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The IDFPR/Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) are proud to acknowledge the FY22 Nurse Educator Fellow recipients, each of whom is awarded \$10,000 to help promote excellence in nursing education. Eighteen educators were selected from 14 institutions in FY22 and were awarded the Fellowships through the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

The FY22 Nurse Educator Fellows were welcomed and congratulated by IBHE Executive Deputy Director Stephanie Benoit and Division of Professional Regulation (DPR) Director Cecilia Abundis. Thank you to the Nursing Workforce Center Board of Directors, thank you to IBHE for this continued partnership.

Several fellows are pursuing master's and doctorate degrees or certifications, learning new teaching techniques for student nurses, and preparing to present research findings on the national level.

The Fellows completed a short survey, with the final survey question about how educating nurses post COVID-19 pandemic might change elicited comments in four areas: the transition to online teaching; the future to include continued flexibility with didactic and online teaching; clinical settings will broaden to include more non acute care, community settings; and the need to include educating students regarding self-care. Survey results and individual Fellow summary abstract will be part of the June 15 meeting minutes.

The fellows were recognized at a virtual ceremony on June 15, 2022 hosted by the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center (INWC) Advisory Board.

The Illinois Nursing Workforce Center was established by legislation in 2006, Nurse Practice Act Section 75-10. The Mission of the Illinois Center for Nursing (ICN) is to advocate and ensure appropriate nursing resources necessary to meet the healthcare needs of the citizens of Illinois. Past reports, data and minutes are on the website <https://www.nursing.illinois.gov>



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