



# State of Connecticut

## Office of Higher Education

**Request for Information (RFI):**  
Teach Out of Former Stone Academy Students  
Office of Higher Education  
April 12, 2023

### 1. RFI Overview

The State Office of Higher Education (OHE) is seeking information from schools that have a Board of Examiner's for Nursing (BOEN) approved practical nursing program (PN). The information provided would detail how such a school would teach out former Stone Academy students.

Please note that this Request for Information (RFI) is for informational purposes only, and no contract will be awarded as a result. A firm or organization's response to the RFI—or lack thereof—will have no impact on the evaluation of responses to any subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) or Invitation to Bid (ITB) released. Responses will be used solely for information and planning purposes.

Please note that all responses will be public record. **Do not submit confidential information in your response.**

#### 1.1. RFI Contact

We have designated the following individual to serve as the official point of contact for this RFI. This individual is the only authorized contact permitted to communicate on behalf of the Office of Higher Education about this RFI.

Contact information for RFI point of contact:  
Sean Seepersad, Division Director  
Division of Academic Affairs, Office of Higher Education  
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(860) 947-1837

## **1.2. Submission Details**

Please submit your responses to this RFI via email to the Sean Seepersad, sean.seepersad@ct.gov before the due date identified in Section 1.3. When submitting your response, please use the subject line: RFI Submission – Teach Out of Former Stone Academy Students and attach your RFI as a pdf document.

Physical (paper) copies of RFI responses are not allowed.

If you have any questions about this RFI, please direct them to the RFI contact during the appropriate period identified below in Section 1.3.

## **1.3. RFI Timeline**

Please review the below RFI timeline. Dates may be modified or amended by the Office of Higher Education, which will post an amendment to this RFI notifying prospective respondents of any change.

- RFI Released: April 12, 2023
- Deadline for Questions: April 19, 2023
- Responses Due: April 24, 2023

## **2. Background Information**

### **2.1. Goals and Outcomes**

1. To obtain from Connecticut's eligible PN schools details of a teach out plan to former Stone Academy students.
2. To obtain an approximate pricing of a teach out plan.

### **2.2. Background**

Stone Academy closed on February 24, 2023 without a teach out plan for their former students. These students could be following one of four pathways: 1. Not continuing to pursue a practical nursing program, 2. Starting over a practical nursing program at another school, 3. Transferring to a practical nursing program at another school, or 4. Receiving a teach out at another school with a practical nursing program. This RFI is focused on pathway 4: teaching out students. Students eligible for a teach out will be those students who have 150 hours or less of clinical to complete and have completed their coursework. The OHE is also conducting an audit of active student transcripts to determine the validity of all educational experiences outlined in the transcript. The determination of coursework and clinical hours completed will be based on the

results of the audit. In some instances, a transcript could indicate that courses have been completed but the audit has determined that those courses were invalid because the instructor for that course was not qualified. Students who fall within the category of having 150 or less clinical hours left but based on the audit are determined to have some "invalid" coursework, will be allowed to test out of those invalid courses. Teach out students will not be considered students of the school for NCLEX or accreditation purposes.

### **3. Information Requested**

#### **3.1. Who We're Looking For:**

The OHE is specifically interested in receiving feedback on this proposed project from any Connecticut schools/institutions currently running a BOEN approved practical nursing program.

#### **3.2. What We're Looking For:**

Responses to the RFI should include details of a teach out plan. The students eligible for teach out are those students who have 150 hours or less of clinical hours to complete and have completed their coursework or are able to test out of any remaining coursework. OHE is looking for schools to outline:

1. How they would test out students of courses that the audit found to be invalid;
2. How they would complete the remaining clinical hours needed by each student;
3. The number of teach out students their program can accommodate;
4. A plan to prepare students who finished all coursework and clinical hours for the NCLEX. OHE expects there would be a "Live Review", followed by completion of a predictor assessment, remediation if necessary, and another completion of a predictor assessment;
5. The approximate cost per hour per student for clinical hours;
6. The approximate cost per student for any testing out needed; and
7. The approximate cost for NCLEX preparation as outlined in #4.

Respondents are invited to provide information on the above to the OHE: Teach Out of Former Stone Academy Students. Information provided should total no more than 15 total pages. Respondents may include additional attachments with their response document.