2011-12 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.

In August 2011, the 2011-12 Fellows attended a five-day workshop in Indianapolis, IN, where they participated in intensive classes and exercises related to successful academic leadership. The fellowship year also includes opportunities for Fellows to apply concepts and strategies from their professional development activities, confer with colleagues in the fellowship, and engage in a mentorship opportunity with an experienced nursing academic executive, working to accomplish specific, individualized leader development goals.

This directory highlights the 2011-12 Fellows. Representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences, and abilities, these Fellows have enhanced their skill as academic leaders, and have the necessary tools to serve even more competently and confidently as leaders in academic nursing.
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