs of patients and their families with chronic, complex illnesses, supporting population health, and engaging in interprofessional teams;
3. Two completed professional reference forms; one may be a UNC SON nursing faculty member (*\*may be emailed to [investinnursing@unc.edu](mailto:investinnursing@unc.edu) directly by reference*)