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TWU's Stark College of Nursing receives more than \$480,000 in grants

December 4, 2009 – HOUSTON — Texas Woman's University's Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing in Houston recently received \$483,301 in grants for its Education Center for Clinical Innovations and Advanced Technologies.

The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation awarded TWU a \$278,308 grant to continue a collaboration with the Baylor College of Medicine to train both medical and nursing students at the TWU Nursing Education Center. The partnership is known as the Interdisciplinary Clinical Collaborative Practice Project (ICCP) and will use targeted TeamSTEPPS™ communication strategies in a simulated clinical environment.

“This is a significant project because it allows us to bring medical and nursing students together to learn effective communication skills,” said Dr. Ann Coleman, director of the TWU Education Center for Clinical Innovations and Advanced Technologies. “Both medical and nursing students can practice these skills during a simulated patient care scenarios using high-fidelity patient mannequins, where the outcome of their teamwork impacts the condition of the ‘patient.’”

The Texas Workforce Commission also awarded TWU \$204,993 for the Texas Gulf Coast Regional Faculty Development project. The project will increase the use of patient simulation in nursing education in the Gulf Coast region to help address the nursing shortage.

“Many faculty in the region need more instruction and practice in using new technological teaching tools such as high-fidelity patient mannequins,” Dr. Coleman said. “This project will build an infrastructure for future sharing of knowledge and resources among the nursing programs and service partners in our region.”

The TWU Education Center for Clinical Innovations and Advanced Technologies is a program funded by the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System to assist faculty with integrating technologies — simulation, clinical technology and informatics — seamlessly into nursing education. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/nursing.

The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation is a private foundation based out of New York City that supports programs designed to improve the education of health professionals in the interest of the health of the public. For more information, visit www.josiahmacyfoundation.org.

The Texas Gulf Coast Regional Faculty Development grant proposal was developed in cooperation with the Gulf Coast Health Services Steering Committee, an informal association of business leaders, hospital executives and nursing school deans and directors dedicated to solving the nurse shortage in Houston and the surrounding 13-county Gulf Coast region of Texas. For more information, visit www.gchssc.com. For more information on the Texas Workforce Commission, visit www.twc.state.tx.us.

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