Supporting Statement A

The Advanced Nursing Education Program Specific Form

OMB Control No. 0906-0089 – Revision

Terms of Clearance: None

A. Justification

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

This revision package request is for continued approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for information collection activities from applicants of the Advanced Nursing Education (ANE) Programs within the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) Bureau of Health Workforce. The current approval (OMB #0906-0089) expires on April 30, 2027, and covers data collection efforts for the Advanced Nursing Education Program.

This revision request seeks to update Table 1: Funding Preference section to collect combined data on graduate or program completer (some programs do not require graduation) employment in funding preference settings (Rural area, Medically Underserved Community, State or Local Health Department) rather than three separate rows (1a, 1b, 1c).

The ANE Programs are authorized by Section 811 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 296j) and provide advanced education nursing training grants to educational institutions and other eligible entities, to increase the supply of advanced education nurses, such as nurse anesthetists, primary care nurse practitioners, primary care clinical nurse specialists, and nurse midwives. Furthermore, data collection and reporting activities are a grant requirement authorized under 45 CFR Part 74.

2. Purpose and Use of Information Collection

Funds appropriated for the ANE Program are distributed among eligible institutions based on a competitive review or formula-based process, as permitted by PHS Act Section 806(e)(1). This information collection is completed by applicants to the Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program, Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship (NAT) Program, Advanced Nursing Education Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (ANE-SANE) Program, ANE-NPRF Program, and the MatCare Program as part of the funding application process.

HRSA uses the data from the ANE Program-Specific Data Collection Form to support funding determinations, assess applicable funding preferences or special considerations, ensure compliance with programmatic and grant requirements, and provide information to the public and Congress.

The ANE Program Specific Data Form requests applicant information on prior year and projected program participants including:

- Projected data on number of Participants/Trainees to be supported by the project;
- Number of graduates supported; and
- Percentage of graduates who practice in medically underserved, rural, public health, or other practice settings.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction

The ANE Program Specific Data Form captures only the information that is essential for use in processing the application including determining the funding preference, special consideration and the award amount.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

There is no duplication of reporting with this activity. The ANE data collection captures information during the application process that is necessary for determining eligibility for funding preferences, special considerations, and determining award amount. Those applicants who receive grants later report post-award performance information in the Bureau of Health Workforce Performance Measures system, OMB #0906-0086, expiration date 4/30/2029. However, this system is only available to grantees (not applicants) and requires that grantees submit significantly more information.

5. Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities

This data collection should not have a significant impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently

This data collection must occur at the time of application, as it is essential for determining funding preferences, special considerations, and award amounts. If this data was not collected at the time of application, then the agency would not be able to (1) implement the statutory funding preferences and/or special considerations, (2) determine award amounts, or (3) provide program specific information.

7. Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

The request fully complies with the regulation.

8. Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice/Outside Consultation

Section 8A:
The 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register on July 22, 2026, Vol. 91, No. 139, pp. 46126-27. There were no public comments.

The 30-day notice was published in the Federal Register on October 23, 2026, Vol. 91, No. 204, pp. 66855-56.

Section 8B:
This program has consulted with five (5) individuals to obtain constructive feedback to improve the application, improve efficiency, and minimize the collection burden. There were no suggested changes or identified areas of improvement.

9. Explanation of any Payment/Gift to Respondents

Respondents will not receive any payments or gifts.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a) is not applicable to this request, as this information collection will not obtain personally identifiable information about enrollees (trainees) or graduates. Data will be kept private to the extent allowed by law.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

There are no questions of a sensitive nature; the data collection does not request Social Security numbers or Personal Identifiable Information on the enrollees (trainees) or graduates.

12. Estimates of Annualized Hour and Cost Burden

The table below includes estimates of the total burden hours for completing applications for the ANEW, NAT, ANE-NPRF, ANE-SANE, and MATCARE Program Notices of Funding Opportunity, which include this information collection.

12A. Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
ANEW	156	1	156	7	1,092
NAT	61	1	61	7	427
ANE-SANE	54	1	54	7	378
ANE-NPRF	64	1	64	7	448
MatCare	10	1	10	7	70

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Total	345		345		2,415

HRSA staff who work with the ANEW, NAT, and ANE-SANE Programs estimate that the total number of applicants/respondents will be 271, based on the number of applicants to the program in the most recent application cycle. Burden hour estimates were derived from information provided by applicants and reflect an average of data collected over a period of 3 years. The ANE-NPRF and MatCare average is based on the number of applications, 74 we received and reviewed to make awards. Each applicant must complete an online application once.

12B. Estimated Annualized Cost to Respondents

Type of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Hourly Wage Rate**	Total Respondent Costs
*Education Administrators, Postsecondary	7	$ 100.58	$704.06
Total	2,415	$ 100.58	$242,900.70

*Based on the following: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes119033.htm, the Education Administrator, Postsecondary is the best approximation of the type of respondent that would be completing these forms.
**This figure is the hourly median wage, doubled to account for benefits and overhead costs.

Based on the estimated total number of burden hours for all five ANE grant programs, it is estimated that the annualized cost to each respondent is approximately $704.06 for a total of $242,900.70 for all ANE grant programs. This result was obtained by multiplying the number of burden hours by the median hourly wage rate of an individual employed in an academic setting (Note: wage rates were obtained from the United States Department of Labor https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes119033.htm).

13. Estimates of other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents or Recordkeepers/Capital Costs

Other than their time, there is no cost to respondents. Applicant institutions already collect and maintain the required information such as number and characteristics of enrollees, graduates, students supported, and the types and characteristics of programs from which trainees are enrolling, receiving traineeship support and/or graduating.

14. Annualized Cost to Federal Government

Instrument	Base Pay Rate	Base Pay Rate (x1.5)	Project Time per FTE	Number of FTEs	Total Annual Cost
ANEW	$ 121,785, GS-13, Step 1	$ 182,677.50 GS-13 Step 1	0.5	3	$ 274,016.25
NAT	$ 121,785, GS-13, Step 1	$ 182,677.50 GS-13 Step 1	0.5	2	$ 182,677.50
ANE-SANE	$ 121,785, GS-13, Step 1	$ 182,677.50 GS-13 Step 1	0.5	2	$ 182,677.50
ANE-NPRF	$ 121,785, GS-13, Step 1	$ 182,677.50 GS-13 Step 1	0.5	2	$ 182,677.50
MatCare	$ 121,785, GS-13, Step 1	$ 182,677.50 GS-13 Step 1	0.5	1	$ 91,338.75
Total					**$ 913,387.50**

Base Pay Rate based on the Office of Personnel

Management Pay Scale: https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2026/DCB.pdf.
Base Pay Rate multiplied by 1.5 to account for overhead costs, the total amount cost of the base rate multiplied by 1.5.

The annual cost to the government is approximately $ 913,387.50 for ten (10) GS-13 Step 1 employees at a 0.5 FTE rate to review and process the ANE Program Specific Form. The information is collected as part of the application process and housed in existing systems. The systems used to collect information for the applications are maintained at each applicant organization and the information is maintained in the HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) system when submitted to this Federal agency.

15. Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

The Public Health Service Act, Part A: General Provisions, Section 805. [296d] gives preference to applicants with projects that will substantially benefit rural or underserved populations or help meet public health nursing needs in State or local health departments.

For ANE programs, the funding preference is awarded to projects with a high rate of graduates or program completers from the previous academic year who are employed in these three settings. A “high rate” is defined as 60 percent or above. The Notice of Funding Opportunity provides applicable tools to determine the employment setting type.

Currently, the ANE Program Specific Form Table 1: Funding Preference section collects employment data for each funding preference setting in separate rows then uses the total of all three (numerator) to calculate the percentage of all graduates/program completers (denominator) in these settings and award the funding preference accordingly.

However, since the funding preference settings are not mutually exclusive and a graduate/program completer must only be counted once, this is to avoid confusion for the applicant on which row to include a graduate/program completer, and for greater administrative efficiency.
b) including a graduate/program completer in more than one applicable row resulting in an inflated percentage score, which the applicant may inadvertently receive the preference for.

To prevent the issues above, the update to Table 1 will combine the funding preference settings into one row. If the employment location of a graduate/program completer is determined to be in any of the three funding preference settings they should be included in this row. This results in an accurate percentage and the funding preference being awarded to projects that truly meet the statute's intent.

While there is value in knowing which funding preference setting the employment location is in, Table 1 will not accurately reflect this since a graduate/program completer can only be counted once within the table but their employment setting may be two or all three of the funding preference settings.

This action reduced the overall HRSA burden of OMB approval. The burden decreased by 21 burden hours, which accounts for a less than a 1 percent decrease. This reduction is due to a decrease in number of NAT respondents.

16. Plans for Tabulation, Publication, and Project Time Schedule

The information collection forms will be published in the Notices of Funding Opportunity, which will be posted online via Grants.gov and the HRSA EHBs. Submitted information will be used to during the application process for determining eligibility for funding preferences and/or special considerations and for determining award amount. Summarized data may be used in reports and in communications with the public and Congress. Clearance is requested for the maximum of three years.

The summarized data being collected from the ANE Program Specific Forms is already available to the public following grant application cycles. These cycles vary but typically occur every 3-4 years, and the exact schedule has not been finalized at this time. The summarized data below is readily accessible, on an annual basis, via existing HRSA/BHW data platforms (https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/bhw-programs).

- Projected data on number of Participants/Trainees to be supported by the project; (actual data on # of trainees is available on a yearly basis)
- Number of graduates supported; and
- Percentage of graduates who practice in medically underserved, rural, public health, or other practice settings.

17. Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

The OMB number and expiration date will be displayed on every page of every form/instrument.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

There are no exceptions to the certification.