Nursing Research Fellowship Program
Nursing Care Success Innovators (NCSI)

Purpose: To foster and support clinical bedside staff nurses to conduct IRB-approved, outcomes focused research.

Prerequisites:
- Direct Care RN
- Full-Time/Flex-Full-Time and completion of one year of employment
- Commitment to a 12-month nursing research project
- Submission of clinical question and/or area of research
- Recommendation of unit director and completed contract
- Not in the disciplinary process in the past year
- Qualifies for the My Nursing Contribution process

Program Duration:
- 96 Paid Hours (protected time-not assigned to patient care) in a 12-month period
- Provide monthly updates to the Nursing Education, Research and EBP Council
- Work with dedicated mentor and provide weekly updates to the mentor
- Complete the research project
- Present/attend at the UPMC St. Margaret Clinical Research Forum

At Program Completion:
- Encouraged to present research at an outside conference (poster or podium) and to publish research in a peer-reviewed journal
- Mentor the next set of Research Fellows.

Applications are due Friday, July 22.

Research 101 –First class is Tuesday, August 23.

Sample Research Projects:
- Having surgical patients brush teeth with toothpaste to prevent perioperative infection
- Use of silver coated catheters to prevent UTIs
- After orthopedic surgery, check blood pressure before resuming blood pressure medications and sending the patients to physical therapy
Application for the NCSI Nursing Research Fellowship Program

Name ________________________________________________________________

Unit ________________________________________________________________

Brief description of your research question. What would you like to accomplish? (250 Words)
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

How will your research impact nursing practice:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

If you need assistance, please contact Council Co-Chairs Rita Cook at (Extension 4375) cookrf@upmc.edu or Ruth Harris at harrisra@upmc.edu (Extension 4475).

Send completed application, unit director letter of recommendation and signed contract to Lauren Cooper, Library Technician, Health Sciences Library. Electronic submission can be made to cooperlb@upmc.edu. Applications are due by Friday, July 22.
Contract for the Nursing Research Fellowship Program
Nursing Care Success Innovators (NCSI)

Applicant Name: ___________________________________________

I agree to complete the requirements of the Nursing Research Fellowship to the best of my ability including:

- Attending monthly Research 101 sessions
- Providing weekly updates to my mentor and monthly updates to the Nursing Education, Research and EBP Council.
- Completing University of Pittsburgh IRB modules – To be completed on Day 1 of Research 101.
- Completing the project
- Attending/presenting at the SMH Clinical Research Forum

Applicant Signature: ________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________

Unit Director Name: ________________________________

I agree to support the Nursing Research listed above including:

- Providing 96 hours of staff time to conduct a research project
- Schedule the nurse to attend the Research 101 project
- Assist and mentor the nurse in completing the project on time

Unit Director Signature: ________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________