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TTUHSC School of Nursing Hosts Renowned Nursing Theorist

Internationally recognized nursing leader Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, will present, “Overview of Caring Science,” Friday, Sept. 12 at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), 3601 Fourth St. in Academic Classroom Building Room 100. Watson’s presentation is part of a day-long event dedicated to advancing the science and practice of caring in health care hosted by the School of Nursing and sponsored by the Dr. Ken Ketner School of Nursing Faculty Development Endowment.

“We are delighted and honored to welcome Dr. Watson, an internationally recognized nursing theorist, philosopher and scholar, and Dr. Sara Horton-Deutsch, a distinguished leader in Caritas Coaching, to our campus,” Holly Wei, Ph.D., RN, TTUHSC School of Nursing dean, said. “Dr. Watson’s visionary work in Human Caring Theory has profoundly shaped nursing practice worldwide. Their presence with us today reaffirms the timeless truth that caring is at the heart of healing and continues to guide us in sustaining compassion, dignity and humanity in health care.”

Watson is a distinguished professor and dean emerita at the University of Colorado, Denver, College of Nursing, where she held the nation’s first endowed chair in caring science. She is founder and director of the nonprofit Watson Caring Science Institute. Her groundbreaking work in the philosophy and science of human caring has influenced nursing practice, education and research worldwide. In 2013, she was named a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, its highest honor.

Program highlights include:

- 8:30 a.m. – Welcome and acknowledgment
- 9 a.m. – Watson, “Overview of Caring Science”
- 10:15 a.m. – Horton-Deutsch, “The Art of Integration—Caring Science Meets AACN Essentials”
- 12:15 p.m. – Group breakout sessions
- 1 p.m. – Watson/Horton-Deutsch summary

The program also features opportunities for discussion and reflection on how caring science can be integrated into nursing education, patient care and organizational culture.