



## **Associate Dean for Nursing Research, Scholarship & Science**

The School of Nursing (SON) at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC), the state's flagship health university, invites applications and nominations for the position of Associate Dean for Nursing Research, Scholarship, and Science. The Associate Dean serves as a member of senior administration within the School of Nursing reporting to the dean and directs activities for the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship, and Science. The Associate Dean stimulates, promotes, and develops the research interests and related productivity of the SON faculty and manages the Doctorate of Nursing Science Program.

The Associate Dean will lead the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship, and Science to achieve its strategic goals: develop a research and evaluation infrastructure within the SON; promote and support the conduct and dissemination of scholarly research; increase and strengthen nursing faculty's research productivity through the facilitation of intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary research interest groups/teams; support faculty development in the area of nursing research and publication; develop a repository of information related to grants, research proposals, best practices, and evaluation; facilitate access to funding opportunities; and promote an environment of continuous quality improvement.

### **Position Qualifications:**

Candidates must have an earned doctoral degree in nursing or a medical research field; minimum of five years of experience as faculty within a university; must demonstrate a high level of interpersonal skills within communication, consultation, and collaborative interactions; documented record of successful grant writing and research funded at the national level; experience as reviewer at the national level or as a member of a University Institutional Review Board; current primary investigator with own program of research. Experience as a mentor of new faculty researchers and as a director of a research program is desirable. Current licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the United States is desired, but not a requirement for consideration.

### **The School of Nursing:**

Of the approximately 2,800 students on the LSUHSC campus, nearly 1,000 are nursing students. The undergraduate nursing program has over 700 students and there are approximately 300 students in the graduate nursing program. The total SON population is 90% female and 10% male. There are 76 full-time faculty members in the SON which mirror the student population in terms of gender composition. One-third of the faculty are Safe Zone trainers. LSUHSC SON is the only nursing school in Louisiana that offers academic programs to award four distinct degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Doctor of Nursing Science degrees.

The School of Nursing at LSU Health New Orleans has been ranked the #9 nursing school in the United States, the #5 nursing school among public nursing schools nationally and the #2 nursing school in the Southeast region. The rankings resulted from an evaluation of data recently collected from nursing schools nationwide by Nursing Schools Almanac. The School of Nursing is the Louisiana Center for Promotion of Optimal Health Outcomes: A Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Center of Excellence.

To learn more about the School of Nursing please visit: <http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/>

### **Scholarship Model & Research Priorities:**

The LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing faculty considers the Scholarship Model as central to academic life, and integral to individual, institutional, and the discipline of nursing's advancement in knowledge. In the Scholarship Model, the central focus is promoting human health. While the promotion of human health resides innermost, it is next to the circle that contains priority areas of the SON faculty, requiring the attention of nurse researchers, scientists, practitioners, educators, and administrators:

- Improving overall population health, in concert with key stakeholders;
- Research that delineates the social determinants of health in our region, and how best to intervene and ameliorate detrimental aspects;
- Addressing the underserved, vulnerable populations, and their health disparities;
- Engaging in disaster preparedness and relief activities in this coastal area; and
- Assuring competency and excellence in the preparation of healthcare administrators to coordinate all levels of healthcare activities for quality and efficiency.

The outermost nested circle provides the foundation from which all strategies to implement the Scholarship Model are grounded: institutional and SON Mission, Core Values, Vision, and Strategic Initiatives. The Mission links leadership in education, practice, service, and research; while the Vision strives to achieve national and international eminence in these same areas.

### **The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center:**

LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans is among the nation's most comprehensive academic health centers and Louisiana's flagship health university, educating approximately 70% of Louisiana's health care professionals. LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans has teaching, research, and health care functions state-wide, through its six professional schools and eight Centers of Excellence, as well as the more than one hundred hospitals and other health science related institutions throughout the state, region, nation, and the world, with which they maintain affiliations. Component professional schools, each headed by a dean, which now constitute the Health Sciences Center include Medicine, Graduate Studies, Dentistry, Nursing, Allied Health Professions, and Public Health.

LSUHSC provides a research-intensive environment for interdisciplinary collaboration with existing lines of research through its Centers of Excellence: Neuroscience Center, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center, Cardiovascular Center, Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center, Oral and Craniofacial Biology Center, Eye Center, Epilepsy Center, and the Louisiana Vaccine Center.

### **The City of New Orleans, Louisiana:**

LSUHSC's campus is located in downtown New Orleans. Situated on the Mississippi River, New Orleans is a unique city bursting with history, culture, and opportunity. The city's natural beauty, as well as its musical and architectural heritage, have been marveled over for centuries. As a cultural destination, New Orleans is unparalleled. The famous cuisine, nightlife and hospitality are internationally renowned. Events like Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest bring visitors



from around the globe. Other cultural offerings include the Aquarium of the Americas, Audubon Zoological Gardens, New Orleans Philharmonic Orchestra, New Orleans Opera and the Essence Festival. The region is famous as a sportsman's paradise with limitless recreational opportunities. New Orleans also hosts the Saints and Pelicans professional sports teams and the Zephyrs Triple-A baseball team.

**Application and Nomination Process:**

Applications will be accepted online on the LSUHSC Careers website:

<https://lsuh.sc/jobs/?id=1437>, Job ID 1437. To ensure full consideration by the search committee, candidates should submit the following documents with their online applications: a letter of interest, resume or curriculum vitae, a vision statement for the Office of Nursing Research, Scholarship and Science and contact information for five (5) professional references.

*(References will not be contacted until candidates are so notified.)* The review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries and nominations may be addressed to the search committee chair, Dr. Marsha Bennett, at [mbenne@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:m benne@lsuhsc.edu). Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications.

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