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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Faculty Member Named President of the Texas League for Nursing

Debbie Mercer, MSN, R.N., ACNP-BC, assistant professor, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Nursing at Permian Basin in Odessa, will serve as the first president of the Texas League for Nursing board.

The Texas board is the latest group of state-based nurse educators to join forces to support the mission of the National League for Nursing, the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education.

“Debbie is a wonderful choice to lead the Texas League for Nursing,” said Chandice Covington, Ph.D., R.N., interim dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing. “She has experience in several fields of nursing including acute care and emergency medicine and is dedicated to continuing nursing education.”

Other members of Texas’ inaugural executive team are: president-elect/vice president, Donna Hedges, MBA, MSN, R.N., Faculty II, Baptist School of Health Professions, San Antonio; secretary; Brenda Johnson, MSN, R.N., B.C., associate professor; clinical simulation coordinator and nursing practice liaison, Austin Community College; and treasurer, Raina Lively, R.N., V.N., instructor/site coordinator, Hill College (Glen Rose Campus), Hillsboro.

“I am honored to lead a group that is charged with bettering nursing education in Texas,” Mercer said. “Together we will raise the profile of nursing and nurse educators in legislative circles throughout the state and develop a vision of nursing as a lifelong commitment to learning.”

Mercer added, “I encourage all nursing educators to join the Constituent Texas NLN so we may have a larger impact at the local and national levels through collaboration, continuing education offerings and networking.”

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In addition to strengthening the relationship of Texas nurse educators to the National League for Nursing, a key goal of the Texas board is to provide an avenue for collaboration with one another and with the state's nurses and other professional groups and associations to promote excellence in nursing and nursing education at the local and national levels.

For more information about the Texas League for Nursing board, e-mail Mercer at TexasNLN@gmail.com.