

2006-07 LEADERSHIP FOR ACADEMIC NURSING PROGRAM DIRECTORY

In 2001, the Helene Fuld Health Trust awarded an academic leadership grant to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in order to develop an executive leadership institute for new and aspiring deans. After four grant funded classes of fellows, the program was redesigned and became self-sustaining in 2006, but retained the rigorous and competitive selection process and the excellent leader development activities characterized by the first four years.

This professional development experience includes assessment and evaluation of leadership skills, identification of particular approaches that enhance leadership success, identification of key partnerships and strategic networking, and consultation to achieve long-term goals. In response to the increasing seniority of nursing academic leaders, this program was designed to prepare a more diverse, younger pool of deans/directors and other senior leaders for nursing higher education programs.

The 2006 Fellows attended a five-day workshop in Washington, D.C. in August, 2006 where they participated in intensive classes and exercises related to successful academic leadership. Throughout the fellowship year, participants applied concepts and strategies from their professional development activities, conferred with colleagues in the fellowship, and engaged in a mentorship opportunity with an experienced nursing academic executive, working to accomplish specific, individualized leader development goals.

This directory highlights the 2006-07 Fellows. Representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and skills, these Fellows have enhanced their skill as academic leaders, and have the necessary tools to serve competently and confidently as leaders in academic nursing.

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The University's President appointed Brigadier General Bester as Acting Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing in July of 2006. Prior to this appointment, Brigadier General Bester was Professor of Clinical Nursing at the University of Texas in Austin. Brigadier General Bester holds a BSN degree from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota and an MSN from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Nurse Anesthesia Program at Madigan Army Medical Center.

His distinguished career in the US Army culminated in his selection as the 21st Chief of the Army Nurse Corps. While serving the Army as its Nursing Service Chief, Brigadier General Bester was assigned as the Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Health Policy and Services (2000) and as Commander of the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (2004).

As a Professor of Clinical Nursing at the University of Texas in 2005 Brigadier General Bester was asked to be Director of Nursing for a health care team, organized by Project Hope, to assist the victims of the tsunami in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. He joined the Editorial Advisory Board of the journal *Men in Nursing* (2006). A sought after lecturer on topics of nursing and health care leadership and disaster relief, Brigadier General Bester has been invited as a guest speaker to over 30 conferences, workshops, and meetings during the last three years. He is the recipient of the Luther Christman Award (2005) and two honorary doctorates; College of St. Scholastica (2001) and Seton Hall University (2003). His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Legion of Merits and four Meritorious Service Medals. He is a member of the Texas Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Association of the United States Army.

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Prior to joining Kaplan, she taught for several other programs and had developed new educational programs for teaching hospice interdisciplinary teams and health care providers in community-based settings. She had a healthcare consulting firm that provided leadership assessment, strategic planning, and quality improvement consulting for health care organizations. She has held leadership roles in large homecare companies and developed several new programs that served complex populations. Her experience includes serving on national research initiatives and national and state home care associations. She worked with the Robert Wood Johnson initiative for improving End-of-Life care. Since joining Kaplan University she has participated in strategic planning for the new nursing programs. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Holistic Nurse Association. Her field of research is on health promotion and the mind/body model.

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Sandra Upchurch is an Associate Professor and Chairperson for Nursing Systems at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Nursing. She received her PhD from Texas Woman's University. Dr. Upchurch has been interested in the area of self-care, that is, individuals caring for their own health, for over 25 years as a community health nurse, diabetes educator, nursing faculty, and researcher. She has been a consultant on a meta-analysis of literature to promote weight loss in adults with type 2 diabetes, conducted a meta-analysis funded by NINR to identify diabetes self-management outcomes, and served as project director of a clinical trial for a diabetes self-management program. Dr. Upchurch has published a number of diabetes research-based articles. A spiritual perspective is considered in some of her writing.

More recently, her research and clinical work has turned toward self-care as it relates to prevention in children and adolescents. She has been involved with a team of researchers in implementing two grants that address screening children and adolescents for hypertension and obesity. The second grant, an NIH-funded study, has both a participatory action component for identifying from the community the root causes for children being overweight and an environmental audit component.

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Dr. Watters-Burke previously has taught associate and baccalaureate nursing students and currently teaches nursing specialty, pharmacology, health assessment, informatics and statistics, and procedures at the graduate level. She has published, presented papers, and conducted research in areas related to cardiology, certification, nursing diagnosis, protocols, and critical pathways. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and has served on the Missouri Nurses Association Continuing Education Provider Committee; is a founding board member of the Saint Charles Area Child Assessment Center; and was named “Young Careerist” by the Business and Professional Women’s Association (District 9, 1999). In addition to university responsibilities, she serves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee State Guard and maintains clinical practice in an internal medicine and pediatric clinic in Collierville, TN where she resides with her husband and four children.

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Her research interests include how families with chronically ill children manage their relationships with school and health care systems. In addition, she has received grants to help build stronger college–community collaborative relationships to promote community health through analysis of county fetal and infant mortality data and through an ongoing health screening and education programs with a local minority community.

She is also nationally (AANC) certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner, having practiced part-time in HMO and community clinic settings over the past 25 years. Her current clinical research interest is the integration of evidence-based practice into community hospital settings and how undergraduate nursing students can facilitate and learn from collaborative projects.
