Travel / Budget Request Letter Language:

We are requesting funding to participate in a national nursing education convention being held in San Diego, CA this November 15 – 18, 2023. This convention, hosted by the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN), is the ***only*** national meeting offering critically important continuing education for community college nursing deans, directors, and faculty. There is no other comparabl~~e~~ continuing education opportunity specifically designed for community college nursing faculty. As the largest health profession, nursing is uniquely positioned to leverage a collective strength to advocate for and contribute to the work that positively impact students, faculty, programs, and communities.

As of April 2023, the new Next Generation National Licensing Exam (NCLEX) incorporates more direct and expansive measurements of clinical judgment. The conference will present vital information from national leaders directly involved in the new NCLEX exam preparation, which will assist nurse educators as they navigate this critical transition. This information is essential for our nurse educators to learn as it has implications on the future success of our students and nursing program.

As the only national organization that advocates for associate degree nursing, OADN is a leading voice in the ongoing movement towards health equity. OADN's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee conducted a national survey to assess faculty knowledge of DEI and identify existing barriers in community college nursing education and are working on a DEI resource toolkit for ADN education. These important topics will be discussed at the OADN convention along with strategies designed to increase knowledge to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in nursing education. OADN has also been a key leader in the national ANA Commission to Address Racism in Nursing as well as the Social Mission Alliance, which is a national movement focused on transforming health professions education to advance health equity. It is imperative that our nursing faculty participate in these important national discussions surrounding social determinants of health and learn effective strategies to better support our diverse student body.

The convention theme this year, “Turning the Tide of Nursing Education,” focuses on the innovative strategies and solutions that nurse educators are employing to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing associate degree nursing programs. It is imperative that nurse educators participate in this national opportunity to gain essential resources, training, and education necessary to perform their roles and enhance student success.

Please consider granting this request and empower our nursing faculty to receive critical information and training necessary to improve our own nursing programs and communities here in **INSERT NAME XX**.