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## **COLLEGE OF NURSING AWARDED GRANT FOR DNP PROGRAM**

Texas Woman's University's College of Nursing has been awarded a \$614,959 federal grant for its doctor of nurse practitioner (DNP) degree program.

The funds, to be awarded over a three-year period by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Advanced Education Nursing Program, will be used to improve access to TWU's DNP for nurses serving rural and underserved populations.

"This funding allows us to reach out to master's-level and advanced practicing nurses in rural and underserved areas to encourage them to enroll in the DNP program," said Dr. Peggy Mancuso, associate professor of nursing and director of the TWU DNP program. "We also will have the capacity to reach students in remote locations in Texas and surrounding states with the use of technology enhanced education, including clustered on-campus, online and digital video classes."

TWU received approval to offer the DNP program in 2007, and the first cohort of 16 DNP students began their classes at the TWU Dallas-Parkland campus in June.

"The DNP addresses the state and national need for nursing leaders in advanced nursing practice roles and advanced nursing practice education," said Dr. Patricia Holden-Huchton, dean of the TWU College of Nursing. "With this funding, the DNP program can begin to address a critical need of care in rural areas and with underserved populations."

TWU's DNP program is based at the TWU Dallas-Parkland campus, with support courses offered from the TWU Denton campus. The degree requires 46 credit hours and can be completed in two years. Nurse practitioners and nurse midwives who have a master's degree in nursing, are certified in their specialty area, are licensed as registered nurses and are recognized or eligible to be recognized as an APN in Texas may apply to the Graduate School for the DNP program. Admission requirements are detailed on the TWU College of Nursing website at [www.twu.edu/nursing](http://www.twu.edu/nursing).

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“The DNP is designed to address the need for more highly educated nurses in the country’s increasingly technological-based healthcare system,” said Dr. Caryl Mobley, associate dean of nursing at TWU’s Dallas-Parkland campus. “Nurses who want to pursue doctoral education can choose between a Ph.D., which is research focused, and a DNP, which is the highest level of specialty clinical practice. Both degrees prepare nurses for positions as nursing faculty.”□

According to Dr. Mobley, as a practice doctorate, the DNP is similar to several other degrees in health disciplines such as psychology (PsyD), pharmacy (PharmD), physical therapy (DPT), social work (DSW) and medicine (M.D.). □□

Several prestigious national healthcare organizations have called for a nursing practice doctorate to improve the country’s healthcare system. In a 2005 report, the National Academy of Sciences urged the development of a clinical doctoral degree in nursing similar to the M.D. and PharmD in medicine and pharmacy. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) also adopted a position statement in 2004 recommending that nurses practicing at the highest level should receive doctoral level preparation.□□

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**TWU DRAMA TO PERFORM AT EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL**

The Texas Woman’s University drama program is taking its production of “Alice in Wonderland” overseas to the world’s largest arts festival — the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

TWU Drama was invited to perform Aug. 4-9 in the prestigious Bedlam Theatre, 11b Bristo Place in downtown Edinburgh. For more information about the festival, visit [www.edfringe.com](http://www.edfringe.com).

TWU’s original production, which includes a total of 40 hand and articulated puppets, is an adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by Lake Simons and John Dyer of New York. This playfully impressionistic retelling of the classic tale follows Alice down the rabbit hole and into a world where she encounters puppets in the roles of the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar and more.

The Texas Woman’s University drama program is known for creating productions on an international scale. In recent years, its students have studied and performed in the Czech Republic and Ireland. In 2007, they launched an original production off-Broadway in New York.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

*Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.*

The annual summer enrollment period for **insurance and TEXFLEX** began July 28 and continues through Aug. 22. Human Resources has scheduled benefit fairs and onsite assistance sessions during this period. For more information, visit the benefits website at <http://www.twu.edu/humanresources/benefits/benefits.html> or call 81-3552.

The Fall 2008 **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** booklet is now available online. The booklet is designed to answer the typical questions that faculty, staff and students have at the beginning of the semester. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and look for "Fall 2008 Opening of School FAQ Handbook."

## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

*Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

A memorial fund will be established in memory of **Debbie Andreadakis**, who served the TWU community for 26 years as a senior accounting assistant in the Denton bursar's office. Funds raised will be used to purchase a park bench, tree and plaque, which will be located in the courtyard between Admissions and ASB. Excess funds not used for the memorial will be designated for ASSET scholarships. (ASSET is the Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman's University.) Donations for the memorial may be made by cash, check, credit card or payroll deduction through the Office of Institutional Development. For more information, call 81-3863.

Dr. **Donna Scott Tilley** (nursing) was appointed to the Nursing Facility Administrators Advisory Committee for a term to expire Feb. 1 2013. Dr. Tilley is the only nurse on the committee, which consists of one physician, three nursing facility administrators, one registered nurse, one social worker and three public members.

**Mark Sandel** (social work) presented a paper titled "The Personal and Social Context of Domestic Violence" at the Texas State Bar Association annual conference July 29 in San Antonio. The paper was published in the conference proceedings.

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**Robin Bartoletti** (Lifelong Learning) is now a Master Reviewer for Quality Matters™ (QM), an online-course, peer-review system. This permanent certification will allow her to lead review teams, helping them produce correct, thorough and consistent reviews of online courses. To become a Master Reviewer, applicants must complete at least two QM course reviews and attend a one-week online workshop and mandatory audio conference. Bartoletti has completed three external formal reviews for other universities and has conducted many informal online course reviews. She is an instructional design specialist for the College of Nursing.

Results for the June 2008 Staff Council elections were certified during the July 1 Staff Council meeting. Representatives joining the council for a three-year term beginning August 2008 are **Timothy Wolf** (Technology and Information Services), **Anne Downing** (Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Support Program), **Mary Jo Fredrick** (Graduate School), **Cheryl Dutcher** (student records), **Nancy Casey** (admissions), **Laura Huntsberry** (nutrition and food sciences-Houston) and **Kathleen Hedges** (COPE). Officers for the 2008-2009 term also were elected at the meeting. President – **Jo Anne Hawthorne** (research and sponsored programs); president-elect – **Christina Williams** (facilities management); vice president – **Tiffany Rupani** (Institutional Development); Secretary – **Tammy Hood** (occupational therapy); treasurer – **Barbara Darling** (teacher education); and parliamentarian – **Sharon Cowan** (human resources). Continuing their service as representatives through August 2009 are **Jana Bates** (human resources); **Jane Graham** (research and sponsored programs); **Christy Raines** (Student Union); **Brenda Mallory** (library and information studies); **Sally Redd** (history and government); **Naomi Stoehr** (career services); **Sandra Compton-Winbush** (Houston Center); and **Kimberly Richardson** (library-Dallas, Presbyterian).

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 4-17, 2008**

Mon., Aug. 4	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., Aug. 5	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Wed., Aug. 6	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Insurance/Flex Plans onsite assistance by HR benefits staff, Dallas-Parkland, Room 277/278, 10 a.m.-noon.

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	-Insurance/Flex Plans onsite assistance by HR benefits staff, Dallas-Presbyterian, Room 105, 1-3 p.m.
Thur., Aug. 7	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -Insurance/Flex Plans onsite assistance by HR benefits staff, Houston, Room 3318, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 8	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 9	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
Sun., Aug. 10	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 11	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 12	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 13	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thur., Aug. 14	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. -Denton County Annual Job Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hubbard Hall. TWU Human Resources hosts the job fair in conjunction with various other agencies and employers. For more information, call 81-3555.
Fri., Aug. 15	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 16	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
Sun., Aug. 17	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8 p.m.

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