

2016 Florida Action Coalition

Board Service Initiative for Emerging Nurse Leaders

Purpose

The Board Service Initiative is being undertaken by the Florida Action Coalition with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Florida Blue Foundation. We believe this initiative will advance the public good by bringing the knowledge, expertise, and compassion of professional nurses to the health policy setting environment. The program will train and educate a nursing cohort to become eligible board leaders from across Florida.

Preparing nurses for board placement provides the nurse with a skillset to represent the profession of nursing and incorporates nursing expertise into decision making processes. Consistent with the work of the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, we are using a broad definition of “board” – a body of elected or appointed members who manage and advise the affairs of an institution, organization or consumer group and participate in setting or recommending policy for said group.

Examples of boards

- ✚ Corporate or industry boards
- ✚ Insurance company boards
- ✚ Hospital or health system boards
- ✚ Philanthropic boards
- ✚ President, governor, major or legislature appointed advisory boards, task forces of positions
- ✚ Citizen-elected boards

Who should apply?

- ✚ Nurses with a strong professional commitment for whom nursing is more than a job.
- ✚ Nurses with an interest and capacity to develop robust professional relationships.
- ✚ Nurses with a long term commitment to promote and improve the health of all Floridians.

Diversity Statement

This program embraces diversity and inclusion in nursing in regard to race, ethnicity, gender, age and disadvantaged populations.

Expectations of Participants

Selected candidates who accept appointment to the Board Service Initiative will be expected to:

- ✚ Commit to participate in the full program lasting at least until January 31, 2017.
- ✚ Commit to participate in continued mentorship of future cohorts.
- ✚ Sign a statement of commitment of completion of board service initiative program.

Required documents to be considered for the Board Service Initiative

- ✚ Letter of Interest
- ✚ Current CV or resume
 - Including current phone number, address, and email address
- ✚ Clear and active or retired nursing license in the State of Florida
- ✚ Two letters of support from established professional leaders, one of whom is in a supervisory role for the applicant.
- ✚ Short essay responses to the following question(s). Please keep responses to less than 250 words per answer.
 1. Tell us about any prior experience where you were able to successfully demonstrate your leadership skills?
 2. Tell us why are you are interested in the Board Service Initiative and how does it fit into your long term career goals?
 3. Tell us what will you contribute to the initiative, why should be accepted into the cohort?

Please submit all documents by email with attachments by close of business Monday, November 23, 2016 to NurseCtr@ucf.edu

Final interview for select candidates will include an in person or live video interview.

All applicants will be emailed decision letters by December 20, 2015.

All required documents to be considered for the Board Service Initiative should be submitted by the application deadline. In fairness to all applicants, submissions received after the due date will not be considered. Staff will not be able to assist applicants after Thursday, November 19. Florida Action Coalition selection committee will not provide individual critiques of application materials submitted.