Founding News

THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION

Four New Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence Funded
The Foundation recently funded a major expansion of its Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence (CGNE) initiative. Four Centers—at Arizona State University, Pennsylvania State University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Utah—will each receive $1 million to prepare more than 500 nursing faculty with expertise in geriatrics. These new faculty will educate the next and needed generation nurses to improve the health and well-being of older adults. The four new CGNEs join five existing Centers at the Universities of Arkansas, Iowa, and Pennsylvania; the University of California, San Francisco; and Oregon Health & Science University.

The new Centers will develop innovative programs to recruit and retain new geriatric nursing faculty and retrain existing faculty in geriatric nursing. During the next 5 years, they will prepare 178 new doctoral and master’s-trained geriatric nurse educators. At least 340 existing nursing faculty will receive geriatrics training to help them better educate their students in the care of older adults. Three of the centers will create regional consortia to expand their geographic reach and train nurses serving elderly populations most in need.

The CGNEs are part of the Foundation’s Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Initiative. To learn more, access http://www.geriatricnursing.org.

Hurricane Summit Report Released
The 2007 Nursing Home Hurricane Summit, an unprecedented cooperative effort of disaster planning and nursing home leaders from eight Southeastern states, hosted by Hartford grantee Florida Health Care Association, has released “Caring for Vulnerable Elders During a Disaster: National Findings of the 2007 Nursing Home Summit.” The report provides key recommendations for long-term care facilities and emergency response centers to improve the care of frail and elderly citizens during a major disaster.

The primary finding of the report is that nursing homes must be incorporated into disaster response systems at all levels—national, state, and local. To read the full report and key recommendations, access http://www.fhca.org/news/summitfinal.pdf.

Nursing Clinical Resources Expansion
The Foundation awarded a grant to expand, enhance, and broadly disseminate the unique clinical resources of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University, which for the past 10 years has launched pioneering projects to advance geriatric nursing in the areas of education, research, practice, and policy. The Institute’s clinical resources, considered the “gold standard” in geriatric nursing care, require periodic review and updating and, although broadly used now, will reach even more practicing nurses through wider dissemination. For more information on the Institute’s clinical resources, access http://www.hartfordign.org.

BAGNC Nursing Scholars and Fellows Selected
The Hartford-supported Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) Scholar Awards Program recently selected a new cohort of predoctoral scholars and postdoctoral Claire M. Fagin fellows. Scholars each receive up to $100,000 over 2 years to subsidize their studies. Fellows are awarded up to $120,000 over 2 years to support research in the field of geriatric nursing. The winners were chosen through a rigorous national competition.

The BAGNC is part of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative, a multifaceted investment aimed at enhancing the care of older adults through innovations in nursing practice, education, research, leadership, and policy. To date, the BAGNC has supported 91 predoctoral scholars and 50 fellows. In addition, the program has supported four MBA scholars who anticipate a career focus on...
the management or leadership of institutions serving older adults.

To learn more about the scholars and fellows, access http://www.geronc.org/scholars-fellows/2007/2007_scholars.asp.

**The John A. Hartford Foundation Geropsychiatric Nursing Collaborative**

The Foundation recently granted more than $1 million to the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) to support the creation and dissemination of standard competencies and curricula in geropsychiatric nursing to improve the nursing care of older adults and better serve their mental health needs. This project, designed to help improve the training of nurses in the care of older adults’ mental health needs, will be led by geropsychiatric nursing leaders from three of the Foundation’s Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, with coordination provided by the AAN.

**About the Foundation**

The John A. Hartford Foundation is at the forefront of pioneering advances in medicine and health care, funding research and programs that have revolutionized medicine and shaped the delivery of health care during the past 75 years. The Foundation’s overall goal is to increase the nation’s capacity to provide affordable care to its rapidly increasing older population.

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