



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Special Grants for Survey Fee Required for Practical Nursing Programs

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to offer a special grant to school divisions with practical nursing programs that are scheduled for survey visits by the Virginia Board of Nursing during the 2015-2016 school year. This grant is being provided with federal Perkins funds on a reimbursement basis and will cover the \$2,200 survey fee. In subsequent years, the fee is an allowable expenditure of the Perkins grant funds for career and technical education if included in the local approved application.

In compliance with the [Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing 18 VAC 90-20-10](#), *Statutory Authority: §§ 54.1-2400 and Chapter 30 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia*, the high school courses affected by the survey fee are Practical Nursing I (8357), Practical Nursing II (8358), and Practical Nursing III (8359). The fee does not apply to high school nurse aide or other Health and Medical Science programs. The CTE administrator in the divisions that are scheduled for the survey visit will be notified under a separate letter.

Please note, the Maryland Board of Higher Education has revised their policy in regards to Virginia nursing education programs use of clinical facilities. Any program planning to use a Maryland facility must notify the Maryland Board of Nursing, submit an application for use, and pay a \$6,500 fee per program.

If you have questions, please contact Michele R. Green-Wright, specialist for health and medical sciences and related clusters, Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at cte@virginia.doe.gov or by phone at 804-225-3119.

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