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School of Nursing Welcomes New Faculty for Holistic Nursing Courses

University of St. Thomas School of Nursing welcomes three new faculty members as the young program begins its second year. The faculty members are teaching three new nursing courses funded by the Title V program and piloted this semester. The courses are grounded in the University philosophy that nursing is a healing ministry on body, mind and spirit.

Dr. Lucindra Campbell-Law, professor

Dr. Campbell-Law taught nursing at Houston Baptist University for 16 years, where she had previously earned her bachelor's in nursing. She earned her doctorate at Texas Woman's University in 2004 and received her Master of Science in Nursing in 1996 from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston as an adult nurse practitioner and psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist focusing on addictions. Her areas of research involve populations of mentally ill offenders and caring for patients at the end of life.



Dr. Campbell-Law is teaching Holistic Nursing: Behavioral Health, which focuses on the care of individuals experiencing alterations in emotional/behavioral health from a holistic nursing perspective.

Dr. Claudine Dufrene, assistant professor

Dr. Dufrene taught at University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas, before joining the UST faculty. She served as the director of the Nursing Simulation Center there. Dr. Dufrene is a gerontological nurse practitioner and has a specialty in medical/surgical nursing. She earned her bachelor's and master's in nursing from the University of Phoenix and her doctorate in nursing from Texas Women's University. Her research and publications focus, among other topics, on the importance of simulation centers in nursing education.



Dr. Dufrene is a clinical instructor in the Holistic Nursing: Care of Older Adults course, which focuses on the care of older adults from a holistic nursing perspective.

Dr. Pamela Hodges, associate professor

Dr. Hodges previously taught at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, where she received the John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher award in 2011. Her nursing experience includes clinical practice and administrative roles at several hospitals and home health care centers in San Antonio and San Angelo, Texas. Recent research topics include quality of life study with Latinas, physical function in older women and heart failure in older adults.



Dr. Hodges is a clinical instructor in the Critical Care, which focuses on the care of individuals experiencing critical/life-threatening health alterations from a holistic nursing perspective

All of the above courses include clinical rotations in area hospitals and clinics. The development of these courses and enrolling senior students was one of the third-year objectives of the School of Nursing Title V Grant from the U.S. Department of Education.