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TO IMPROVE THE WAY WE
THINK
THE WAY WE
LEARN
AND THE WAY WE
TEACH

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Hello everyone. It is good to be back in the routine of a regular semester.

Dr. Green and myself have been very active in laying the groundwork for the new Texas Coalition to be announced in early September by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Texas Team Advancing Health Through Nursing, led by the Texas Nursing Association and their Texas business partner, Blue Cross/BlueShield, now have a facebook page, a website linked through the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies, and the Involvement of top nursing leaders and agencies across the state. The work of addressing the recommendations of the IOM for nursing in Texas has just begun, but the coalition has identified leaders in education and practice to work on the most important recommendations for the state to meet for the future of nursing in Texas.

Grant writing is always an ongoing activity of the CINE and Dr. Billings, Dr. Merritt, Dr. Ragsdale, and myself are currently working on a Department of Labor grant in partnership with the workforce boards in Lubbock and Abilene for career ladder opportunities for CNA/LVN to BSN. Other grant applications in progress will be submitted to the RWJ Initiative on the Future of Nursing addressing education and health policy in Texas. Finally, the CINE is working with Drs. Merritt, Billings, Ragsdale, and Brinkman on a grant opportunity through the Alzheimer’s Foundation that proposes the validation of the Spanish version of Graymatters Assessment Screening System (early dementia screening).

I continue to serve on the National Nursing Advisory Committee for Western Governor’s University. A recent two day meeting in Utah provided the opportunity to meet with national nursing leaders about the future of RN/BSN educational models. This interesting dialogue reinforced the cutting education approach to RN/BSN education we have here at Tech. This opportunity to meet with and have an active relationship with national nursing leaders is an amazing experience. In addition, the CINE is paid for my consultation and these funds are available for projects and activities of the CINE membership.

The SON is preparing for the arrival of our new Dean, Dr. Michael Evans, coinciding with the IOM call to reshape the future of nursing education. This is indeed an excited time to be a nurse educator!

**GUNS UP!**
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### APPS for Relaxation and Improving your Life

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**TTUHSC SON YOUTUBE VIDEOS**

And just so you all know how creative the SON is on YouTube follow these links:

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaUzbu8VArU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaUzbu8VArU)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpaxyZpsx4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpaxyZpsx4)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92mc9SFCCOU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92mc9SFCCOU)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNgRHjiaXKE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNgRHjiaXKE)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CYwSfXt7A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CYwSfXt7A)
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdu0Gl0UoSI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdu0Gl0UoSI)

There are more from the SON but I thought I would just start with a few so we are all aware of what is out there on YouTube related to the SON.
TTUHSC School of Nursing’s Regional Campus in Abilene is serving as the education subcontractor on a recently awarded HRSA grant that is improving the culture of long term care. Sears Methodist Retirement System is the recipient of the three-year, $750,000 HRSA grant which focuses on two objectives, 1) to provide job opportunities by training and certifying nursing assistants (CNAs) and 2) to enhance the skills of current CNAs. The project uses an enriched curriculum that includes advanced workshops and simulation experiences for CNA students and graduates that are designed to develop advanced skill levels, critical and creative thinking, and pride in the CNA role. The grant is has components which encourage graduates to take next steps to advance in the nursing career ladder. To date the career ladder program has had over 95 students graduate and they have exceeded the 80 student target goal for the first year. The overall target goal for the career ladder program total is 240 students in three years and provides opportunities for individuals from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dr. Pearl Merritt and Dr. Vickie Ragsdale, together with business partner Sears Methodist, direct the program which takes place at Windcrest (a Sears Methodist facility). The on-site nurse aide program is taught by Carol Gallimore and incorporates the offsite TTUHSC SON SIM lab for additional clinical experiences. This is one of the first programs nationally to use high fidelity simulation in CNA training.

The enriched career ladder program has been taught in eight (8) sites by teleconference. The eight sites for the career ladder objective of this grant are: Abilene: Wesley Court, Windcrest, and Mesa Springs. In Odessa: the Parks, Amarillo, and the Craig. Three Veteran’s Administration homes receiving the career ladder program include: El Paso: Ambrosio Guillen, Big Spring: Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez, and McAllen: Alfredo Gonzalez.

Guest presenters have been invited on a quarterly basis. All nurse aides from both programs and other nurse aides in the community were invited to attend. Examples of the presentations are:

* Dr. Sam Brinkman Neuropsychologist with GrayMatters - Alzheimer’s dementia specialist

* Linda Boeshart, speech pathologist from a rehab clinic in Abilene who spoke on communication and other issues as it applies to the role of the nurse aide

* Dr. Dell McKnight, Medical Director for Sears who works closely with nurse aides and other staff.

This amazing partnership speaks to the mission of the CINE in working with business and private industry to bring about solutions to the nursing shortage. Drs. Merritt and Ragsdale have applied for further funding to follow the students in the career ladder into professional nursing. Dr. Lynda Billings has been instrumental in aiding Drs. Merritt and Ragsdale in obtaining funding and in seeking further grant awards for advanced training for CNAs.

The CINE applauds the outstanding outcomes of the important work of Drs. Merritt and Ragsdale and our wonderful business partner Sears Methodist.
Dr. Pearl Merritt is the Regional Dean for School of Nursing in Abilene. Dean Merritt has over thirty years experience in the healthcare field and specifically twenty-two years experience in Long Term Care. She maintains a strong emphasis in education as reflected in best practice models of care for nurses. Dr. Merritt contributes to the development of national practice guidelines through regional, state, and national committees, presentations, and other collaborative projects. She has received numerous awards such as Texas Association Homes and Services for Aging Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Dr. Vickie Ragsdale, is a nursing consultant who has co-authored and implemented a 64-hour CNA Career Ladder program for long-term care organizations throughout Texas. She has facilitated a continuing education program for licensed nursing staff through the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) for two organizations as well as for social workers through the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (TSBSWE), and activity staff through the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP). Dr. Ragsdale has co-authored an Alzheimer’s caregiver manual and facilitated the development of a 16-hr. end of life care program for direct care staff. Dr. Ragsdale currently works with Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc (SMRS) providing the career ladder curriculum for fourteen campuses.

JOIN THE CINE

Membership is open
New members are welcome!
Just as patient centered care is at forefront of healthcare, learner-centered or learner centric design is at the forefront of education. Enhanced by mobile learning and mobile technology, learner-centric education is both “socially connected” and “situated”. Low and O’Connell (2006) have an informative article on this topic with excellent theory based activities for encouraging engagement. The article is found on the following link:


The concept of “situated cognition” can be further explored in the book, “Cambridge Handbook of Situated Cognition” found on Amazon at:

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Cambridge+Handbook+of+Situated+Cognition&x=0&y=0

Further engagement of faculty in the CINE mission is one of the strategic goals of the centers within our School of Nursing.

The Advisory committee realizes time and busy schedules may prohibit each faculty to participate and this newsletter is one way to share with faculty what the CINE members are reading, doing and viewing.

Here is a list of websites you may want to check out when time permits. Save the newsletter and copy the address into your browsers:

- **Great case study to prepare for bioterrorism incident**
  http://emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies_blog.asp

- **Interesting work of Michael Sandel on justice and equality**
  http://www.justiceharvard.org/

- **Bookmark this Vaccine resource**
  http://www.myvaccineresource.com/?source=32CHCE99101

News from the IOM is featured on this link and I recommend joining the listserv to receive RSS feeds to your email box.

http://www.iom.edu/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Institute%20of%20Medicine&utm_campaign=08.11+IOM+News&utm_content=IOM%20Newsletter&utm_term=Unknown

Here NIH is Requesting Public Comments on the Genetic Testing Registry (GTR) for the next 60 days.

http://www.genome.gov/27544985

**Updates from the Center to Champion Nursing in America**

http://championnursing.org/

And as always, the CINE recommends you stay in close contact on FACEBOOK with the Texas Team Advancing Health Through Nursing.

http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Texas-Team-Advancing-Health-Through-Nursing/103918633025876

Get regular updates by clicking on LIKE.

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**THIS IS A MUST SEE PRESENTATION!**

**“CHANGING PARADIGMS”**

**SIR KENNETH ROBINSON**

In the spirit of enhancing learning, a change in paradigms has been recommended by Sir Kenneth Robinson in a recent You Tube presentation.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U

This site was recently recommended to me during a meeting and I wanted to share. It was developed by the AAMC and is an EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR DIALOGUE AND TEACHING MATERIALS. You will be required to register to use the site.

https://www.medeportal.org/