

CLPNA – Advancing Knowledge in Practical Nursing Research Grant

Program Guide

Introduction

The Advancing Knowledge in Practical Nursing research grant is a partnership between the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA) and Alberta Innovates (AI). This funding opportunity supports and fosters high quality research to build foundational knowledge about the Practical Nurse profession and practice and encourages innovation that produces “new discoveries” related to practical nursing and contributes to quality scientific literature.

In Alberta, the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is a professional, autonomous nurse involved in the assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of nursing care. LPNs provide health care services in direct clinical care as well as in education, research, and administration. Since 1947, the practical nurse role has evolved significantly, there are now 15,860 LPNs in Alberta providing safe, competent, and ethical care to meet the changing health needs of Albertans.

Objectives

This funding opportunity is designed to support research and integrated knowledge translation (iKT) projects that focus on LPN practice, utilization, and the quality of nursing care provided by LPNs within Alberta. The results from the project are expected to add to the growing body of knowledge about the LPN role and provide evidence to support the growth of the LPN profession.

Value and Term of Award

This one-year, non-renewable grant will provide up to a maximum of 25,000.

Priority Topic Areas

The CLPNA’s council is the governing body of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta. The council is made up of LPNs and Public members. The council uses their current knowledge of the health system to develop and set priority areas for research to guide LPN practice and utilization. The research priorities set for 2018/19 support a variety of areas that focus on the role and value of LPNs.

Proposals must focus on measures that have an impact on LPN practice and affect the sustainability of the profession. This year's priority topic areas include:

- Indigenous health, multiculturalism, and diversity;
- Gerontology;
- Addictions and mental health;
- Educational research specifically measuring the impact of simulation labs

Eligibility

- Project must be aligned appropriately to the identified priorities;
- The principal applicant must work at an Alberta-based organization;
- The research must be LPN-focused;
- If this is an application involving previously or currently funded research, the applicant must be the principal applicant or co-applicant on the original funded grant;
- Grant funds will flow through the organization of the principal applicant.

Allowable Expenses

This grant covers direct research costs and may be used as matching, seed or additional grant funding. Funds can be used to support the salary of a trainee while the trainee is completing research on this project.

Review Process

Applications will be assessed by an expert review committee representing different disciplines and sectors. The committee will include researchers in relevant areas.

Assessment Criteria

Projects will be assessed on their scientific rigour, impact of the results, and feasibility of implementation. Applications for research proposals will be reviewed based on:

- **Relevance** to the Grant's objectives;
- **Significance and Innovation** - the proposed research is based on an important and well-formulated health question or issue related to the program objectives and has specific deliverables as solutions and/or outcomes;

- **Approach** - the described approach is necessary, integrated and feasible and it is clear how the project will deliver the proposed outcomes;
- **Environment** - the environment described for the proposed research will contribute to the achievement of the defined objectives;
- **Budget** – the proposed budget must be appropriate based on the outlined research proposal.

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