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Dear Council on Teaching,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana during Spring 2018 with the support from the Council on Teaching in Higher Education Funds. NONPF is devoted to promoting high quality nurse practitioner education and providing support to nurse practitioner educators. This was an invaluable experience for me as a new faculty member educating nurse practitioner students at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. I left inspired after extensive networking, speakers, panels, poster sessions, and a pre-conference geared specifically to new faculty.

I particularly enjoyed learning about course development, student assessment, and innovative ways to engage students and preceptors. I have shared this information with my colleagues at the University of Iowa throughout the summer while we plan for a large cohort of family nurse practitioner students to enter their first clinical rotations this Fall. We have made significant changes to course assignments based on concepts I learned at the conference in order to improve both student and preceptor experiences and outcomes. Throughout the upcoming school year, this information will also be shared with nurse practitioner clinical preceptors throughout the entire state of Iowa. I want the University of Iowa College of Nursing to be the preferred origin of students for preceptors across Iowa while also producing nurse practitioners of the highest quality. The tools developed after attending this conference should help improve the overall experience and help to achieve these goals. Attendance at this conference has also empowered me with tools and knowledge as I will be working with new faculty at the College of Nursing. Furthermore, this has motivated me to pursue research with hopes of future publication regarding the clinical preceptor experience.

Thank you again for the support. I appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference and will continue to share the knowledge I have learned with the University of Iowa Community and beyond.

Sincerely,

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