

Scholarship Recipient Essay

The purpose of this letter is to again thank you for my MediTrax scholarship to this past spring's National Conference in Jacksonville and to convey my report on my actions that resulted from what I learned.

My primary purpose for attending conference this year was to learn as much as I could regarding respiratory protection planning and programs. I attended classes on the issue, discussed it with experts at the poster session, and brought it up with colleagues during our hospital-based nurse's forum. Using all of what I had learned I quickly realized that my home program was too piecemeal with individual actions and players cobbled together. A complete re-build from the ground up was necessary. I began by using the materials found on the AAOHN learning website and OSHA's respiratory program template and am in the process of reorganizing and rebuilding a logical, step by step, coherent program for our hospital system. This includes rewriting the organization's policy, assigning program responsibilities, providing train the trainer fit testing education and supplies, reexamining those positions that are at risk and decreasing the number of those being fit tested. While this process is ongoing my increased knowledge of the subject and the feedback I have received from others gives me the confidence that I am on the right track.

Respectfully submitted;

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