



## Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Honored with the Gold Nugget Award

The University of Texas at El Paso and the UTEP Alumni Association announced Linda Lawson '87 as the 2011 Gold Nugget Award recipient for the School of Nursing. Lawson was recognized for distinguished service to her



Linda Lawson, MS, RN, NEA-BC

profession and giving back to the community and alma mater. Linda earned her B.S. in nursing in 1987 from UTEP's School of Nursing. She earned her master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and will complete her Doctor of Nursing Practice Executive Nurse Leadership degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas in May 2012.

Lawson has held a variety of positions in executive leadership and patient care administration, clinical practice and academic positions in nursing. A surveyor for the American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet

Recognition Program, which recognizes excellence in professional nursing practice at hospitals worldwide. She also is an examiner for The Quality Texas Foundation, an independent non-profit corporation that administers the Texas Award for Performance Excellence. Quality Texas foundation provides resources for organizations that wish to improve by using the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) Criteria for Performance Excellence and other methods that drive efficiency and effectiveness.

Lawson currently is the Administrative Director of Nursing Operations at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, Texas.