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Mark your calendar!



Informational Tea

When: Monday, December 3, 2007
3:00-5:00 PM
Where: Stoland Lounge

New Member Induction Banquet
When: May 15th, 2008
Where: Ritz Carlton Overland Park, Kansas (Look for details in the Spring Newsletter)

Calendar of Events



October 18, 2007

Executive Board Meeting
4:00-5:00 p.m. 3025 SON

November 2-7, 2007

STTI Biennial Convention
Baltimore, Maryland

November 8, 2007

Fall Business Meeting & Program
University of Kansas School of Nursing
School of Nursing Building
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Details Inside
Executive Board Meeting prior
3025 SON 4:00-5:00 p.m.

December 3, 2007

Sigma Theta Tau Informational Tea
Stoland Lounge
3:00-5:00 p.m.

January 24, 2008

Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 5:00-6:00 p.m.

February 13, 2008

Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 4:00-5:00 p.m.

March 13, 2008

Spring Meeting and Program
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting prior
3025 SON
4:00-5:00 p.m.

April 23, 2008

Executive Board Meeting
3025 SON 4:00-5:00 p.m.

May 15, 2008

New Member Induction Banquet



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been a while since our last newsletter and a lot has been happening at Delta Chapter. Last May we had a very successful induction banquet welcoming new members into the Chapter. This brings our total active membership to over 500 placing us among the largest chapters in Sigma Theta Tau International. With this comes an expectation that Delta Chapter provides leadership to others. Something I am proud to say we are doing.

Each year we engage in numerous activities supporting the mission of STTI. We provide for dissemination of scholarly work by conducting scholarly programs every year. On November 8th the latest of these programs will be presented by Dr. Lynne Connelly, RN, PhD, of the KU School of Nursing, as she discusses how clinicians can identify and develop a research proposal. I invite everyone to attend and come away with a research idea that you can develop into a proposal.

Each year Delta Chapter receives requests for funding of these proposals and we are happy to say that we are often able to provide the funding necessary to get these thoughtful ideas from the planning to the completion stage. In addition to developing new knowledge we also recognize the accomplishments of our membership. This year we recognized several people with

awards details of which are highlighted in this issue.

Delta Chapter has also been the recipient of two STTI awards. First, Dr. Helen Connors, RN, PhD, FAAN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the KU School of Nursing has been selected to receive the Virginia Saba Health Informatics Leadership award. Second, Delta Chapter will receive their eighth chapter key award. Both awards will be presented at the STTI Biennial Convention in November.

This Fall Delta Chapter and the KU School of Nursing will publish its first volume of the *Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Student Writing*. This unique on-line journal showcases the written work of graduating seniors. In this first issue 10 articles were selected by a peer review process. The articles address a variety of legal, ethical and clinical issues of importance to these students. We invite you to visit this website and read what they have to say.

In closing, this is the year of the STTI Biennial. There are several proposed by-law changes that will be introduced at this Biennial. The most important of which is the decision to change criteria for membership. More detail about these changes are provided in the newsletter (page 8). Elizabeth Clark and I are your voting delegates at this Biennial and need to hear from you on this issue.

David Martin



SPRING 2007 INDUCTION BANQUET



On May 17, 2007, Delta Chapter inducted 36 undergraduate students, 29 graduate students and 3 nurse leaders at the annual Induction Banquet. About 80 chapter members, family and friends were present to witness this honor. We welcome these new members and wish them success in their nursing career. **Sharon Kumm** was awarded a plaque for serving as president for 3 years. Congratulations Sharon and thank you for your dedicated service! Sharon is pictured below with our current Delta Chapter President, David Martin.



These KUMC BSN seniors were recognized at the banquet as authors for the *Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Writing*. See page 4 for details about this new journal and a list of the authors.

DELTA AWARDS



During the Induction Banquet, Delta Chapter awarded the annual Outstanding Student and Excellence in Clinical Practice Awards.

The awardees were:

Undergraduate Student:

Jessica Anderson

Master's Student:

Chito Belchez

Doctoral Student:

Moya Peterson

Excellence in Practice:

Noreen Thompson

Community Leadership:

Suzanne Shaffer



**DO YOU KNOW A
A NURSE COLLEAGUE WHO
DEMONSTRATES SUPERIOR
LEADERSHIP OR CLINICAL
EXCELLENCE?**

Please consider nominating your nursing colleagues for the awards of community leadership or clinical excellence. The application/nomination deadlines for Outstanding Student Awards, Community Leadership Award & Clinical Excellence award are **April 1, 2008**.



DID YOU KNOW?

STTI Delta Chapter has initiated *The Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Writing*, in order to recognize superior writing ability of senior nursing students. The journal is a compilation of original articles submitted by students and judged on their ability to address current healthcare/nursing related issues or experiences using sophisticated resources.



The following students authored papers that were accepted to the journal. Each author received a \$50.00 award, funded by Delta Chapter. Congratulations to these excellent writers:

Kristin Abbott
Michelle Alexander
Jessica Anderson
Emily Curan
Julia Dragich
Jessie Frazel
Kristen Jeschke
Teresa Taylor
Roxane Henrici
Anna Rice
David Tran

If you are interested in reading these papers, here is the link to Dykes Library:
<http://www.kumc.edu/archie/handle/2271/237>

Editorial Board:
David Martin
Lynne Connelly
Kathleen Brewer



DELTA RESEARCH AND TRAVEL AWARDS

The Delta Chapter has provided funds to assist their members in research and scholarly activities. We are happy to announce the 2006 & 2007 Research & Travel Awardees:

Research:

- Kathleen Brewer, Spring 2006
- Eldonna Sylvia, Spring 2006
- Phoebe Williams, Fall 2006
- Marge Barnett, Spring 2007

Travel Awards:

- Karen Wambach, Spring 2006
- Ubolrat Piamjariyakul, Spring 2006
- Carol Smith, Fall 2006
- Kelli Kramer, Spring 2007
- Ubolrat Piamjariyakul, Spring 2007



HOW DO I APPLY FOR FUTURE RESEARCH & TRAVEL AWARDS??

Research eligibility has been expanded to include thesis and doctoral research projects. These awards are open to all members!

Information and application forms regarding the various awards are available at the Delta Chapter website or you can contact:

Susan Parker
Chair, Research & Awards Committee
Delta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau
The University of Kansas School of Nursing
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS 66160
E-mail: sparker@kumc.edu

Upcoming Deadlines: 3/1/08 & 9/1/08

Congratulations Delta Chapter!

For the 8th consecutive biennium, Sigma Theta Tau International Board of Directors has selected Delta Chapter as a recipient of the 2007 Chapter Key Award. Delta Chapter's entry will be honored at The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International's 39th Biennial Convention to be held November 3-7, 2007, in Baltimore, MD. Thanks to all those who contributed to the entry process!



Congratulations to Dr. Helen Connors, the 2007 International Award recipient of the Virginia K. Saba Nursing Informatics Leadership Award. This award will be presented to Dr. Connors at the 39th Biennial Convention to be held November 3-7 in Baltimore, Maryland.

UNDERGRADUATE NURSING STUDENT HONORS PROGRAM

Beginning in 2001, the University of Kansas School of Nursing launched an **Undergraduate Nursing Honors Program**. This program offers enhanced educational opportunities for the most academically talented, promising, and motivated baccalaureate students while providing a foundation for leadership development and articulation into graduate education.

Every year this program admits 3-8 junior nursing students who meet the criteria and are interested in learning about and conducting nursing research. The program requires that each student identify a research question and then plan, conduct, analyze, and report the findings. This research is conducted with the mentorship of a research faculty member from the School of Nursing, who shares similar interests. Students must complete the entire research process prior to graduation from the BSN program.



Conducting research requires money. Although funding is often available, previously students have had to pay out-of-pocket for a variety of expenses, such as printing, mailing, data entry and analysis. In 2006, Delta Chapter implemented a program to assist students in the Honors Program with their unfunded research expenses. The program will reimburse students up to \$500 and is based on their demonstrated financial need.

In 2007 Delta Chapter made its first award, under this new program, to **Lindsay Gorman** for expenses incurred during her research project. In cooperation with Dr. Ginger Breedlove, her primary research sponsor, Lindsay completed her project titled: *Risks Associated with Prenatal Stress and Depression*. We congratulate Lindsay on her completed research project and look forward to a future of further support for students in the Honors Program.

Thank You

The Delta Chapter would like to thank the following members for their donations to support the induction of new members:

- *Lauren Aaronson
- *Michael Bleich
- *Rita Clifford
- *Helen Connors
- *Elaine Domian
- *Sandra Hanson
- *Sharon Kumm
- *David Martin
- *Candace Parker
- *Abigale Wagner
- *Anita Wingate

Thank You

Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Fall Business Meeting

**Thursday, November 8, 2007
University of Kansas
3901 Rainbow Blvd.
Kansas City, KS**

**5:00-5:30 p.m.
Appetizers & Networking
Basement (School of Nursing)**

**5:30-6:00 p.m.
Delta Chapter Business Meeting
School of Nursing 1050**

**6:00-7:00 p.m.
“Developing Clinical Research Questions”
Presented by
Lynne Connelly, RN, PhD
School of Nursing 1050**

Overview:

A recent surge of clinical nursing research following the many national initiatives aimed at improving patient safety and the promotion of practice based on evidence has resulted in a gap between what we know from research and what nurses do in practice. This program will assist the nurse to (a) use available research findings to determine the best approach to solving nursing clinical problems, (b) narrow the research question, and (c) choose an appropriate research method.

Objectives:

1. Outline how nursing clinical problems can become the basis for research or quality improvement questions.
2. Identify the steps in the process of narrowing the focus of the problem to a research question.
3. Choose a qualitative or quantitative approach to a clinical research study.
4. Discuss possible clinical research questions and outline research questions that could be developed from them.

Target audience: Nurses

Planning Committee:

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Kathy Fletcher, RN, PhD, Clinical Associate Professor
Mary L. Kinnaman RN, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor
Sharon Kumm, RN, MN, CCRN, Clinical Associate Professor
David Martin, RN, MS, Clinical Assistant Professor
Kim Sanders, Kansas University Medical Center, Continuing Education

Accreditation:

All participants are required to sign attendance rosters at the beginning of the program. A certificate of completion will be provided to all activity participants based on documentation of actual attendance time and meeting minimum attendance requirements specific to the activity. Up to 1.0 contact hours will be awarded to all individuals based on documentation of actual attendance time and meeting minimum attendance requirements specific to the activity. University of Kansas School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. The minimum attendance requirement for this activity is 60 minutes.

Faculty and Planning Committee Disclosure Information:

As a provider accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the University of Kansas Medical Center Continuing Education must ensure that the health and well being of the public is more important than any economic interest, and that activity content is effective in improving practice, independent of commercial interests, and based on valid content. Individuals with control over the content of this activity are required to disclose to the learners any relevant financial relationships within the past 12 months with any proprietary entities producing healthcare goods or services related to the content of the activity (with the exemption of non-profit or governmental organizations and non-healthcare related companies). This includes any relevant financial arrangements involving their spouse/partner. Relevant financial relationships may include employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking, teaching, membership, etc. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent an individual with a relevant financial relationship from being a planning committee member, a teacher, or an author of CME/CNE activity, but rather to assist the provider in the identification and resolution of conflict of interest prior to the activity and to provide the learners with the information they need to determine whether these interests of relationships influenced the content of the activity.

The following presenters and planning committee members do not have any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests related to the content of the presentation:

Lynne Connelly, RN, PhD
Kathy Fletcher, RN, PhD
Mary L. Kinnaman, RN, PhD
Sharon Kumm, RN, MN, CCRN
David Martin, RN, MS
Kim Sanders

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES AND
CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.**

Your input is needed about how your delegates should vote on these important issues
at the November convention!



There are several proposed bylaw changes. Some are very simple to understand:

- Change wording for criteria for chapter establishment to include educational institutions that only offer graduate degrees.
- Revise wording of alumni chapter
- Not requiring officers to assume duties on July 1, if elections are held at another time
- Simplify wording for Chapter meetings:
- Place the word “chapter” where needed to differentiate from international
- Establishing staggered terms for international board members
- Simplify fees to induction and membership fees only
- Insert current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised

The controversial proposal has to do with qualifications for membership. In order to be more globally correct, the international Governance Committee has two major recommendations:

Proposed change in the wording for Academic Achievement to the following:

Students in basic programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society. (Note that the phrases, “*Grade point average of at least 3.0 for undergrad and 3.5 for graduate students*” and “*The rank in class (not lower than the highest 35% of their class)*” have been deleted).

The *rationale* for the new wording is that achievement is measured differently in different parts of the world. Therefore, various guidelines and standards should be expected. Each chapter should define what superior academic achievement means given its country’s culture and academic environment when the chapter is formed. In the United States, the eligibility standard referred to would continue to be a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale for basic program students, and 3.5 for graduate students.

The *rational* for removing the upper 35% requirement is based on the fact that STTI has received feedback from chapter leaders, for several biennia, stating that the 35% ranking criterion prevents many otherwise qualified nursing students from being invited to join. For the past nine years, an average of 36% of chapters have reported each year the lowest grade point average for which they can invite inductees is 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale due to the 35% criterion. The percentage of chapters who could only accept students with grade point averages of 3.75 or higher grew to 12% of all chapters in 2006. Also schools that admit students every 6 months have difficulty defining the class. While this has not been the case at KU, the change in the membership eligibility would present Delta chapter with the option to change its criteria for membership.

Please notify David Martin dmartin@kumc.edu or Beth Clark eclark@kumc.edu about your opinion.

The purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International are:

1. Recognize superior achievement.
2. Recognize the development of leadership qualities.
3. Foster high professional standards.
4. Encourage creative work.
5. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.



Sigma Theta Tau International Membership Intent Form

_____ Chapter*

COMMUNITY NURSE LEADER

CRITERIA: Nurses must hold a minimum of any baccalaureate degree or the equivalent and have demonstrated marked achievement in education, practice, research, administration or publication.

Name _____
(last) (first) (middle initial)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone Number _____

Former Education (list highest degree first and attach a copy of documentation for the highest degree received):

Please check areas of achievement in nursing:

_____ Education	_____ Administration
_____ Practice	_____ Publication
_____ Research	_____ Other (please indicate) _____

Please list your most recent (last five years) contributions to nursing in areas checked above:

Candidate's Signature

Date

Please attach to this form two membership endorsement forms. These two endorsements can be from nursing faculty or other nurses in leadership roles. One form must be from an active Sigma Theta Tau member.

**If you do not have a connection with a Sigma Theta Tau International established chapter, please indicate connections you have with any U.S. universities. Also, if you are unsure which chapter to join, please return this form to Sigma Theta Tau International headquarters, Membership Services Coordinator, 550 West North St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.*

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Sigma Theta Tau International

Endorsement for

Membership

_____ Chapter

UNDERGRADUATE AND

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Definition: An endorsement is a letter or statement supporting an individual for membership* in the chapter. Two endorsements per individual are necessary in order for an application to be considered by the Chapter Eligibility Committee. One letter or statement of support is required to be from a nursing faculty member. At least one of the two endorsements is to be from an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International.

This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of the chapter invites your letter or statement of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership:

_____ Is applying for membership in the

_____ Chapter

On the basis of this student's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in the chapter.

Signature _____ Date _____

Chapter Membership _____

Position _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Comments (if desired):

*UNDERGRADUATE CRITERIA: Each undergraduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the undergraduate category of membership. Undergraduate students are required to have completed 1/2 of the nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

*GRADUATE CRITERIA: Each graduate (master's or doctoral) candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the graduate category of membership. Master's and doctoral students are required to have completed 1/4 of the program of study. Students in master's programs are required to achieve a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading scale or its equivalent. Students in doctoral programs are required to achieve a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.



We Celebrate Kathy



Kathy Fletcher, RN, MN, PhD

Occupation: Associate Clinical Professor at the KU School of Nursing
Lead Teacher in Undergraduate Nursing Course, Nursing of Adults.
Coordinator of the Clinical Nurse Leader Program

Involvement in SST:

- Delta Chapter member since 1984.
- Served as Corresponding Secretary (4 terms)
- Served as Leadership Chair (Nominations) (4 terms)
- Served as Vice President/Program Chair (1 term)

How has STT impacted your professional development?

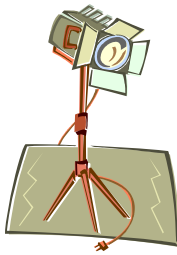
Membership has allowed me to network with some fabulous people. I have developed some close bonds with individuals from our school as well as the community of nursing through my membership in the Delta Chapter. Delta Chapter also awarded me financial support to present a paper at a conference early in my career. This seed money helped me get started at presenting more globally. Since that time I have presented at many national and international venues.

What career and/or practice accomplishments have been most meaningful for you?

I think recognition from students and from faculty for being a good teacher has been the most rewarding to me. I have received the Jayhawker RN Lecture award from students. As a classroom instructor, I always hope the students will recognize that I enjoy teaching and really love that I am a nurse. Receiving this student award has been very gratifying. I also received the Phyllis Keeney Lawrence Award and the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching which are awards generated from peers and students. I was very awestruck by the recognition also.

How can you make a difference in the practice of nursing?

I hope that I can be a role model. I really like working with students and also love nursing. I hope that I can influence young people to become nurses because it is a worthwhile and honorable profession. I also hope to encourage those in nursing to aspire to gain higher education such as clinical nurse leaders, clinical nurse specialists, nursing educators and nurse practitioners. We need these young people in leadership roles.



Spotlight on Delta Chapter

PUBLICATIONS

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- Bott, M.J., Gajewski, B., Lee, R., Piamjariyakul, U., & Taunton, R.L. (2007). Care planning efficiency for nursing facilities. *Nursing Economic\$, 25*, 85-94.
- Brixey, J. J., Robinson, D. J., Johnson, C. W., Johnson, T. R., Turley, J. P., & Zhang, J. (2007). A concept analysis of the phenomenon interruption. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 30(1), E26-E42.
- Brixey, J. J., Tang, Z., Robinson, D. J., Johnson, C. W., Johnson, T. R., Turley, J. P., Patel, V., & Zhang, J. (2007 Epub ahead of print). A case study of interruptions in a level one trauma center. *International Journal of Medical Informatics*.
- Connors, H.R., Warren J.J., & Weaver, C., (2007). HIT plants SEEDS in healthcare education. *Nursing Administration Quarterly*, 31 (2), 129-133.
- Leenerts, M. H., Teel, C. S., & Shafton, G. (2007). Designing a resource guide to help promote health in caregiving. *International Journal of Older People Nursing*, 2, 189-197.
- Leenerts, M. H., & Teel, C. S. (2006). Relational conversation as method for creating partnerships: Findings from a pilot study. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 54(4), 467-476.
- Neuberger, G.B., Aaronson, L.S., Gajewski, B., Embretson, S.E., Cagle, P. E., Loudon, J. K., & Miller, P. E. (2007). Predictors of exercise and effects of exercise on symptoms, function, aerobic fitness, and disease outcomes of rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis & Rheumatism (Arthritis Care & Research)*, 57, 943-952.
- Peltzer, J., & Leenerts, M. H. (2007). Spirituality as a component of holistic self-care practices in human immunodeficiency virus-positive women with histories of abuse. *Holistic Nursing Practice*, 21(3), 105-112.
- Warren, J.J., & Connors, H.R. (2007). Health information technology can and will transform nursing education. *Nursing Outlook*, 55 (1), 59-60.

PRESENTATIONS

- Brixey, J. J., Robinson, D. J., Johnson, T. R., Turley, J. P., & Zhang, J. (2007). Initiators of interruption in workflow: The role of MDs and RNs. Paper presented at the Information in Technology in Health Care Conference, Sydney, Australia.
- Brixey, J. J., Robinson, D. J., Turley, J. P., & Zhang, J. (May, 2007). Interruption of RNs and MDs in a level one trauma center: Are interrupted tasks resumed? Paper presented at AMIA Spring Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- Brixey, J. J., Robinson, D. J., Turley, J. P., & Zhang, J. (August, 2007). Initiator of interruption in workflow. Paper presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International, 18th International Nursing Research Congress: Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice, Vienna, Austria.

- Brixey, J. J., Robinson, D. J., Turley, J. P., & Zhang, J. (August, 2007). Initiators of interruption in workflow: The role of MDs and RNs. Poster presented at the Building Sustainable Health Systems, Brisbane, Australia.
- Brixey, J. J., Warren, J. J., & Turley, J. P. (August, 2007). Developing a taxonomy to categorize patient falls. Poster presented at the Building Sustainable Health Systems, Brisbane, Australia.
- Carpenter, J. (April, 2007). Effects of modified t'ai chi exercise on physical function, pain, and stiffness in older adults with lower extremity osteoarthritis. Paper presented at Midwest Nursing Research Society, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Connors, H. R. (June, 2007). Nursing informatics: Bridging the gap between nursing service and education. Keynote speaker at the Rutgers College of Nursing Twenty-Fifth Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference, San Francisco, California.
- Connors, H. R. (July 2007). From slide digitization to EMR pathology interfaces. Panel Member at the Association of Pathology Chairs Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Wambach, K., Rojjanasrirat, W., Dana, S., Aaronson, L. S., Breedlove, G., & Domian, E. (August, 2007). Breastfeeding experiences of adolescents who used breast pumps. Poster presented at the International Lactation Consultants Association Conference, San Diego, California.
- Rojjanasrirat, W., Wambach, K., & Aaronson, L. (April, 2007). Infant feeding plans among pregnant adolescents: Comparison of three ethnic/racial groups. Poster presented at Midwest Nursing Research Society, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Rojjanasrirat, W., Wambach, K., & Aaronson, L. (May, 2007). Infant feeding plans among pregnant adolescents: Comparison of three ethnic/racial groups. Paper presented at the International Council of Nursing. Yokohama, Japan.

Awards, Appointments, Grants

Dr. Helen Connors was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the Health Information Exchange Commission. She also was asked to serve on the College of Nursing Board of Consultants for Villanova University and she serves on the Board of Directors of KC CareLink. In addition, she received a grant for \$1,388,889 for a Faculty Development Collaborative: Health Information Technology Scholars (HITS) Program.

Dr. Diane Kennedy received a NLN \$3400 grant in Fall of 2006 to conduct a study on the use of the electronic health record in post-clinical conferences to develop nursing process skills.



SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We at Delta Chapter are proud of our distinguished membership and are delighted to hear about members' achievements, appointments, and awards. We are pleased to carry announcements of such items in the Delta Chapter Newsletter. Please use this form to notify us of your accomplishments. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Message: _____

If you are enclosing a publication notice, please include appropriate citation information. The deadline for submission of reports of activities, honors, presentations, or publications for the next newsletter (Spring/Summer) is January 15, 2008.

Mail to: Jacque Carpenter, RN, PhD, Corresponding Secretary, University of Kansas Medical Center, School of Nursing, 3901 Rainbow Blvd. Kansas City, KS 66160

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