



If you are a nurse and have successfully completed an eligible course between January 1st and December 31st, 2025, you may be eligible for course funding!



Gail La Chapelle was a nurse in the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Emergency Department, a mother of four, wife, student, and champion of fundraising efforts to support cancer research and treatment. Gail returned to school at the age of 32 to get her RPN designation and kept on taking courses while working, parenting four children, and eventually fighting pancreatic cancer. She successfully completed her Registered Nurses' designation in 2002, and worked tirelessly in the GBGH ED until she lost her battle with cancer in 2006.

In her memory, her husband Gerard, family and friends turned her passion for family, learning and her chosen profession – nursing – into a legacy they have shared with the GBGH community.

“The Family and Friends of Gail La Chapelle Education Fund” is committed to investing in the future of nursing at GBGH. Each year, up to \$6,000 is awarded to nurses to help with their financial costs of education (\$5,000 in education grants and a \$1,000 bursary).

Application Instructions:

1. Carefully read and complete the attached application form
2. Provide evidence of applying for other available sources of funding (where applicable).
3. Provide proof of payment.
4. Submit to the GBGH Foundation Office (in the Captain's Cottage) or email to Jen Russell (russellj@gbgh.on.ca) by January 19, 2026.

Please Note:

- Your application will be evaluated and funds awarded based on the criteria in the attached application form.
- Educational funding does not cover textbooks, licensing, or conferences and is not for reimbursing fees already paid by a Department.
- Funding per staff member may be limited and will be determined based on the funds available, applications received and the hospital's learning priorities.



Gail La Chapelle Education Fund January - December 2025 Application

Educational Funding Criteria:

All applications will be scored based on criteria indicated below.

Based on the amount of funds available and the degree to which you meet the criteria, a decision to fund your course will be made following the submission deadline dated on the application and the applicant will be notified.

La Chapelle Education Fund Committee Checklist:

Criteria	Yes / No
The knowledge can be applied to his/her position/profession	
The course contents are a priority for the organization (*outlined below)	
Employee has received funding from alternate sources	
Applicant is an active employee at Georgian Bay General Hospital	
Employee has previously received funding from the La Chapelle Education Fund	

*For 2025-2026, the education priorities at GBGH are: Diversity & Inclusivity (LGBTQ, Gender Studies, etc.), Indigenous Cultural Competency, Wound Care, Palliative Care, Geriatric Education, Coronary Care, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Clinical Specialty Certifications (Perioperative, Emergency, Critical Care, Rehabilitation Nursing, Acute Medicine, Nephrology Nursing) and Nursing Leadership courses.

All information collected on this form will be confidentially assessed by the
Family and Friends of Gail La Chapelle Education Fund Committee.

Applications due: Monday, January 19, 2026.

Successful applicants will be notified by February 28, 2026.