

- Research Support -

- Project Title: *Future Nurses Club*

Principal Investigator, Mrs. Dawn Forbes Murphy, Co-Investigator, Dr. Patricia Price Lea

The goals and objectives of the project are to 1) encourage and inform teenage students of educational and career opportunities in health professions; (2) create optimism about the values, rewards, and accessibility of health professions careers; and 3) increase awareness about the need for underrepresented minorities in the health professions. The Future Nurses Club's targeted audience is middle school aged students.

**Funding Source: Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro**

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- Project Title: *eHealth Tobacco Leadership Project*

Principal Investigator, Mrs. Dawn Forbes Murphy, Co-Investigator, Dr. Patricia Price Lea

This project is an internet-based smoking cessation and peer counseling training program that expands a successful tobacco education radio project in collaboration with the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. The Blackboard e-learning platform will be used to train student nurses as peer counselors and provide on-line smoking cessation treatment for A&T students. The training will offer course credit. The peer counseling training will be opened to other students once it is successfully piloted to nursing students. A smoking prevention and cessation website that uses blogging for smoking cessation support will be developed. The e-Health Project will offer students course credit for training and cultivate interested students as tobacco control leaders. Additionally, nursing faculty will continue to develop tobacco control experts for our campus.

**Funding Source: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF)**

- *Project Title: Ensuring the Success of Hispanic Nursing Students at Historically Black Universities - Recruitment and Retention of Hispanic Nursing Students*

Principal Investigator, Dr. Laura McQueen, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Co-Investigator, Mrs. Dawn Forbes Murphy

The purpose of this project is to provide a more culturally competent health professional workforce to provide quality care to underserved populations, and to increase diversity of the nursing workforce by implementing specific recruitment and retention strategies targeting students who are Hispanic, a minority group that is underrepresented in nursing. The program, using an interdisciplinary approach, will focus on increased recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation of economically disadvantaged minority students who are Hispanic and are interested in pursuing a nursing education.

**Funding Source: UNC Program on Ethnicity Culture and Health Outcomes**

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- *Project Title: Increasing RN-BSN Students and Interests in School Clubs (IRSIS)*

Principal Investigator, Dr. Patricia Price Lea, Dean, Co-Investigator, Mrs. Dawn Forbes Murphy, Mrs. Cathy Badgett

The purpose of this project is two-fold: to provide an online degree program for registered nurses (RN's) who are seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) in a less constricting learning environment and establish a Future Nurses Club for middle school students to promote healthy eating and life choices. This projects aims to educate increasing numbers of diverse nurses who are prepared as skilled clinicians at the baccalaureate level and are able to provide culturally competent care to underserved populations. Our RN-BSN graduates, who chose to work in underserved areas, will be able to address health disparities and the quality of life as well as health care experienced by their community residents.

In conjunction with the Future Nurses Club, an 8-week summer immersion program will be held in the School of Nursing for 30 middle school aged children. The purpose of the summer immersion program is to improve the health status of young adults during the summer months by promoting healthier eating and lifestyle choices, creating more opportunities for physical activities, and providing *Safe Sitter* training certification.

**Funding Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).**

- *Project Title: Center for Health Disparities Research*

The primary investigator and center director at Johns Hopkins is Dr. Fannie Gaston-Johansson DrMedSc, RN, FAAN, professor and Director of international affairs at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University (NCA&TSU), in partnership with the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (JHUSON), five-year grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) to create a Center for Health Disparities Research. The effort is one of eight partnerships funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) that joins research-intensive universities with primarily minority universities to conduct research on disparities in health care. The Center will promote the research of culturally sensitive nursing interventions aimed at improving care for underserved populations. Research will focus on the areas of health promotion, symptom management, and domestic violence. The Center's co-director and principal investigator at NCA&TSU is Dr. Von Best Whitaker PhD, RNC, FAAN, assistant Dean, and associate professor of nursing.

**Funding Source: National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)**