



2017 Indiana Health Care Foundation AHCA/NCAL Gerontological Nurse Certification Prep Course Scholarship

The Indiana Health Care Foundation (IHCF) applauds individuals who are dedicated to advancing their career through continued education. IHCF is accepting scholarship applications from individuals pursuing educational training in preparation for Gerontological Nurse Certification.

The IHCF is offering one (1) \$900 scholarship for the selected recipient to participate in the online [AHCA/NCAL Gerontological Nurse Certification Prep Course](#). The Gero Prep course is a self-paced online course that consists of 10 learning modules totaling 30 continuing education hours. The Gero Prep Course expertly equips RNs to pass the national Gerontological Certification exam (credential RN-BC: Registered Nurse-Board Certified) through rigorous testing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). National certification is a badge of quality. It signifies the highest standard of clinical and leadership excellence. And it assures employers, residents and families of quality nursing care. In facilities employing certified RNs, key quality indicators - including patient outcomes, patient satisfaction and RN satisfaction - have shown marked improvement.

The scholarship recipient will be required to formally apply for acceptance to the program separately from this scholarship application by the registration deadlines noted on the IHCF website. Scholarship funds will be dispersed to AHCA/NCAL on the recipient's behalf once they have been formally accepted. **The recipient must enroll in the program no later than October 1, 2017 and must complete the program by December 31, 2017.**

Eligibility: To be considered for an Indiana Health Care Foundation Gerontological Nurse Certification Prep Course Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Work at a long term care facility in the State of Indiana (the facility does NOT have to be a member of IHCA/INCAL or AHCA/NCAL).
- Hold current active RN licensure in the State of Indiana.
- Have a minimum of two years of full-time practice as a RN.
- Have a minimum of 2,000 hours of gerontological nursing practice in last 3 years.
- Have a passion to work with the elderly or disabled populations
- Return a completed scholarship application with supplemental application materials by **July 14, 2017**.
- Agree to a phone interview or personal interview in Indianapolis if and when requested by IHCF
- **Individuals related to a member of the IHCF Board of Directors are ineligible.**

Supplemental Application Materials: IHCF requires the following information to be submitted via the online application portal with the completed application by **July 14, 2017**. Failure to provide all requested information will result in disqualification. **Late submissions will be not accepted.**

- Transcripts should be included to verify education indicated on the application.
- Essay should include, but not be limited to, your passion, experience, desire for the certification, the impact this certification will have in your healthcare career goals, reason for wanting/needing the scholarship, and why you deserve to receive it
- Three professional letters of recommendation (least one from a direct supervisor).
- Provide proof of active Indiana unrestricted RN license.
- Provide proof of employment history showing at least two years full-time RN experience, and a minimum of 2,000 hours of gerontological nursing practice in the last three years.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Upon Gero Prep completion, nurses apply for the ANCC certification exam. This expense is not covered by the scholarship. Full exam information at <http://www.nursecredentialing.org>

Application forms are available on the IHCF's website at:
<http://www.indianahhealthcarefoundation.org/pages/Scholarship/>

Completed applications and supplemental information should be submitted online by July 14, 2017 at:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=f2e10dffa11440f192a81feb97fea1dd>



Complete Employment History (additional pages accepted)

Current Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ / _____ Fax: _____ / _____

Present Position: _____

Date Started: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____

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Previous Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ / _____ Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____

Position or Job Held: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____

Previous Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ / _____ Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____

Position or Job Held: _____

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Essay Questions

On a separate page, please write an essay that covers each of the following points. Your essay should be typed. Please limit your response to 1000 words.

- Describe your healthcare and volunteer experience
- Describe your passion for the elderly or disabled populations and reason for wanting/needing the scholarship
- Describe your future career goals and why you deserve to receive the scholarship



Professional References: (please list the three professional references whose letters of recommendation are attached)

Reference 1 – Current Employment:

NAME: _____

FACILITY: _____

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

Reference 2:

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

Reference 3:

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE: _____

Please ask references to submit to you a letter of reference to be attached to your application. The letter should be on the individual's company letterhead if appropriate and should describe why you would be a worthy recipient of a IHCF scholarship, addressing such areas as level of maturity, sensitivity to people's needs, a known commitment to the elderly or to long-term care, that reflects good customer service and clinical skills.

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<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=f2e10dffa11440f192a81feb97fea1dd>