



May 29, 2025

Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario

Subject: Letter of Support - Nursing Innovation Grant

It is my pleasure to write in support of the *Nursing Innovation Grant* application submitted by faculty members Alanna Lakoff and Lana Stevenson. Their project, *Exploring Critical Thinking Development in Nursing Students Across Program Streams*, addresses a vital aspect of nursing education and aligns with our institutional priorities in student success and applied research.

This research initiative directly aligns with our institutional priorities in nursing education, applied research, and student success. It explores the development of critical thinking skills, an essential foundation for safe and effective nursing practice, and aims to inform instructional strategies that support diverse learners across program streams.

Alanna and Lana are highly respected educators and emerging scholars at Loyalist. Both have demonstrated excellence in research ethics, student mentorship, and interprofessional collaboration, with a sustained commitment to innovation in nursing education. Their leadership and participation in applied research projects position them well to carry out this important work.

Loyalist College is fully committed to the implementation and success of this project. We are confident in our capacity to execute and sustain the outcomes of this initiative through our academic infrastructure, research supports, and ongoing commitment to excellence in nursing education.

I endorse this application and look forward to the contributions it will make to the nursing profession and to our learners' development as thoughtful, evidence-informed practitioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Baskwill".

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