

**Assistant, Associate or Full Professor Tenure Track Position
in Geriatric Nursing
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**

The OU College of Nursing announces an opportunity for a mid-career or senior faculty member in geriatric nursing to support the mission of the College and the newly established **Donald W. Reynolds Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence**.

A leader in nursing education, research and practice innovations, the OU College of Nursing has received national recognition including the first funding of a nursing initiative by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The College was designated one of three 2006-2009 Centers of Excellence by the National League for Nursing and continues this designation, and is one of the first 10 VA Nursing Academy education partnerships.

This position will contribute to the College and Reynolds Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence mission of teaching, research and service, and includes mentoring faculty and doctoral students in productive scholarship/leadership and maintaining an active research trajectory. Candidates with well-established programs of research within a community-based aging in place framework and successful records of extramural research support are encouraged to inquire. Major areas of faculty research within the Reynolds Center include caregiving, cancer support and survivorship, technology and cognitive aging, symptom management, mental health, violence prevention, and palliative care.

Faculty Qualifications

Earned doctorate in nursing or a related field; focused program of research related to community-based aging in place; a commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration; and record of federally funded research. Minimum of three years teaching experience, at least two of which in a senior college or university; Candidates must be eligible for or currently licensed to practice nursing in the state of Oklahoma.

About the University

The University of Oklahoma is one of the country's largest research universities with more than 30,000 students, 2,300 full-time faculty, 20 colleges and research and sponsored programs expenditures of more than \$275 million in 2009. OU is one of only 25 public universities in America with an endowment above \$1.1 billion. The OU Health Sciences Center is one of only four comprehensive academic health centers in the nation with seven professional schools in one location - Allied Health, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Graduate Studies. The Health Sciences Center achieved more than \$141 million in federal, state, corporate and nonprofit grants in 2008, including \$51 million from the NIH. Numerous academic units and community partners contribute to the education and research enterprise associated with care of older adults and their families.

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Persons from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply so that our faculty may be reflective of our student body. Both mid-and senior-career candidates will be considered.

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Donald W. Reynolds Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence

Background

Based on state and national statistics, the aging population is growing dramatically. Older adults will have unprecedented health and illness needs, calling for expert leaders, educators, and practitioners in geriatric nursing. As consumer needs increase, the shortage of qualified geriatric nurses becomes more acute. The OU College of Nursing received funding in July 2008 for the **Donald W. Reynolds Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence** to address this concern in Oklahoma, with emphasis on *successful community-based aging in place*.

Goal

Increase the number of highly qualified new and existing faculty with expertise in geriatrics who will provide academic leadership in geriatric nursing within Oklahoma.

Objectives

1. Recruit and retain full time PhD doctoral students with a geriatric focus and commitment to academic careers
2. Enrich PhD doctoral education through interdisciplinary curriculum enhancement and a Visiting Scholars program
3. Establish a state-wide Oklahoma Geriatric Nursing Education Workgroup (OGNEW)
4. Disseminate shared-use geriatric educational materials through the Center in liaison with OGNEW
5. Implement a mentored Geriatric Nursing Translational Research Training (GeroTRnsT) for doctorally-prepared faculty in the College and state