

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- Save the Date: The College of Nursing's Initiative for Intentional Health is co-sponsoring a Therapeutic Touch Basic Seminar on August 25 & 26, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the Florida Nurses Association.
- The College of Nursing received the renewal of the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation's Endorsement for the BSN, MSN, DNP and PhD programs.
- Dean Marlaine Smith, Dr. Deborah Chapa and a delegation from Thammasat University in Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual collaboration in educational exchange programs and research opportunities.
- Drs. Chiang-Hanisko, Eggenberger, France and Newman were all promoted and/or awarded tenure.
- Dr. Linda Weglicki was elected to serve on the Council for Advancement of Nursing Science's Nomination Committee.
- Dr. Debra Hain was selected to serve on the FAANP Fellows Column Editor Committee.
- Doctoral student Natalie Bernudez received a grant from the Versant Center for the Advancement of Nursing to support her research.
- The Iota Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Intl is the 2017 recipient of the very prestigious Hester C. Klopfer Global Health Award.



Detecting and Treating Alzheimer's Disease at Home

Rural, older Floridians encounter a multitude of factors that put them at higher risk for developing Alzheimer's disease (AD). These risk factors are especially prevalent in the diverse, rural community of Belle Glade, located in Palm Beach County.

Dr. Lisa Wiese and other researchers from the College of Nursing have received a grant from the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program of the Florida Department of Health to test a novel mechanism in Belle Glade for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of AD in the home setting to reduce AD-related costs in underserved communities. The long-term goal of the study is to create a model for increasing early detection and treatment of AD that can be replicated in similar communities.

The study will examine a cohort of diverse rural residents' perceptions and behaviors regarding health screenings and follow-up in the home as compared to a clinical setting and will compare the effectiveness of home-based or clinic screenings and follow-up evaluations. Nurse practitioners will conduct dementia-specific geriatric assessments in individuals identified as being at risk through the home or clinic screening efforts. For more information, visit [here](#).



College Launches New Online Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Concentration

The College of Nursing is launching a new online [Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner \(PMHNP\) concentration](#) that will be offered in the fall, initially as a post-Master's certificate and then as a DNP concentration.

According to the Health Resources Services Administration, more than 5 million Floridians are without access to mental health providers, and Florida has only 26 percent of its mental health provider needs met. It is expected that the need for these providers will continue to increase.

The PMHNP concentration will increase access to mental health services and enhanced psychiatric mental health nursing care to children and adults, economically disadvantage populations, veterans and active duty U.S. military and their families.

More information on this announcement is available [here](#).

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