Travel / Budget Request Letter Language:

We are requesting funding to participate in a national nursing education convention in Tampa, FL October 31 – November 2, 2024. 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 most significant health profession, nursing is uniquely positioned to leverage a collective strength to advocate for and contribute to the work that positively impacts students, faculty, programs, and communities.

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 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 for 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 toward health equity. OADN's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee produces a DEI resource toolkit for ADN education. This important topic will be discussed at the OADN convention, and the strategies designed to increase knowledge to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in nursing education. OADN has also been a critical leader in the national ANA Commission to Address Racism in Nursing and the Social Mission Alliance, a national movement focused on transforming health professions education to advance health equity. It is imperative that our nursing faculty participate in these critical national discussions surrounding social determinants of health and learn practical strategies to support our diverse student body better.

This year's convention theme, “Bridging the Past to Build the Future,” is centered on the innovative strategies and solutions nurse educators employ to address the unique challenges and opportunities facing associate degree nursing programs. Nurse educators must 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 nursing programs and communities here in **INSERT NAME XX**.