

## Scholarship Recipient Essay

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The 2016 Liberty Mutual Insurance Academic Study Scholarship greatly helped me with my doctoral study. The scholarship enabled me to purchase statistics packages for data analyses necessary to finish my dissertation, *Exploration of Risk Factors for Client Violence toward Direct Care Workers in the Home Setting Using an Ecological Model*. I was awarded the Karen Soeken Excellence in Dissertation, which is presented to the Ph.D. graduate who demonstrated application of exceptional quantitative skills in the doctoral dissertation. The quantitative analyses could not be done without the statistics packages. My dissertation includes four manuscripts that identify potential individual, relationship, community, and societal level risk factors to examine their associations with home care workers' experiences of patient violence. The study results can guide where prevention efforts need to be focused.

Also, the scholarship enabled me to attend the 2016 AAOHN National Conference. I could be connected to a well-established network of occupational health professionals through the conference. In my new faculty role, I will continue to study on the occupational safety and wellbeing of home care workers. I am grateful for the generous support I received from the Liberty Mutual Insurance. The scholarship significantly contributed to my achievements.