**SIOP Nursing**

**Call for Quality Improvement (QI) Nurse Scholar Applications**

The SIOP Nursing Steering Group and Baseline Standards Task Force are calling for applications from SIOP nurses to become the first group of QI Scholars to enroll in the SIOP Quality Improvement Nurse Scholars Program. This program is designed to foster development of team projects to promote excellence in care of the child with cancer and their families. Development of a QI program will provide an organized approach to integrating evidence-based practice that will have an ultimate benefit of improving care for children with cancer and their families. This program supports multidisciplinary QI teams, led by a QI nurse scholar, at childhood cancer centers around the world.

**QI Program Overview**

The QI program begins with an online MOODLE course on the Fundamentals of Quality Improvement (Jan-May 2023). During the course, SIOP QI Nurse Scholars develop a QI project with their onsite team. QI Nurse Scholars and their teams meet bi-monthly on ZOOM to share progress. Upon completion of the course, QI Nurse Scholars and their teams will work with a mentor to implement the QI project at their site (June-September).

**QI Online Course Objectives**

* Review essential attributes of quality Improvement and its role in healthcare systems.
* Explore QI designs to improve care for a cancer/hematologic problem.
* Learn how to write SMART specific aims.
* Evaluate ways to influence change to improve care quality (how to move change).
* Define key components for measuring practice change.
* Study the RE-AIM framework for evaluating QI effectiveness.

**QI Scholars Mentorship**

During months June-September the first PDSA cycle of the project will be implemented with the support of an assigned SIOP nurse mentor.

The project will be presented at a special symposium at the 2023 SIOP Annual Congress.

**Eligibility requirements (all must be met below for project lead)**

**\_\_\_** SIOP Nurse Member

**\_\_\_** Minimum of 5 Years Pediatric Oncology Nursing experience

\_\_\_ Bachelor’s or master’s degree in nursing

\_\_\_ Internet Access go online course

\_\_\_ Able to attend every other week ZOOM QI Scholar program meetings from January-September 2023

**\_\_\_** Availability of 2-4 team members to participate from their site (at least one non-nursing member and they are not required to be SIOP members)

\_\_\_ Site administrator approval to conduct a QI project at your institution

**Application Due Date**

Applications are due by December 15, 2022 (See pp. 2-4). The application, CV/resume or bio sketch of the Nurse QI Scholar applicant, and one letter for a direct supervisor is required (the letter must confirm support of implementation of the QI project at your site). Please send the application and attachments to Dr. Marilyn Hockenberry by email at [marilyn.hockenberry@bcm.edu](mailto:marilyn.hockenberry@bcm.edu) Applicants will be notified that the application has been received.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by email on by January 9, 2023.

**SIOP QI NURSE SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Nurses who are members of SIOP are eligible to apply. Complete all sections of the application below. Additional materials that should be submitted include a **bio sketch or curriculum vitae/resume** from the QI Nurse Scholar applicant, and **one letter of support from the direct supervisor.**

**Name**

**Institution**

**Country**

**Professional Role**

**Highest Degree and Institution where you obtained the degree**

**Team Members (Include each team member below)**

**Name Discipline Role at your Institution**

**Topic Area of Interest**

\_\_\_\_ Baseline Standards \_\_\_\_ Other Area of interest\_\_\_\_\_

Title of theProject\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide a general description of the quality improvement project based on the topic of interest you would like to focus on during the Program. (1 paragraph)

2. Describe your interest in participating in the SIOP Nurse Scholars Quality Improvement Program. (1 paragraph)

3. Describe your prior experience with quality improvement projects. (1 paragraph)

4. Discuss any qualities you and/or your team have that should be considered in our decision on which quality improvement teams to choose. What would enable you to be effective in this project (e.g., previous project experience, leadership support, facility resources, etc.)? (1 paragraph)

5. Discuss or list your institution’s characteristics regarding pediatric oncology (e.g., hospital type, dedicated unit, multidisciplinary team, etc.): (1 paragraph)

6. Budget needs. List supplies or materials that may be needed for QI implementation. (Max $1000 USD). Provide a contact at your institution who will be responsible for receiving the money for the project.

7. Describe who will approve your QI project for implementation at your site. Include whether the project will need to be reviewed by any oversight committee. For example, while IRB is not required for QI projects, some institutions still require an ethical review.