Announcing a Tuition Reimbursement Program to Increase the Number of Racial and Ethnic Minority Nurse Practitioners in Louisiana

The Louisiana Action Coalition (LAC) in collaboration with Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans and Southern University Baton Rouge Schools of Nursing are proud to announce a pilot program to provide financial support to Louisiana minority registered nurses pursuing a graduate degree for primary care family nurse practitioner (PCFNP). There is a need for greater numbers of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) from racial and ethnic minority populations to improve access and delivery of culturally competent care in Louisiana. The program goal is to increase the number of PCFNPs from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds that are under-represented among advance practice nurses. The recipients of these awards will received financial assistance with tuition and must commit to work in medically underserved or health professional shortage areas.

The award is made on a competitive basis to a professional nurse enrolled in an accredited graduate nursing program at LSUHSC-NO or SUBR, and who plan to become a nurse PCFNP in an underserved area of Louisiana.

- Application deadline for the Fall Semester is Thursday September 18, 2014.
- Approved qualified candidates will be notified no later than October 10, 2014.
- Approved candidates will be reimbursed for tuition once course work is completed and candidate provides required documentation.
- Approved candidates must successfully complete the graduate coursework with a 3.0
- Recipients will agree to work in a medically underserved or health professional shortage areas for a period of (one half (1/2) year for each $3,000 reimbursed).
- Recipients found to be in default of the employment requirement will be required to repay reimbursement monies. Recipients will be required to repay at least 25% of total amount owed per calendar year. Interest at the rate of 3% above prime, will accrue monthly on the non-repaid balance.

To obtain required application and forms go to www.louisianafutureofnursing.org. If you have questions please contact Lisa Deaton, BSN, RN 225-933-3242