



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 1, 2025

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Purdue University Global

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Purdue University Global School of Nursing for the Family Nurse Practitioner Clinical Program in Tulare County's Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Branch programs and clinics, in the amount of zero dollars, effective April 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch requests to enter into an agreement with Purdue University Global School of Nursing to provide Family Nurse Practitioner nursing students with clinical field experience in public health programs. Through this agreement with Purdue University Global, the Public Health Branch will allow clinical students to gain field experience in a variety of public health programs and thus complete their required educational coursework.

The Public Health Branch has agreements with numerous educational institutions to host interns and students as part of their public health undergraduate, graduate, and clinical programs. Through these agreements, the interns and students contribute significantly to the operational capacity and organizational efficiency of Public Health programs. Interns and students are generally assigned to provide nursing services within various public health programs to meet their practicum requirements. This agreement aims to provide students with supervised field and clinical experience. All functions of the clinical program will be conducted in accordance with County and HHSA policies and

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procedures.

The clinical program is positioned to effectively support long-term efforts to prepare and recruit a competent public health workforce. County interns and students gain in-depth exposure to Tulare County's Public Health efforts and develop the skills and knowledge base that can help facilitate entry into the public health workforce post-graduation. County internships and clinical practicums also expose students to opportunities for post-graduation employment, potentially increasing the County's pool of qualified applicants.

This agreement includes the following substantive deviations from the standard County boilerplate: 1) this is a multi-year agreement; and 2) if litigation ensues, the parties agree to waive the right to a jury trial.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this agreement, therefore, there is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This request furthers the Organizational Performance Initiative of the County's Strategic Plan to enhance quality service through proven cost-effective strategies by utilizing students from Purdue University Global. This agreement helps fulfill this obligation as HHSA will be able to utilize additional personnel to support program operations at minimal administrative cost. In addition, HHSA's Public Health Branch will provide an opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career within HHSA's Public Health Branch to develop critical skill sets and will assist the Branch in identifying and recruiting potential candidates. Approval of this agreement increases the ability to fulfill personnel and service obligations through the affiliation and partnership with Purdue University Global.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement