RESEARCH IN NURSING EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES FOR FINAL REPORT

Final reports for one-year grants are due no later than October 1 of the year following receipt of grant funds. Final reports for two-year grants are due no later than October 1 of the second year following receipt of grant funds. Any modification of these deadlines requires submission of a Grant Modification Form and NLN approval. A copy of this form can be found on the NLN website.

Using APA format, prepare a report, not to exceed twelve (12) pages, that includes the following sections:

**Cover Page**
- Title of the study
- Name/credentials/position title(s) of the Principal Investigator
- Name/credentials/position title(s) of any co-investigators
- Name of the institution(s)
- Grant period
- Acknowledgement of NLN funding (as per Grant Acceptance Form)

**Summary of the Study**
- Statement of the problem
- Significance of the problem to nursing education
- Purpose/goals of the study
- Theoretical basis of the study
- Design/Methodology (i.e., sample, instruments, procedures)
- Data analysis methods
- Findings
- Implications of the study
- Recommendations for subsequent research

**Abstract** (no more than 1500 characters/300 words)
- The abstract should be written for publication
- Consider copyright privileges and do not submit an abstract for the NLN website that has been submitted for publication elsewhere
- All abstracts must be original documents
- The top of the abstract form should include the title of study, name of funding organization and the NLN research priority addressed in study
- Identify and include key points or phrases from each section of the final report in the abstract
- Abstracts must also include:
  - Purpose or aim of study
  - Importance of study to nursing education
  - Background, methods, design, instruments, procedure and data analysis
  - Study results or findings and conclusions
  - Recommendations for further research
**Detailed Explanation of All Budget Expenditures**

This should be in spreadsheet format and include the initial line item budget showing planned expenditures for the total amount funded as well as line item expenditures over the grant period. Any funds not used as planned in the initial budget should be returned to the NLN. Please use the *Sample Budget Format* found on the NLN website, when preparing your final budgets for your reports. Provide footnotes or comments as needed to explain the expenditures. For further assistance, please copy and paste this link to your browser for access to the NLN website or the toolkit:


**Plans for Future Studies**

**Plans for Dissemination of Findings**

- National, state, and/or regional meetings where you intend to present your results
- List of potential (referred or non-referred) journals to which you intend to submit a manuscript* about the study. Please remember that *Nursing Education Perspectives* has the first right of refusal

**Permission to post the final report to the NLN website**

Please submit your final report to the NLN Nursing Education Research Grants Program at research@nln.org by the due date designated by NLN Staff. Please type **Final Grant Report_<last name of PI>_** in the subject line. Questions related to this report should be directed to research@nln.org.

* The NLN must be cited as a source of funding in ALL related publications and presentations.