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Report for the U.S. Department of Education Title V Program UST Nursing Program Development 2010-2015

The University of St. Thomas was awarded the institution's first Title V grant in 2010. The objectives of the grant are to develop curriculum and infrastructure for a high-tech, state-of-the-art baccalaureate nursing program. Title V funding has assisted us to upgrade IT infrastructure and the existing Anatomy & Physiology lab. It has also enabled us to create a Nursing Simulation Lab and a Nursing Student Success Center. These resources have been vital to the success that we have achieved in opening the nursing program.

The value of the Nursing Student Success Center for promoting nursing student success has exceeded our greatest expectations. We used Title V funds to create the Center on campus. It provides UST nursing students the opportunity to study with classmates, participate in academic skills workshops and receive peer tutoring. The Title V funds have created not just a Center, but a vibrant learning community.

We have asked one of our students, Marco Gutierrez, to share his thoughts on the impact of the Title V funding on his student experience. A married father of two, Marco faces constant demands on his time and schedule. He is a high academic achiever with only two semesters remaining to complete his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. He will be the first in his family to obtain a college degree!



"The nursing success center is like a magnet to me. They welcome and help the nursing students when they need it most. The nursing success center attracts positive student relationships, experiences and circumstances. In turn the encouraging energy that is generated, gives us, the students a brighter outlook on life and a greater sense of accomplishment. The nursing success center has always been a special retreat for me, with every helping hand willing to assist me in keeping a positive attitude and winning spirit. For that, I thank you."

- Marco Gutierrez

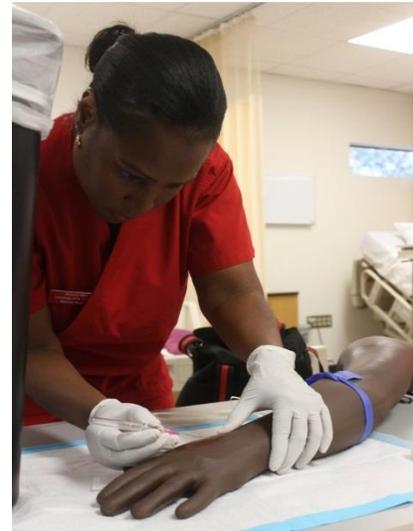


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**UST nursing students
attend clinical orientation
at Ben Taub General
Hospital in Houston, Texas.**

**A student practices IV insertion skills
in the Nursing Simulation Lab.**



**Nursing students participate in a
clinical simulation scenario.**