In honor of Jo Ellen Smith, BSN
The Tenet HealthSystem/Jo Ellen Smith, BSN, Endowed Chair in Nursing is named in honor of Jo Ellen Smith, an LSUHSC nursing student killed in April 1973. Jo Ellen was granted her degree posthumously at the June 1973 graduation.

In keeping with the vision of the Tenet HealthSystem and in dialogues between Tenet HealthSystem and the Smith family, a relationship was established with the LSUHSC School of Nursing to establish the Tenet HealthSystem/Jo Ellen Smith, BSN, Endowed Chair of Nursing. This Chair represents a lasting memorial in Jo Ellen Smith’s name, and recognizes Tenet’s partnership in an opportunity to realize broad-based research impact, through the Chair holder’s efforts, on nursing and health care in Louisiana and the nation.

Focus of the Endowed Chair
The LSUHSC School of Nursing embraces the opportunity to establish the Tenet HealthSystem/Jo Ellen Smith, BSN Chair of Nursing that focuses on research and scholarly endeavors. This noted researcher and scholar will have the opportunity to engage in collaborative research within LSUHSC and the hospitals comprising the LSUHSC Health Care Services Division to conduct clinical nursing and interdisciplinary research. These research findings are expected to support state-of-the-art clinical nursing practice. This individual will serve as a catalyst and mentor amongst the School of Nursing junior faculty members to increase the research and extramural funding productivity within the School.
Expectations of the Endowed Chair
The expectations for the Chair holder are:
► Maintain an active program of nursing research
► Maintain a consistent record of refereed publications
► Engage in national and international nursing research presentations
► Serve on nursing thesis/capstone and/or doctoral dissertation committees
► Develop academic-practice/service partnerships for nursing research
► Mentor junior faculty
► Conduct faculty development programs on nursing research
► Submit intramural and extramural research grants

LSUHSC School of Nursing offers three programs of study: the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), the Master of Nursing (MN), and the Doctor of Nursing Science (DNS). The MN program offers diversification along the areas of nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nursing administration, and advanced public health/community health nursing. Each program of study offers dynamic and state-of-the-art learning in nursing practice, research, and theory. Visit the LSUHSC School of Nursing website at http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/

LSUHSC School of Nursing is located in New Orleans, Louisiana, a culturally rich and diverse area in the Mississippi delta. One of America’s oldest and most treasured cities, New Orleans is host to thousands of visitors and has a population of around a quarter of a million. Like many areas in the southern US, Louisiana residents have health problems related to poverty and inadequate health care access. Recent catastrophic events also offer unique opportunities for research. Louisiana and LSUHSC offer the Tenet HealthSystem/Jo Ellen Smith, BSN Endowed Chair a lush template for nursing research and improving the quality of life and health care for Louisiana’s citizens.

Qualifications of the Endowed Chair
The qualifications for the Chair holder are:
► Earned doctorate in nursing
► Unencumbered licensure as Registered Nurse eligible for Louisiana licensure
► National certification in the respective clinical nursing specialty
► An established program of extramurally funded nursing research
► A record of or potential to secure high level NIH funding or other similar extramural funding
► History of scholarly leadership on nursing editorial boards, professional associations, or advisory boards
► Documented record of at least two data-based refereed publications per year for the last two years
► A curriculum vitae or portfolio that demonstrates a record of research and scholarship

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