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School of Nursing partners with Hartford Institute

Oakland University's School of Nursing is partnering with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University's Division of Nursing to better prepare students to care for elderly patients.

The partnership was made possible by Maggie Allesee, who endowed the School of Nursing with \$1 million to establish a program in gerontology.

Partners for Dissemination of Best Practices in Care for Older Adults provides ready-made materials, including a specific implementation manual for workshop designs and lesson plans, a 21-topic curriculum guide entitled Best Nursing in Care for Older Adults: Incorporating Essential Gerontological Content into Baccalaureate Education and Staff Development and a variety of teaching aids. The Institute also will provide technical assistance and updates of new assessment tools and resources.

"Older adults present unique needs and opportunities for care," said Teresa Thompson, Assistant Professor and Partnership Coordinator. "Oakland University strives to maintain the highest standards and by joining the Best Practice program, students and faculty will be more prepared to offer the best care throughout the age continuum."

The program is endorsed by The American Colleges of Nursing (AACN), The National Nursing Staff Development Organization (NNSDO), The American Geriatrics Society (AGS), The American Society on Aging (ASA), The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA).

Oakland University is a comprehensive state- supported institution of higher education located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 109 bachelor's degree programs and 63 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing; and the Honors College.

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