PRESIDENT’S AWARD FOR INTERCAMPUS COLLABORATION

Dr. Debra Gayer saw a growing need for advanced nurse providers with a focus on children, particularly in rural communities in the state. With a HRSA grant, she brought together intercampus faculty resources from MU, UMKC and UMSL to develop an online Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) program, which serves as a model of cooperative education.

When the collaboration began, online course offerings were limited. A limited supply of advanced practice nursing faculty and other resource restrictions made developing the specialty courses on each of the campuses unfeasible. By collaborating to develop core pediatric courses, the group was able to improve student learning and conserve resources by sharing faculty among the campuses.

The cooperative, online course delivery provided an advantage to students to maximize their exposure to expert faculty on each of the campuses without leaving their own communities. The collaborative nature of the program seeped into the actual coursework as well with students from each campus and across the state interacting and discussing children’s healthcare issues.

One nominator wrote, “The work of this project exemplifies the positive impact that intercampus collaboration can have on the quality of our educational programs and the ability to provide access to stellar programs and faculty for students across the state and beyond.”

Dr. Debra Gayer has been with the Sinclair School of Nursing at MU since 1994. Her nursing specialty area is in pediatric primary care and her interest areas include family dynamics, children with chronic illness and counseling. She is a PNP with a private pediatric practice.

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Coordinator, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Emphasis Area
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Dr. Dawn Garzón has been with UMSL since 2005. She has a background in pediatric primary care and psychiatric epidemiology, and studies child and adult behaviors that influence unintentional injury risk in preschool children. She is a PNP at the Chesterfield and O’Fallon After Hours Pediatric Urgent Care Centers, and is an adjunct professor of psychiatry at Washington University.

Susann M. Farberman, DNP, M.Ed., APRN, CPNP-PC
Director, Doctor of Nursing Program
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Dr. Susann Farberman has been with UMSL since 1996 and specializes in pediatric advanced nursing. She serves on the PAC Committee of the Missouri Nurses Association and is a PNP with a private pediatric practice.

Diana B. King, MSN, RN, CPNP
Director, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Track
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Diana King has been with UMKC since 2009 as a clinical instructor for the PNP track of study. Her pediatric background includes community health and urgent care. She is a PNP in the emergency department at Children’s Mercy Hospital.

Virginia R. Rahm, MSN, RN, APRN, PNP-BC
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Virginia Rahm has been with the UMKC School of Nursing since 1991. She studies parent perceptions and growth of children with Down syndrome. Rahm is a PNP in the infant care clinic at Children’s Mercy Hospital.