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Oakland University's School of Nursing receives grant

Oakland University's School of Nursing was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from The Promise of Nursing for Michigan Nursing School Grant Program administered by the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, which is managed by the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. Grants from this program were awarded to address the critical nursing shortage in Michigan. The grant to Oakland University's School of Nursing was awarded for support for the development of a curriculum to increase the number of faculty qualified to teach undergraduate nursing classes.

"This grant will allow us to increase the number of practicing RNs who can become faculty members," said Linda Thompson, dean, School of Nursing. "Currently, there is a nursing faculty shortage that will only increase as faculty members retire. The majority of RNs in the community are Associate Degree graduates who have been practicing as nurses for more than 10 years. Our goal is to create a smooth pathway for nurses to become nursing faculty members by developing the RN to BSN/MSN in nursing education program."

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The Foundation works to improve the quality of life in southeast Michigan by supporting a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs.

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Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 114 bachelor's degree programs and 82 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience that is complemented by the strength of its graduate offerings and research accomplishments, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing, and the Honors College. Visit Oakland University on the web at www.oakland.edu.

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