Denise Danna, DNS, RN, NEA, BC, FACHE
P. K. Scheerle Professorship of Nursing

Dr. Denise Danna is currently an Associate Professor of Nursing at LSUHSC School of Nursing and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She was inducted into the Louisiana Nurses Foundation Hall of Fame in February. Dr. Danna’s goal is to explore and develop a replicable model for succession planning in a variety of health care settings to ensure that leaders can implement and manage the organization’s strategic initiatives. An exploratory study will be used to identify the critical elements and factors of succession planning through the opinions and perceptions of a national panel of healthcare executive experts, analyze the critical elements and factors of succession planning, validate the critical elements and factors of succession planning, and validate a succession planning model.

Deborah Garbee, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC
Sister Henrietta Guyot Professorship of Nursing

Dr. Deborah Garbee is currently an Associate Professor of Nursing at LSUHSC School of Nursing. Dr. Garbee’s goal is to integrate TeamSTEPPS, which was developed by The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Department of Defense, into the undergraduate and graduate nursing curricula. National calls for improvement in healthcare, quality and safety, patient outcomes and interprofessional collaborative practice make it increasingly important to incorporate teamwork and communication training in nursing student education. The study will appraise the curriculums for placement of specific tools and strategies; differentiate placement of learning activities in theory, practicum, and simulation/lab courses; engage stakeholders for critique of proposed placement of TeamSTEPPS content; educate faculty on TeamSTEPPS; and implement TeamSTEPPS.

Gloria Giarratano, PhD
St. Charles General Hospital Auxiliary Professorship of Nursing

Dr. Gloria Giarratano is currently a Professor of Nursing at LSUHSC School of Nursing. She was named Nurse Researcher of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association in 2012. Her previous research focused on mental health and disaster recovery. Dr. Giarratano’s goal is to develop and implement a pilot study that tests the feasibility and effectiveness of a perinatal mental health intervention. A pre-test post-test non-equivalent comparison group quasi-experimental design will be used to determine differences in perceived stress, pregnancy anxiety, mindfulness, coping, and depression with pregnant women who have the interventions (Mindful Meditation Practices and partner massage), as compared to similar women who had no intervention.

Leslie Nolden, DNP, FNP-BC, APRN
Tucker H. Couvillon, III Professorship of Nursing Research in Parkinson’s Disease

Dr. Leslie Nolden is currently an Instructor of Nursing at LSU Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. Her area of clinical expertise is in primary care and mental health nursing. Dr. Nolden’s goal is to develop an evidence-based manual for Parkinson’s patients. Dr. Nolden will explore risk factors for Parkinson’s disease and utilize the risk factors to develop evidence-based tools for use in the early screening process of Parkinson’s disease symptoms. Dr. Nolden will analyze clinical assessment tools to assess the clinical progression and quality of life for Parkinson’s disease patients.