



# Wharton County Junior College

## Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

Date of Board Meeting: March 30, 2021

Date of This Proposal: March 8, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Nursing Innovation Grant Program Supporting Clinical Learning Experiences to Mitigate Impediments due to COVID-19

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Nursing Innovation Grant

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board established the Nursing Innovative Grant Program (NIGP) to provide grant funding to eligible programs that propose innovative learning experiences for nursing students whose clinical instruction is interrupted due to COVID-19. The goal is to address the shortage of registered nurses (RN) by developing or expanding new activities and projects that promote innovation in the preparation of students for initial Registered Nursing (RN) licensure. The grant promotes professional development for nursing faculty, supports innovative curriculum development and simulation, and aims to mitigate the impact of Texas nursing students' clinical learning experiences, in anticipation that the impact could be potentially long-lasting. WCJC will receive \$90,000 for this two-year grant, effective 11-2-20 through 11-30-22.

**Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?):** No cost

**RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:** Andrea Shropshire, Project Director

**SIGNATURES:**

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