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Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Health Workforce Collaborative (HWC) Review Committee
100 Airport Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Committee Members,

As interim dean of the University of Louisville School of Nursing, I am happy to provide my support for the proposed Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate offered through the University of Louisville College. This certificate program is part of the original proposal submitted in July 2022 for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Health Workforce Collaborative grant.

The current need for additional health care personnel in Kentucky is critical. The Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate will help students become familiar with the healthcare field through their introduction to clinical skills, exposure to actual clinical settings, and completion of a stackable academic credential. Students seeking the Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate who decide to pursue a degree in nursing will be well positioned to enter the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program via the Pre-Nursing or Lower Division in Nursing degree codes. The Certificate's skills course will prepare students for a more nursing-focused course, **NURS 221 - Basic Patient Care Skills**, while the internships will provide students with a familiarity of clinical settings used in the BSN clinical experiences.

On behalf of the faculty at the School of Nursing, we look forward to future collaboration with faculty across multiple University of Louisville departments as they prepare the students with the Clinical Skills in Health Professions Certificate. The certificate program is an excellent way to introduce students to the health career opportunities and address the critical need for health professionals in Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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Interim Dean and Professor

Cc: Dr. Linda Fuselier, Professor and Chair, University of Louisville Biology Department
Dr. Heather Mitchell, Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Pre-licensure Programs, University of Louisville School of Nursing