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# CHANCELLORS LABORATORY DIRECTORS

Three Year Continuance of Special Fee Reduction Program for Nursing Employees

## Dear Colleagues:

The State of California continues to experience a shortage of qualified nurses. The University of California medical centers, like other health care providers who employ nurses in their workforce, are affected by the shortage and distribution of skilled nurses. In 2003, in response to the critical need for more well-trained nursing staff, then-President Atkinson instituted a five-year exception to the Regental Policy on Reduced Fee Enrollment for University Employees for nurses employed by the University of California who wish to complete their education. By this exception. career-status employees in nursing titles on the enclosed list were able to complete their graduate-level programs in a more timely fashion as the program allowed the employees to enroll in up to sixteen units per academic term upon payment of one-third of the University Registration and Educational Fees. (Under the Reduced Fee Enrollment Policy, other University employees are permitted to enroll in regular session courses not exceeding nine units or three courses per quarter upon payment of onethird of the Registration and Educational Fees; in addition, the President is authorized to approve, for selected nursing employees, reduced fee enrollment exceptions for up to twelve units or four regular session courses per quarter.)

President Dynes extended the sixteen-unit exception for selected nursing employees until July 31, 2009, under the condition that the program undergo an evaluation to determine the number of UC nurses who participate and its value in helping to address California's nursing workforce needs. I reviewed the results of the evaluation undertaken by the UC Division of Health Sciences and Services and am pleased that UC nursing employees use and highly value this program. I write to inform you that I am extending this exception for three additional years, with a new sunset date of July 31, 2012.

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If you have any questions regarding the extension of this exception, please get in touch with Senior Vice President John Stobo. He can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9071, or by e-mail at John.Stobo@ucop.edu.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof President

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# NURSING PERSONNEL ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL 3-YEAR FEE REDUCTION PROGRAM SUNSETTING ON JULY 31, 2012

## Title

Occupational Health Nurse I

Occupational Health Nurse II

Occupational Health Nurse III

Administrative Nurse V

Administrative Nurse IV

Clinical Nurse V

Coordinator Transplant I

Coordinator Transplant II

Home Health Nurse IV – Supervisor

Home Health Nurse III

Home Health Nurse II

Home Health Nurse I

Administrative Nurse I – Supervisor

Clinical Nurse IV – Supervisor

Clinical Nurse III – Supervisor

Clinical Nurse II – Supervisor

Nurse Manager

Administrative Nurse

Administrative Nurse III

Administrative Nurse II

Administrative Nurse I

Clinical Nurse IV

Clinical Nurse III

Clinical Nurse II

Clinical Nurse I

Principal Nurse Anesthetist

Senior Nurse Anesthetist

Senior Nurse Anesthetist – Supervisor

Nurse Practitioner III

Nurse Practitioner II

Nurse Practitioner I

Nurse Practitioner III – Supervisor

Nurse Practitioner II – Supervisor