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Survey about doctoral studies in nursing in Georgia

The Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition (GNLC) is dedicated to advancing nursing and nursing education in Georgia. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded the GNLC a grant in 2013 and part of that work involves seeking information about doctoral studies in nursing in Georgia to improve recruitment and retention of doctoral students. We are asking current doctoral students and recent graduates to fill out this brief survey. It should take no more than 10-15 minutes of your time.

Your response is VERY important! Less than 1% of the U.S. nursing workforce has a doctoral degree, and in Georgia we only awarded 20 doctoral degrees in 2010. So, as an incentive, the first ten people to complete this survey will each receive a $10 iTunes gift card (please note that contact information will need to be provided). In addition, everyone who fills out the survey (and provides contact information) will be entered in FOUR raffles for a $25 iTunes gift card.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at: ganursingcoalition@gmail.com.

Thank you SO much!

Please answer the following questions:

1. Are you currently enrolled in a doctoral program in nursing?
   1. Yes
   2. No *(if “no” is chosen, the survey goes to a different track - the questions are the same but in past tense)*
   3. Temporarily on leave from program
      1. Please explain why you are on leave.
      2. How long do you expect to be on leave?
2. In what type of doctoral program are you enrolled?
   1. DNP
   2. DNS
   3. PhD
   4. EdD
   5. Other:
3. Is your nursing program…
   1. Primarily on-line (more than half of the full-time required credits/hours/units are on-line)?
   2. Primarily on site (less than half of the full-time required credits/hours/units are on-line)?
   3. Exclusively on-site?
   4. Exclusively on-line?
4. Select the University/College you are currently attending:
   1. Brenau University
   2. Emory University
   3. Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University
   4. Georgia College & State University
   5. Georgia Regents University
   6. Georgia Southern University
   7. Georgia State University
   8. Kennesaw State University
   9. University of West Georgia
5. Do you attend:
   1. Part time (less than the minimum number of credits/hours/units your program requires to be considered full time)?
   2. Full time (the minimum number of credits/hours/units your program requires to be considered full time)?
6. What is the average amount of financial assistance you receive?
   1. none
   2. less than $500 per semester
   3. $501-$2,500 per semester
   4. $2,501-$5,000 per semester
   5. $5,001-$7,500 per semester
   6. more than $7,501 per semester
   7. N/A: tuition is not charged to doctoral students
7. Which statement best describes your employment status while in doctoral studies (choose all that apply):
   1. I work full time in nursing
   2. I work part time in nursing (less than 40 hours a week)
   3. I work full time but not in nursing
   4. I work part time but not in nursing (less than 40 hours a week)
   5. I don’t work
8. Please rate the following factors in terms of their importance in the selection of your nursing program:
   1. Convenience

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Cost

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Location

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Ability to take online courses

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Opportunity to pursue a specific kind of research

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Opportunity to work with a specific mentor

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Prestige of school/program

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Quality of education

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. Recommendation from a friend/colleague

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

* 1. If there are other factors that were important in your decision, but not included in this list, please write them here:

1. When did you first consider pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing?
   1. While obtaining your BSN
   2. While obtaining your MSN
   3. In the first year of your nursing career
   4. 1-5 years into your nursing career
   5. > 5 years into your nursing career
   6. Other (please specify):
2. What was the MOST important motivating factor that inspired you to pursue a doctoral degree in nursing?
   1. Personal development/goal
   2. Career advancement
   3. Advice from a colleague
   4. Job security
   5. Other(please specify):
3. In what area do you want/plan to work after completing your doctorate?
   1. Academia
   2. Research
   3. Health policy
   4. Quality improvement
   5. Healthcare leadership
   6. Clinical practice
   7. A combination of the areas mentioned above.
   8. Other (please specify):

11a. If you answered “a combination of areas,” please specify which areas:

1. Please select the statement that best reflects the primary reason you decided to pursue a doctoral degree in nursing at a school in Georgia:
   1. The quality of doctoral education was as good as or better than programs outside Georgia
   2. The cost of the program was as good as or better than programs outside Georgia
   3. The schedule of classes fit well with my schedule
   4. There was a specific mentor at a Georgia school that I wanted to work with
   5. The location of the program was convenient to the location of my workplace
   6. The location of the program was convenient to the location of family/friends
   7. Other (please specify):
2. Have you ever considered withdrawing from your nursing program?
   1. Yes
   2. No

13a. If you have considered withdrawing, why?

13b. If you have considered withdrawing, what made you decide to stay?

1. How many total years from start to finish will it likely take to complete your degree?
   1. Less than 2 years
   2. 2-3 years
   3. 3-4 years
   4. 4-5 years
   5. 5-6 years
   6. more than 6 years
2. Do you plan to work in the state of Georgia after completing your doctoral degree in nursing?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. I don’t know

15a. If yes, what is the primary reason you plan to work in Georgia? Please rate the following factors in terms of their importance in your decision to work in Georgia:

1. Location of research opportunities

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Clinical practice opportunities

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Opportunities for further training (eg. postdoctoral training)

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Prospects for employment

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Higher pay

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Better benefits

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Family/friends

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. If there are other factors that were important in your decision, but not included in this list, please write them here:

15a. If no, what is the primary reason you plan to work in a state other than Georgia? Please rate the following factors in terms of their importance in your decision to work outside of Georgia:

1. Location of research opportunities

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Clinical practice opportunities

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Opportunities for further training (eg. postdoctoral training)

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Prospects for employment

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Higher pay

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1. Better benefits

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Family/friends

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. If there are other factors that were important in your decision, but not included in this list, please write them here:

15a. If unsure, what is the primary reason you plan to work in a state other than Georgia? Please rate the following factors in terms of their importance in your decision to work outside of Georgia:

1. Location of research opportunities

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1. Clinical practice opportunities

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Opportunities for further training (eg. postdoctoral training)

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1. Prospects for employment

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1. Better benefits

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. Family/friends

0 – not important 1 – somewhat important 2 – very important

1. If there are other factors that were important in your decision, but not included in this list, please write them here:
2. What is your favorite aspect of your nursing doctoral work?
3. What is the most difficult aspect of your nursing doctoral work?
4. What do you think would help recruit more nurses into doctoral programs?
5. What do you think are the best ways to support nurses while they are in their doctoral programs?
6. What do you think would help keep doctoral students in nursing in the state of Georgia after graduation?
7. What key advice would you give someone starting a doctoral program in nursing?
8. What is your gender?
   1. Female
   2. Male
   3. Other
9. What is your race or ethnicity (Select all that apply)?
   1. White
   2. Black or African American
   3. Hispanic or Latino
   4. Asian
   5. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   6. American Indian or Alaska Native
   7. Other:
10. What is your age?
    1. 21-25 years old
    2. 26-30 years old
    3. 31-35 years old
    4. 36-40 years old
    5. 41-45 years old
    6. 46-50 years old
    7. 51-55 years old
    8. 56-60 years old
    9. 61-65 years old
    10. 66-70 years old
    11. 71-75 years old
11. What state do you consider to be your primary residence?
12. Please list the state(s) where you have a valid license to practice nursing.