



TTUHSC School of Nursing Ranks Nationally in Conferring Degrees on Hispanics

Once a year, *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine* focuses on the health industry, examining how many newly graduate Hispanic health professionals are entering the health field and the higher education institutions conferring the most degrees on the Hispanic health professional graduates. Nursing and rehabilitation therapists were the focus for the academic year 2011.

Using figures provided by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System at the National Center for Education Statistics, *The Hispanic Outlook* compiled a list of 15 schools conferring the most bachelor's degrees in nursing for Hispanic graduates.

The states with the schools awarding the most bachelor's degrees in nursing to Hispanics are: Texas, with seven schools; Florida, with five schools; and Arizona, California, and New Mexico with one school each. TTUHSC School of Nursing ranked 5th with 82 Hispanic graduates out of 511. The top 4 schools were the University of Texas at El Paso, Florida International University, Barry University and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Across all the ranked schools for nursing and rehabilitation professions, Hispanic women outnumber Hispanic men. Of the 82 TTUHSC School of Nursing Hispanic graduates, 62 were female. The 20 male Hispanic nursing graduates demonstrate a progressive increase in Hispanic men graduating with degrees in nursing.

The success of the TTUHSC School of Nursing can be credited in part to nursing degrees enhanced by simulation and clinical experience, plus full-time retention counselors who provide one-on-one mentoring of students. The school also has the fourth-largest undergraduate program and the second-highest student retention rate of Texas Higher Education nursing schools.

