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Area Practical Nursing Instructors Receive PIN Scholarships

Connie Hunt, RN, Stilwell, Practical Nursing instructor on Indian Capital Technology Center's Stilwell Campus and Christy Boswell, RN, Okay, Practical Nursing instructor on Indian Capital Technology Center's Tahlequah Campus were selected as two of five individuals to receive scholarships from the Oklahoma Health Care Workforce Center, to obtain a Master's of Science in Nursing Education through the OU College of Nursing online program.

These scholarships are the first five of 10 scholarships to be awarded through the program designed to advance current nurse educators from bachelor's to master's level and provide more education opportunities for potential nurses.

The Oklahoma Hospital Education and Research Foundation Trust (OHERFT), an entity of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, was selected as one of the foundations nationwide to receive second year funding for the Partners Investing in Nursing (PIN), a national initiative to develop and test solutions to America's nursing shortage. The OHERFT project is one of the first initiatives of the newly-created Oklahoma Health Care Workforce Center. Strategic oversight and coordination of the grant is the

responsibility of the Center, with strong support from its organizational partners, which include: the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, the OU College of Nursing and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

The master's in nursing education PIN scholarship program is one of three components of the grant funding. Nurse educators are selected from Career Techs, as well as two and four-year nursing programs in and around the areas of Tahlequah, Tahlequah and Ada.