

CONNECTICUT NURSING RESEARCH ALLIANCE

RESEARCH AWARDS

Creating a local culture that encourages and supports the conduct of nurse-led studies and the application of evidence-based nursing practice is a strategic goal of The Connecticut Nursing Research Alliance. In support of this goal, the Alliance has established two awards to recognize excellence in the conduct of research and evidence-based practice.

Excellence in Nursing Research Award: The purpose of this award is to recognize nursing researchers for their contribution to the advancement of nursing science and professional practice through the conduct of research. The award is presented each Fall during the Annual CT Nursing Research Alliance Conference to a deserving nurse whose completed research is considered exemplary and who serves as a role model for his/her nursing colleagues.

Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice Award: The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or group who has used research findings as a basis for practice innovation or has provided leadership for evidence-based practice changes in the clinical setting. The award is presented each Fall during the Annual CT Nursing Research Alliance Conference.

Awards are open to CT Nursing Alliance Member Organizations, which include:

Bristol Hospital, Capitol Community College, Central Connecticut State University, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Eastern Connecticut Health Network, Hartford Hospital, Hospital of Central Connecticut, Hospital of Saint Raphael, Hospital for Special Care, Midstate Medical Center, Quinnipiac University, Saint Joseph College, Southern Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut, University of Hartford, William Backus Hospital and Windham Hospital.

Evidence-Based Practice Project Grant: In support of **Hartford Healthcare's (HHC)** organizational goal to support evidence-based practice, dedicated funds are available to facilitate the initiation of evidence-based practice projects. Monies (in the amount up to \$1500.00) can be made available throughout the year. The **Evidence-Based Practice Project Grant is open to HHC member organizations**, which include: Eastern Rehabilitation Network, Hartford Hospital, Hartford Medical Group, Hospital of Central Connecticut, Midstate Medical Center, Jefferson House, VNA Health Care, and Windham Hospital.

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EXCELLENCE IN NURSING RESEARCH AWARD

THE AWARD

The Excellence in Nursing Research Award is presented annually to a deserving nurse whose completed research is considered exemplary and who serves as a role model for his/her Nursing colleagues. Award includes a monetary grant of \$500 to be used to help defray expenses in presenting research findings at a forthcoming research conference.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be an employee or enrolled student of a CT Nursing Research Alliance member organization.
2. Research must be current; completed within the last year.
3. Research must demonstrate relevance to nursing management, education, or practice.
4. Principal investigator must be a nurse.
5. Researcher must show evidence that research was externally validated as a legitimate study; i.e. approval by the Nursing Research Committee.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Complete Nomination Form.
2. Submit abstract of research including purpose/rationale for the study, pertinent review of literature, description of research design, methodology, data analysis, study findings and implications for practice.
3. Nomination Form and completed abstract must be received by deadline date of **9/20/11**.

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EXCELLENCE IN EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE AWARD

THE AWARD

The Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice Award is presented annually to an individual or group who has either used research as a basis for a practice innovation or has provided leadership for evidence-based practice changes in the clinical setting. The award includes a monetary grant of \$500 to be used to help defray expenses in attending an Evidence-Based Practice conference at the regional or national level.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The nominee is an employee or enrolled student of a CT Nursing Research Alliance member organization.
2. The individual or group has either directly influenced an evidence-based innovation in Nursing Practice or provided supportive leadership for the project/innovation.
3. There is evidence of an impact on:
 - a) improved patient outcomes.
 - b) improved quality and patient safety.
 - c) improved patient/family satisfaction.
 - d) cost-savings to patient(s).
 - e) cost-savings to hospital/institution.
 - f) improved staff motivation and knowledge.
 - g) improved staff satisfaction due to change in patient care delivery process.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Complete Nomination Form.
2. Candidate (contact person if group nomination) must submit Abstract of the project/innovation including:
 - a) identification of the problem
 - b) evidence of research foundation including listing of major literary citations used
 - c) description of specific innovation/project implemented
 - d) description of innovation/project outcomes
3. Nomination Form and completed abstract must be received by deadline of **9/20/11**.

EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS

1. A practicing nurse who has implemented an evidence-based clinical innovation.
2. An individual or group who has used research to develop an innovative program that has improved patient care delivery.
3. An individual or group who has promoted hospital-wide programs for use of research in clinical practice.
4. An individual or group who has creatively encouraged others to apply study findings to the practice setting.

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AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Select Award for which you are submitting a nomination:

- _____ Excellence in Nursing Research Award
- _____ Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice Award

Nominee: _____

Credentials: _____

CT Nursing Research Alliance Member Organization:

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| _____ Bristol Hospital | _____ Capitol Community College |
| _____ Charlotte Hungerford Hospital | _____ Central CT State University |
| _____ Connecticut Children's | _____ Quinnipiac University |
| _____ Eastern Connecticut Health Network | _____ Saint Joseph College |
| _____ Hartford Hospital | _____ Southern CT State University |
| _____ Hospital of Central Connecticut | _____ University of Connecticut |
| _____ Hospital of Saint Raphael | _____ University of Hartford |
| _____ Hospital for Special Care | |
| _____ Midstate Medical Center | |
| _____ William Backus Hospital | |
| _____ Windham Hospital | |

Position: _____

Business Phone: _____ **Cell or Home Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Nominated By: _____

Email Address of Nominator: _____

Submission Date: _____

Nomination Form and accompanying abstract should be submitted to Nancy Bafundo, Nurse Educator, Hartford Hospital at nbafund@harthosp.org by **September 20, 2011**. Questions may be directed to Amy Schröder, Conference Chair at (860) 545-4431 or aschrod@harthosp.org

HARTFORD HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROJECT GRANT

In support of our organizational goal to support evidence based practice, funds are available (up to \$1500.00) to help support the development and implementation of evidence based practice projects. We encourage you to apply for some of this funding by completing the attached project guidelines. Application Guidelines are attached. Applications should be submitted to Nancy Bafundo, Nurse Educator, Hartford Hospital at nbafund@harthosp.org by *September 20, 2011*.

This grant is available to **Hartford Healthcare member organizations**, which include: Eastern Rehabilitation Network, Hartford Hospital, Hartford Medical Group, Hospital of Central Connecticut, Midstate Medical Center, Jefferson House, VNA Health Care, and Windham Hospital.

We hope to announce the selected candidate(s) at the Evidence Based Practice Conference on October 14, 2011.

Questions regarding this grant should be directed to Amy Schröder at (860) 545-4431.

**APPLICATION FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROJECT
PROJECT GUIDELINES**

Date: _____

Please complete the following:

1. Title of Project: _____

2. Category of problem or issue to be addressed:

- Patient/Family issue _____
- Management issue _____
- Clinical problem/issue _____
- Patient Safety & Quality issue _____
- Performance Improvement issue _____
- Hospital/JCAHO standard _____
- Practice guideline _____
- Nursing _____
- Interdisciplinary _____
- Other (Please specify) _____

3. Principal project coordinator: _____
Hospital mailing address: _____

Telephone Number: _____
(office) (home) (beeper)

4. Scope of project:

Individual _____ Unit- based _____ Division-based _____
Hospital-wide _____ Health system-wide _____

5. Approval for project [attach letter(s) of support]

If unit-based: Nurse Manager _____ Others _____

If division-based: Nursing Director _____ Physician Director _____
Health Care Team _____ Cross Service _____

If hospital-wide: Nursing Directors _____ Physician Directors _____
Health Care Teams _____ VP Nursing _____
Executive VP _____

6. Anticipated resources (please complete attached budget sheet).

Total budget for the project: \$ _____

7. **Expected duration of project:** from _____
(month) (day) (year)
to _____
(month) (day) (year)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Attach written description)

1. **Statement of problem or issue.** Explain specific problem or issue being address with substantiating evidence. Describe how using research will improve current practice.
2. **Review of Literature.** Discuss current literature which is relevant to the specific problem or issue. Include a summary of the purpose, sampling, intervention and results of each evaluated article. Indicate how you evaluated the applicability of findings for practice.
3. **Project Implementation.** State exactly what research based findings will be used. Describe in detail how the project will be implemented and if other disciplines are involved.
4. **Project Evaluation.** Explain how the project will be evaluated. Describe the expected outcomes and how they will be measured.
5. Describe the **potential benefits** of the project.
6. **References.**

HARTFORD HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROJECT BUDGET SHEET

1. **Project Title:** _____

2. **Personnel (Titles and full salary)**

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

3. **Permanent Equipment**

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

4. **Consumable supplies** (e.g. office, photography, drugs, histology, medical record review, slide review, etc)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

5. **Miscellaneous**

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

6. **Total budget for project**

\$ _____