## **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC)**

TTUHSC is a state-supported educational institution located in Lubbock, Texas, which has a service area of 9 urban and 99 rural counties in West Texas, covering a total of 131,000 square miles. This service area has been and remains highly underserved by health professionals and accessible health facilities. TTUHSC has state-of-the-art capacity for telecommunications applications, both in education and health care. Designated classrooms and conference rooms are equipped for TechLink connection to distant sites. In addition, TTUHSC has invested in HealthNet. HealthNet provides education throughout the United States and internationally. The geographic, demographic, and socio-cultural characteristics and changes in West Texas have led to the development of programs described by regionalization of health care education and patient care on multiple geographically separated campuses, Lubbock, El Paso, Abilene, Amarillo, Permian Basin and Dallas. In partnership with Texas Tech University (TTU), its academic sister institution by charter, TTUHSC provides for advancement of knowledge through scientific collaborations such as aging, cancer, reproduction, genetic diseases and rural health.

## **TTUHSC SON**

The TTUHSC School of Nursing (SON) is one of four schools in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The SON educates greater than 2000 undergraduate (traditional baccalaureate, accelerated baccalaureate, and RN to BSN) and graduate (Master's and Doctoral) students annually. The SON has been one of three collaborating institutions in establishing the Lubbock Coalition for Community Health Improvement, and five years after its establishment, continues to serve as a lead agency in that coalition. The SON, as part of the TTUHSC, has access to the extensive financial management resources in the Health Sciences Center. The TTUHSC Office of Sponsored Programs works directly with the SON in the grants process — from writing and submission of proposals, to oversight in the implementation and administration of funded programs. In addition, the SON has its own finance department, with a complete staff and Finance Director, which oversees and assists in the grant's management process. The SON has had numerous funded grants from federal and private sources, ranging in amounts of a low of under \$100K to over \$2M.