



## DEAN'S EXCELLENCE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Master of Science in Nursing: Care and Outcomes Manager

### Background

Nurses play a key role in ensuring the continued quality of patient care and evidence-based outcomes in our nation's health care system. The need for strong, effective nursing leadership and nursing faculty in health care has never been more critical. In response, Pacific Lutheran University's School of Nursing offers its Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) to prepare registered nurses to become administrators, leaders and educators.

Each year Pacific Lutheran University awards three new students in the MSN-COM program scholarships, up to \$8,500 each. These graduate scholarships are for RNs pursuing advanced preparation for positions in supervision, administration or teaching. The scholarship is designed to support registered nurses committed to improving health care outcomes, as well as improving their leadership and management skills through the pursuit of the MSN degree.

The scholarships are awarded for one year, and renewed for a second year by a) maintaining full-time student status by taking 8 or more semester credits during both the fall and spring terms, b) maintaining good standing in the program including a 3.0 or better in all courses, and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, and c) maintaining an unencumbered active registered nurse license and the ability to practice without restriction in the State of Washington.

### Eligibility

All graduate program applicants holding an unencumbered registered nurse license and seeking the MSN-Care & Outcomes Management degree may apply for these scholarships.

### Application Procedure

To apply for the Dean's Excellence in Nursing Leadership Graduate Scholarships, please:

1. Submit all application materials for the MSN-COM program by March 1. The MSN-COM program application materials will be used to evaluate each candidate for the Dean's Excellence in Nursing Leadership Graduate Scholarships. Applicants will be reviewed and ranked by the School of Nursing with award decisions made well in advance of the subsequent fall term.
2. Submit the Dean's Excellence in Nursing Leadership Graduate Scholarship application form no later than March 1.
3. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), no later than February 20, so results can arrive at PLU by March 1. When completing the FAFSA, be sure to indicate that you want the results of your analysis sent to PLU (use code 003785). Be sure to print your confirmation page and include your email address so the FAFSA generated Student Aid Report can be emailed to you. The 2011-12 FAFSA is required when applying for financial assistance for summer or fall of 2011 or spring semester 2012. The 2011-12 FAFSA will not be available until January 1, 2011.

### Send Application Materials to:

Office of Admission—Graduate Programs  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA 98447

Phone: 253-535-7151

Fax: 253-536-5136

Email: [gradadmission@plu.edu](mailto:gradadmission@plu.edu)

### Application due date:

March 1. Materials may be postmarked by the due date, or received by email or fax no later than 11:59pm on March 1.



## APPLICATION FORM

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Term beginning program: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have tuition assistance through your employer? Y N

If so, what percent or amount? \_\_\_\_\_

Other financial assistance I am receiving in order to attend PLU (include information about loans and other aid from all sources): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Signature of Understanding

The information on this form is accurate. Also by signing this form, I authorize PLU to verify the above information. If at any time, the information on this form is deemed falsified by the School of Nursing and/or PLU, I understand that my financial assistance from PLU may be revoked and I may be dismissed from the program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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