

Meet Susan Quelly, BSN, MSN . . .

Susan Quelly chose to pursue a career in nursing when she was an undergraduate. She realized that there was a diverse range of practice areas for her to choose from, and she invited the challenge that nursing would provide her. Additionally, Susan wanted to make a difference in the world, something that she could easily do with a nursing career. After practicing in several different nursing specialties over the past 29 years, Susan realized that she wanted to pass on her insight and knowledge of nursing to others, something she could do as a nurse educator. Susan realized her dream with the help of the University of Central Florida's (UCF) Title VIII funded Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grant, which allowed her the funding to attend school full time, cutting down on the length of time it would take her to complete her degree. With the severe shortage of nurse educators, the shortening of time between beginning a nursing educator program and matriculation is essential. Susan is currently working as a part time adjunct clinical obstetrics instructor at UCF while pursuing a PhD in Nursing as a full time student.



“There is such a tremendous need for nurse educators. As our population ages, we need to train and educate more nurses to care for these patients.”

About the Program

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- UCF receives grant funding for Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships. This funding is used to help students fund their educations.
- Students matriculating from the Nursing Education program receive a Masters of Science in Nursing. They must do significant coursework as well as internships and clinical work to receive their degree.
- More information about the UCF Nursing Education program can be found at: <http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/programs/program.aspx?id=1362&tid=706>

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Without Title VIII Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grant funding, many nurses who are thinking about pursuing an advanced degree may decide that the financial burden is too great, and may postpone their further education, possibly indefinitely.
- Many potential nurse educators may realize that they cannot take courses full time, extending the length of time it takes to add more educators to the workforce.
- Our country has a critical shortage of nurses. A large problem for the nursing community is the lack of qualified and trained practitioners to serve as faculty for nursing programs. Without traineeship funding, many potential educators may be lost.



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