

Meet Judith Sudmeier. . .

Judith Sudmeier is a student at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. The Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship she received allowed her to take a leave of absence from work to complete her necessary clinical hours. The clinical rotation she chose was with the Indian Health Service, serving the Navajo population. Additionally, she was able to participate in a three day clinical rotation provided in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control on sexually transmitted diseases. She has found these additional activities to be excellent educational opportunities that she would not have been able to participate in without the AEN Traineeship funding.



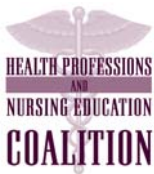
“My goal is to serve the underserved and the grant has allowed me to meet that goal. Thank you.”

About the Program

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII AEN Traineeships assist graduate students by providing full or partial support for the costs of tuition, books, program fees, and reasonable living expenses.
- These grants help fund the education of future nurse practitioners who provide primary care to thousands of Americans.
- These grants also support the education of future nurse faculty who will prepare the next generation of nurses.
- In FY 2008, the funding supported the graduate education of 7,650 nurses.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of primary care providers, such as Nurse Practitioners (NP), which impacts the access, cost, and quality of health care for all Americans. It is imperative that nurses pursuing their graduate degrees be supported so that the crippling national shortage can be reversed.
- Failing to provide adequate Title VIII funding for the AEN Traineeships would impede future NPs from completing their advanced education on time, and diminish their ability to meet America’s growing demand for essential health care.
- Additionally, failing to provide funding for the AEN Traineeships limits the ability to prepare the next generation of nurse faculty, and in turn, the ability to educate the next generation of nurses and NPs.



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