



**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
University of North Florida  
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## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

University of North Florida

Monday, August 18, 2025, 11:30 AM - 11:45 PM EDT

Virtual

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Public Comment**

#### **III. Approval Items**

##### **A. BOT-1: LINE Proposal / Mayo Clinic Florida and UNF**

**11:30 AM**

Presenter: John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Success, Associate VP for Research

#### **IV. Adjournment**

**11:45 AM**



**UNF Board of Trustees  
Full Board Meeting  
August 18, 2025**

**Subject: LINE Proposal / Mayo Clinic Florida and UNF**

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**Recommended Action:**

Approval of LINE Proposal between Mayo Clinic Florida and UNF

**Background Information:**

Florida's Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund is a state-funded initiative established in 2022 to address the growing nursing shortage across Florida. Created through legislation (SB 2524), the program fosters partnerships between eligible nursing education programs such as those at state colleges and universities and Florida-based healthcare providers. These partnerships allow healthcare employers to contribute funds, which the state then matches on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to support nursing education. Institutions may use LINE funding to offer student scholarships, hire additional nursing faculty, and invest in clinical training tools like simulation equipment. By expanding enrollment capacity and supporting student success, the LINE Fund plays a vital role in strengthening Florida's nursing workforce pipeline.

UNF benefited from Florida's LINE funding program (3-year history):

Academic Year	Healthcare Partner(s)	Partner Contribution	State Match	Total LINE Support	Use of Funds
2022–23	Baptist Health	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	APL cohorts, scholarships, clinical instructors
2023–24	Baptist Health, HCA South Atlantic, Mayo Clinic	~ \$400K+ (legislative + partner)	~ \$400K	Nearly \$800,000 total	Scholarships, simulation center, program expansion
2024–25	HCA Healthcare; Mayo Clinic Jacksonville	\$166K & \$543K	Equal match	\$332,000 & \$1,086,567 total	Faculty support, simulation, cohort growth

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**Purpose of Funding**

The University of North Florida (UNF) is requesting funding to enhance its Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) program through two key initiatives:

1. Establishing a shared Clinical Education Coordinator position.
2. Upgrading simulation center equipment.

**Clinical Education Coordinator**

- A 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) CRNA role shared between UNF and Mayo Clinic Florida (MCF).
- Designed to improve coordination and quality of clinical education for Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs).
- Supports program growth, maintains a 100% first-time certification pass rate, and strengthens clinical partnerships.
- Responsibilities include managing student rotations, curriculum, orientation, quality projects, scholarship programs, recruitment, and mentorship.
- Total cost over three years (2026–2028): \$580,600.50, including salary, benefits, and cost-of-living adjustments.

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**Simulation Center Enhancements**

- Increased enrollment has strained existing simulation resources.
- Proposed upgrades include anesthesia machines, integrated systems, digital charting stations, and procedure stations.
- Enhancements aim to ensure clinical competency, support accreditation standards, and improve educational quality.
- Total cost: \$191,000.

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**Total Funding Request**

- Total investment: \$771,600.50
- Funding split:
  - Mayo Clinic: \$385,800.25
  - LINE Funding Match: \$385,800.25

**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

**Student Success:** Supports scholarships and accelerated programs, improving access, retention, and graduation in high-demand fields.

**Community & Industry Partnerships:** Strengthens ties with Baptist Health, Mayo Clinic, and HCA, aligning with regional workforce needs.

**Workforce Development:** Expands capacity in nursing to address statewide shortages, fulfilling UNF's role in healthcare talent development.

**Academic Excellence:** Funds new and equipment, enhancing teaching quality and real-world readiness.

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**Supporting documentation:**

1. LINE Proposal between Mayo Clinic Florida and UNF

**Presenter:**

Dr. John Kantner, Senior Associate Provost, Faculty Success, Academic and Student Affairs



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