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Project Advance Nursing Scholarships

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From LPN to RN – the newly launched *Project Advance* scholarships will have ripple effects throughout New Hampshire communities.



The University is making a major investment in New Hampshire’s nursing workforce by awarding 10 *Project Advance* scholarships to licensed practical nurses (LPNs) employed at Catholic Charities New Hampshire rehabilitation and long-term care nursing centers. *Project Advance* scholarships enable the recipients to earn an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree, which is a prerequisite to licensure as a registered nurse, without financial burden.

These scholarships are made possible through the \$300,000 gift of a Rivier University donor. “It is the vision of a generous and anonymous donor to fund 10 *Project Advance* scholarships, which include full tuition, books, and fees for employees of Catholic Charities New Hampshire,” says **Sister Paula Marie Buley**, IHM, Rivier’s President. “Ten students will be able to complete their associate degrees without interruption and will go on to proudly write the letters ‘RN’ after their name.”

The project was announced in February 2019, and the opportunity was presented to Catholic Charities New Hampshire LPNs at their eight facilities throughout the spring. Those accepted into the ASN nursing program and awarded the scholarship will begin their program in the upcoming fall semester.

“Our healthcare professionals work to bring compassion-ate care and healing to the lives of our residents every day,” says **Tom Blonski**, President & CEO of Catholic Charities New Hampshire. “To be able to make such a profound difference in the lives of our LPNs is a gift. This initiative will be life-changing for the *Project Advance* scholarship recipients, and its impact will extend into the facilities they work within and to the individuals they care for.”

The *Project Advance* scholarship program offers wide-ranging personal, institutional, and community benefits. In addition to the 10 LPNs that will benefit directly, two Catholic, non-profit organizations are collaborating to preserve and advance healthcare consistent with their shared values, and to provide support for diversity in the nursing workforce and ongoing economic and community development.”■

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