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## Pre-Nursing Professor Honored as Toxicology Expert

The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology recently honored six medical professionals with fellowship status at the annual AACT Fellows and Members Reception, including Dr. Mark Winter, UST adjunct professor in the School of Nursing. The reception took place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta on Sept. 30.

Dr. Winter, who teaches Pharmacology, a required pre-nursing course for the School of Nursing, was honored for his work in the AACT and the American Association of Poison Control Centers. He was approached by the AACT board of directors and asked to apply for fellowship status.

“They knew of my service to many different committees over the years and felt there were many other jobs that I had done to serve the AACT,” Dr. Winter said.

Dr. Winter is a familiar face at the Nursing Success Center, funded through the Title V Education Grant. In addition to being available to individually meet at the NSC with students taking his course, Dr. Winter frequently holds small group review sessions there to further enhance his students’ learning opportunities.

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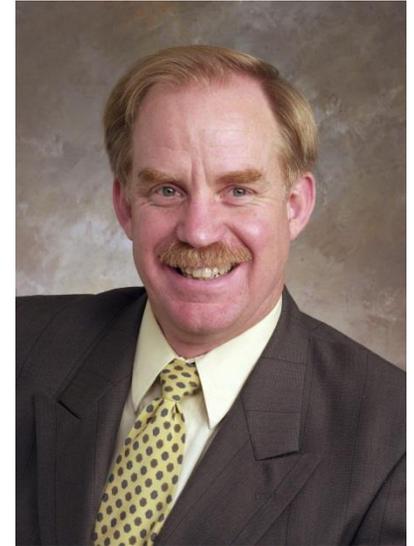
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Nursing student Gabby Martinez-Clayton said it was a blessing to have Dr. Winter as a pharmacology professor.

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Nursing student Bersabeh Samuel said she is happy Dr. Winter’s hard work was recognized.

“Dr. Winter is selfless and the most dedicated professor I have ever had,” Samuel said. “He has so much passion to share his knowledge. I was very lucky to be one of his students.”



Winter joined the AACT in 1985 after advocating for non-pharmacologists to be able to take the exam in clinical and applied toxicology. In 1989, Dr. Winter became the first Ph.D. candidate to sit for and pass the written exam as a diplomat for the American Board of Applied Toxicology.

“I was honored to be asked to apply for fellowship and humbled to be named a fellow,” Dr. Winter said. “As I sat on stage and looked across the room, I saw many of the giants in the field of toxicology that preceded me and wondered if I really deserved to be designated a fellow. The person next to me asked if we deserved to be sitting there and at that point I knew I was not alone in my thoughts.”

According to the AACT, the organization was founded as a not-for-profit organization uniting scientists and clinicians in the advancement of research, education, prevention and treatment of diseases caused by chemicals, drugs and toxins. Its members hope to promote the study of health effects of poisons on humans and animals.

“I am proud to be a diplomat for the American Board of Applied Toxicology and a fellow with the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology,” Dr. Winter said. “I look forward to continuing to serve the AACT for years into the future as a fellow.”