

## **Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship**

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### **Abstract:**

The Indiana University School of Nursing (IUSON) AENT support is to accelerate the graduation and transition to primary care practice among Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) students. The project will primarily support MSN students in IUSON's Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track, enabling them to more quickly serve as advanced practice nurses in primary care settings in underserved areas of Indiana. A secondary objective is to increase the diversity of the NP workforce by ensuring that at least 30% of the selected trainees per year are from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds.

Specifically, funding will support 10 full-time MSN students and 28 part-time MSN students through tuition assistance and stipends over the two-year project period. While the majority of funds will be allocated to MSN students in the Psychiatric-Mental Health track, AENT funds will also support MSN students in the Family, Pediatric, and Adult/Gerontology tracks. IUSON will target current students who are in their last year of study in order to expedite their graduation. Recruitment plans also include a new partnership with Ivy Tech Community College (ITCC), Indiana's largest post-secondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, to recruit project participants. In addition, IUSON will assist 100 percent of participants with placement into primary care settings in underserved areas following graduation. IUSON students have access to clinical training sites across the state of Indiana, including sites in 60 of Indiana's 92 counties. Many of the community-based clinical placement sites are located in health professions shortage areas (HPSAs); nearly half of Indiana's counties are designated as full or partial HPSAs. Indiana is also a largely rural state, with 42 of 92 (46 percent) counties federally designated as rural. Through its affiliation with Indiana University Health, IUSON enrollees have access to the health system's 19 hospitals located in 12 counties, of which 11 are designated as medically underserved areas/populations, eight are designated as HPSAs, and five are designated as rural.