Nursing Faculty Member Aims to Make Texas Schoolchildren Healthier

Wrennah L. Gabbert, PhD, RN, CPNP, FNP-BC, associate professor and coordinator, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Studies for the Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, has been appointed to the Texas School Health Advisory Committee.

The Texas School Health Advisory Committee, part of the Department of State Health Services, was created in 2005 to provide active leadership in the identification and dissemination of school health best practices and resources for school policy makers.

I am proud that one of our esteemed faculty will be working with other health care professionals, parents and organizations to assure a healthier future for young Texans,” said Chandice Covington, Ph.D., R.N., interim dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing.

As a committee member, Gabbert will help make recommendations that will support a healthy and safe school environment that fosters learning, and through effective school health education and services, will help produce healthy students, both physically and mentally.

“I am looking forward to working on issues at the heart of policy formation and advocacy for school-age children across our state,” Gabbert said.

Gabbert specializes in adult and distance/online learning and pediatric and family primary and acute care. She is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner and a certified family nurse practitioner. In April, she was chosen to serve on the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Continuing Education Review Committee.

For more information about the Texas School Health Advisory Committee, visit http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/shadvise.shtm.

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