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The Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing Appoints Chandice Covington to The Florence Thelma Hall Endowed Chair for Nursing Excellence in Women’s Health

MIDLAND -- The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing announces the appointment of Chandice Covington, Ph.D., R.N., as The Florence Thelma Hall Endowed Chair for Nursing Excellence in Women’s Health.

Longtime Texas Tech supporter Marie Hall established the chair in memory of her mother. The chair is based in the Perry School of Nursing and collaborates with the Laura W. Bush Institute of Women’s Health on research endeavors.

“Thanks to the generosity of Marie Hall and other loyal supporters who donated to this chair, a bright future in medicine, education and research in women’s health is within reach,” said TTUHSC President John C. Baldwin, M.D.

Covington will have a vital role as a clinician, educator and researcher and will serve as a catalyst for the development of women’s health programs in the Perry School of Nursing and the institute.

“Dr. Covington’s extensive academic career spans research, education and clinical care,” said Marjorie Jenkins, M.D., executive director of the institute. “She brings a wealth of experience to the institute which will further its mission of promoting women’s health research and education.”

Covington joins TTUHSC from the College of Nursing at the University of North Dakota where she most recently served as dean. She is the first Perry School of Nursing faculty member to be appointed to a chair position within a TTUHSC institute and the first to receive a joint appointment with the School of Medicine.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Covington,” said Alexia Green, Ph.D., R.N., dean of the Perry School of Nursing. “She is a leader in the nursing community and an innovative educator. Her collaborative involvement with the institute will lead to many research opportunities in women’s health issues.”

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Covington received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. She also holds a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

She is a pediatric nurse practitioner and a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. For her research, which focuses on women’s health, rural health and breast cancer, Covington has received external funding from multiple National Institutes of Health entities including the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

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