Here is what our fellows have said about the program:

“Cockcroft has expanded my horizons and provided me with new found knowledge and skills but the greatest take away is my new professional network of colleagues and friends.”
- Thayer McGee, PhD, RN, Class of 2015-2016
Dean, University of South Carolina Aiken

“I had the opportunity to use my new leadership skills in leading our school through the application process for becoming a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence. I learned how to present my project, which was instrumental in writing the application. The support of my fellows encouragement continued to strengthen me as I moved forward with my project.”
- Karen Gittings, DNP, RN, CNE, Class of 2015-2016
Associate Dean, School of Health Sciences and Chair of the Nursing Program, Francis Marion University

“As a Cockcroft Fellow, I developed leadership and political skills that prepared me to impact healthcare and higher education in positive, meaningful ways. In addition, I am now confident to negotiate in complex systems effectively.”
- Sharon F. Beasley, PhD, RN - CNE, Class of 2007-2008
Associate Director Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Atlanta, GA

“Becoming a Cockcroft Fellow was an important turning point in my leadership journey. I discovered the importance of self-awareness. Understanding one’s strengths and opportunities makes all the difference in the ability to successfully lead others.”
- Carolyn Swinton, MN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE , Class of 2003-2004
Chief Nursing Officer Palmetto Health, Columbia, SC

“More than twenty years after completing the program, I continue to draw on the knowledge and leadership lessons learned during my fellowship year. It was an invaluable and memorable experience.”
- Janis P. Bellack, PhD, RN, FAAN, Class of 1995-1996
President and John Hilton Knowles Professor MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston MA

Contact Us!

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THE AMY V. COCKCROFT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION. Established in 1994 by Amy V. Cockcroft, the founding dean of the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina, the program has evolved to prepare executive leaders to meet the increasingly urgent demands of today’s health care organizations. This progressive leadership program will advance a leader’s ability to lead and navigate complex organizations and academic institutions and also, work effectively with interdisciplinary teams.

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– AMY V. COCKCROFT

ADVANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP

The Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Development Program will provide participants with proven skills, strategies, and techniques for success as a healthcare leader. This visionary program provides a critical foundation for leading through periods of constant change, building interdisciplinary partnerships and circles of influence, and forging collaborations. The program will help develop competencies in organizational communications, applying systems concepts, resolving and negotiating conflict, and developing throughout the program alternative models of leading, managing, and following in lateral versus hierarchical systems. Individual and group coaching will prepare you for the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities of advanced leadership positions in practice and academia.

During the program participants will:

- Expand boundaries of leadership through self-awareness, circles of influence and visionary strategic thinking.
- Leverage current work at a higher level using system thinking concepts with highly effective organizational and personal communications.
- Resolve and negotiate conflicts with mastered communication skills and self-reflection.
- Challenge traditional linear thinking to successfully lead in today’s global, complex, and evolving healthcare environment.
- Implement an interdisciplinary project that illustrates application of acquired leadership and supports the recommendations of the IOM Report on the Future of Nursing.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The yearlong program includes five intensive, three-day sessions held in Columbia, S.C. The faculty members are nationally known leaders in nursing, health care, and public policy. Individual and group coaching throughout the program will prepare you for the challenges, opportunities, and responsibilities of advanced leadership positions in practice or academia at the local, state and national levels.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND GRADUATE CREDIT

The Center for Nursing Leadership is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. You may also qualify to earn graduate credit through the University of South Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY

- Minimum of a Master’s degree or a Baccalaureate degree in Nursing actively pursuing a masters or doctorate degree
- Signature endorsement from official agency or institution sponsor
- Letter of recommendation showing evidence of potential to advance in leadership positions
- Commitment to complete a leadership project
- Financial support from personal resources or sponsorship from an institution, organization or other benefactor

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

The application process is online at http://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/nursing/centers_institutes/center_nursing_leadership/index.php

For additional information call 803-777-3039.

The deadline to submit an application is January 15 annually.

Note: Enrollment in the class is highly competitive. A maximum of 20 applicants are selected per class.

COST

The registration fee includes accommodations, course materials, and some meals. Travel arrangements and transportation costs are the responsibility of the individual participant and are not included in the registration fee. Please see website for details of program costs.

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SELECTION

Fellows will be chosen by a selection committee on the basis of actual and potential leadership contributions, recommendations, and endorsement from the sponsoring institution or organization. The Amy V. Cockcroft Nursing Leadership Development Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, physical ability, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or creed.

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-- JOHN WOODEN