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## **GW's Department of Nursing Education Awarded \$386,000 HRSA Grant**

WASHINGTON, DC—The Department of Nursing Education (DNE) at The George Washington University (GW) has been awarded a \$386,000 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant to enhance its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The three-year grant will enable the program to increase access to doctoral education for nurses working and living in underserved communities.

“These funds will allow our program to expand and enhance its distance education offerings and to recruit and retain students from underserved areas,” said DNP program director, Christine Pintz, PhD, FNP. “Receiving this highly competitive grant reflects our growing reputation as an innovative nursing program.”

The funding will be used to prepare graduates as nurse practitioners or nursing administrators in diverse settings. It will also provide additional technology resources such as Web conferencing and online learning objects for DNP students.

Now in its second year, the GW DNP program provides doctoral education for nurses in advance practice to prepare them for roles as clinicians, administrators, and nursing faculty. As a national program, the DNP is comprised of students from across the U.S. and Canada, including Maine, Minnesota, Utah, Texas, Arizona, Guam, and Ontario. The DNE distance education format allows students from across the nation to earn their terminal degree at a top-tier school.

“This funding will help our department continue to offer quality education regardless of a student’s geographic location,” said department chair Ellen Dawson, PhD, ANP. “Our programs are designed to allow experienced nurses obtain an advanced degree.”

The George Washington University Department of Nursing Education was established in 2004 and is an integral part of The George Washington University Medical Center. The George Washington University Medical Center is an internationally recognized interdisciplinary academic health center that has consistently provided high quality medical care in the Washington, DC metropolitan area for 176 years. The George Washington University Department of Nursing Education launched the first Doctor of Nursing Practice program in the nation’s capital and offers eight graduate-level programs in the clinical, research and leadership fields. The Department of Nursing Education is accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. For more information about GW’s nursing programs, click on “Nursing” at <http://www.gwumc.edu/healthsci/>.

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