



Institute for Nursing Overview

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR NURSING

The Institute for Nursing was founded in 1988 as the charitable affiliate of the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA). The purpose was to have a mechanism to receive contributions to provide scholarships, research grants, and to increase education programs. The Institute complements the work of NJSNA, the largest nursing organization in the state, by raising funds and developing and managing grants to support advances in research, education, and clinical practice. Through NJSNA's network of Member Associations and their individual members, our programs benefit nurses and the communities where nurses practice. The goals of the Institute are achieved by raising funds, along with developing and managing grants to support our mission.

The most longstanding of the Institutes many activities are the nursing scholarship and research grant programs. These two annual competitions provide tuition assistance for students enrolled in entry level nursing, career mobility, and advanced nurse research in both clinical and academic settings. Since 1989, The Institute for Nursing has given out more than a half million dollars in scholarships. Scholarships have been given to nurses who are students in all three nursing programs, RNs who are seeking their BSNs, LPNs who are working to become RNs, and individuals who are looking to become RNs.

In 2001, the Institute took the Peer Assistance Program under its domain in order to include it as a program which could accept contributions. It provides 24-hour Hotline for nurses seeking assistance with impaired practice problems. In addition, it sponsors 17 Nurse Support Groups around the state, a service that is provided to the RAMP program.

In 2003, the Institute added the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP) to its services to the nursing community. This program is designed to assist nurses who experience impaired practice problems, primarily with substance abuse. Participants are carefully monitored through treatment and recovery through input from many sources in order to maintain a stable recovery.

The Institute for Nursing must rely on the continued generosity of its donors to achieve and expand upon its mission and goals.

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- Year Established: 1988
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- Web site: www.njsna.org

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Institute for Nursing is to advance the profession of nursing and the communities we serve through scholarship, research and education.

The Institute for Nursing is the public 501 [c] 3 not for profit foundation of the New Jersey State Nurses Association established in 1988 by the former Chief Executive Officer of NJSNA, Ms. Dorothy Fleming; former NJSNA President, Ms. Jean Marshall and dedicated community leaders and philanthropists. The Institute develops, implements and funds innovative programs and projects influencing the practice and future of nursing professionals.