

# Indigenous Wisdom in Nursing *I-WIN* Program

If you are committed to a career in nursing, the ***I-WIN* Program** at NDSU can help you succeed in the career path you choose:

- As a new student in the pre-nursing program
- As a pre-licensure student
- As a transfer student into the BSN program from a two-year college or other nursing program
- From practicing LPN to BSN
- From BSN or MSN to DNP



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Increasing the presence  
and contribution of  
American Indian people  
through careers in nursing

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# WHY

Throughout the nation, shortages in health care professions often affect rural communities and contribute to health disparities. North Dakota is no exception. With a disproportionate number of American Indian nurses (less than 2%) employed in the nursing workforce, there is a critical concern for limited access to quality health care in rural communities.

The aim of the *I-WIN* Program is to:

- Provide opportunity and support for American Indian people who want to serve through the profession of nursing
- Provide support for American Indian nurses who are currently in practice to pursue an advanced degree
- Increase the availability of nurses who are well trained and prepared to deliver quality care to underserved and/or rural populations
- Increase the cultural competence of NDSU students and faculty to support an increasingly diverse campus community



# WHAT

*I-WIN* is a grant-funded program of the NDSU School of Nursing that is designed to support the recruitment and retention of American Indian people into careers in nursing. The *I-WIN* Program offers access to:

- **Scholarships** based on need to cover tuition, fees, books and other related educational expenses
- **Stipends** based on need to assist in covering general living expenses for rent, daycare, groceries, utilities and transportation
- **Mentorship** for nursing and pre-nursing students; career coaching
- **Academic support**, including advisement and tutoring
- **A supportive environment** that honors cultural identity as a valued element of learning, health care and university resources



# HOW

Each academic year, the NDSU School of Nursing will award nursing students up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance and up to \$10,000 in living stipends for individuals meeting the program and grant requirements. Awards are based on need and cover tuition, fees, books and other related educational expenses.

## Basic requirements for applicants:

Must be accepted into NDSU's nursing program (full or part-time status is acceptable; awards will be adjusted for part-time)

Must demonstrate academic promise and commitment to obtaining an undergraduate/graduate degree in nursing

Must demonstrate financial need as determined through completion of the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)

Scholarship applications and instructions are available upon request.