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Donald R. Demuth, PhD
Professor and Assoc. Dean for Research
University of Louisville School of Dentistry
501 S. Preston St., Room 261
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Dear Dr. Demuth:

Thank you for your recent feedback about our new acute care nurse practitioner concentration in our Master's of Science in Nursing. As explained by Dr. Lee Ridner to the Faculty Senate committee members, this major serves to provide high quality access to care for patients in complex acute care hospital settings. Offering such a major positions us well as a school of nursing, especially being part of an academic health sciences center.

Through working with Dr. Larry Cook, prior EVPHA, and both Mary Jane Adams, Chief Nursing Officer at University of Louisville Hospital, and Cheryl Fugatte, Chief Nursing Officer at Jewish Hospital, they each have provided funds to hire a faculty member to develop and teach the acute care specialty courses. University Hospital provided a gift of \$25,000 and Jewish Hospital a gift of \$32,500. Copies of the gift agreements are in my office and have been processed by the university advancement office. Dr. Larry Cook's office transferred \$50,000 to the School for the development of this program.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact my office or my unit business manager, Emylene Rodenas, to verify these funds were transferred and have been applied to Mrs. Jodie Hignite's salary as the lead faculty for this new concentration. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to offer this new master's major.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



Marcia J. Hern, EdD, CNS, RN
Dean and Professor

cc: Dr. Lee Ridner, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs
Emylene Rodenas, Assistant Dean of Administrative Affairs