

6A-10.0352 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund.

(1) No change.

(2) Definitions.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) “Institution” means a school district career center under Section 1001.44, F.S., a charter technical career center under Section 1002.34, F.S., a Florida College System institution, ~~or~~ an independent nonprofit college or university located and chartered in this state and accredited by an agency or association that is recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education to grant baccalaureate degrees, or an independent school, college, or university with an accredited program as defined in Section 464.003, F.S., which is located in this state and licensed by the Commission for Independent Education pursuant to Section 1005.31, F.S., which has a nursing education program that meets or exceeds the following:

1. No change.

2. For a licensed practical nurse, associate of science in nursing, and bachelor of science in nursing program, a first-time passage rate on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination of at least seventy-five (75) ~~seventy (70)~~ percent for the prior year based on a minimum of ten (10) testing participants.

(d) No change.

(e) “Eligible purpose” means student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers. Construction of new facilities is ~~are~~ not considered eligible.

(f) through (g) No Change.

(3) through (6) No Change.

(6) Award Notice. The Department will award grant funding on a dollar-to-dollar basis, subject to available funds, to eligible institutions based on subsections (4) and (5). The Department will notify institutions of the approved proposals and award amounts.

(7) Disbursements. Prior to the release of funds to an institution that has been awarded LINE funds, the institution must provide to the Department documentation of the health care partner providing the cash contribution to the institution. Acceptable documentation includes financial statements, bank statements, budget reports, or bank letters that show the cash transaction(s). Funds will be released in accordance with the General Appropriations Act ~~or, or~~ no more frequently than on a quarterly basis.

(8) Required Reporting. Annually, by February 1, institutions that were awarded LINE funds in the previous fiscal year must report to the Department all information required by Section 1009.896(9)(b), F.S. Minimally, the report must include, by program level, the number of additional nursing education students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using grant funds, the number of students who received scholarships and the average award amount; and the outcomes of students as reported by the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help pursuant to Section 14.36(3)(1), Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to Section 1004.015(6), F.S. No later than thirty (30) days before the submission deadline, the Department will release guidelines for institutions to transmit an electronic file to meet this requirement.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1009.8962(10) FS. Law Implemented 1009.8962 FS. History—New 9-20-22, Amended 9-26-23.