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**Certified Nurse Educator Workshop Supports Nursing Faculty**

Baltimore, MD – (7-30-20) – The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Secretary, Dr. James D. Fielder, called the recent Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Workshop, hosted by the Nurse Support Program II (NSP II), a great success.

On July 17, 2020, MHEC’s Nurse Support Program II and the National League for Nursing (NLN) sponsored its seventh NLN Certified Nurse Educator Workshop in Maryland.

“I applaud the NLN and MHEC’s NSP II staff member Kimberly Ford for coordinating this first virtual CNE workshop so that critical information on the specialty practice of nursing education can continue,” Secretary Fielder said.  “Being flexible and continuing to support our nursing community with workshops that prepare them to complete their certification as a nurse educator is key to the success of future nursing faculty.”

The workshop is a preparation and review opportunity for faculty to complete the CNE examination and achieve the CNE credential, a mark of distinction and excellence in the specialty practice of nursing education.

Nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Diane Billings, was the workshop presenter and has consistently conducted the CNE workshops for Maryland faculty.  The workshop was free to faculty and funded through the NSP II Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative (FAMI) grant with Dr. Lisa Seldomridge at Salisbury University.

The 39 faculty that participated were nominated by Deans and Directors of nursing programs at 12 institutions across Maryland, including Coppin State University, Frostburg State University, Johns Hopkins University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Salisbury University, Stevenson University, Carroll Community College, College of Southern Maryland, Community College of Baltimore County, Harford Community College, Howard Community College, and Prince George's Community College.  Each geographic region of the state was represented by participants.

“Completing the certification as a nurse educator will ensure the faculty are eligible to receive $5,000 through the Academic Nurse Educator Certificate Award (ANEC), supporting all aspects of the credential,” NSP II Director, Dr. Peggy Daw said.  “We are proud to be part of a program that not only encourages excellence in nursing education, but also provides the financial means to keep up with the ever-changing demands on our healthcare professionals.”

The ANEC is awarded by the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s NSP II program each year.  All nominations for ANEC awards are due by March 15, 2021.  The next CNE Workshop is scheduled for October 2, 2020.  More information on the CNE workshops and ANEC award is available at [www.nursesupport.org](http://www.nursesupport.org/).