

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 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 a survey visit by the Virginia Board of Nursing during 2013-2014. This grant is being provided with federal Perkins funds to school divisions on a reimbursement basis and will cover the \$2,200 survey fee. In subsequent years, this fee is an allowable expenditure of the Perkins grant award funds for career and technical education if included in the local approved application.

In compliance with the <u>Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing 18 VAC 90-20-10</u>, Statutory Authority: §§ 54.1-2400 and Chapter 30 of Title 54.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, revised November 21, 2013, the high school courses affected by the fees are Practical Nursing I (8357), Practical Nursing II (8358), and Practical Nursing III (8359). The fees do not apply to high school nurse aide or other Health and Medical Science programs.

In addition, to the information above, please make note that 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@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at 804-225-3119.

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