More Nursing Courses Receive Service-Learning Designation

*By Dr. Melinda Hester and Ms. Marylyn Kajs-Wyllie*

Nursing 4350/4250 (“Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing” didactic/practicum courses) and NURS 3110 (“Health Assessment Across the Life Span Practicum”) are the latest courses to receive the designation of Service-Learning at the St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University. NURS 4380/4280 (“Community-Based Nursing” didactic/practicum courses) were the first of the School’s courses to carry this designation.

Senior students at the St. David’s School of Nursing will be learning how to screen for hearing and vision impairments in school-aged children and will log hundreds of service hours during the 2017 Fall Semester in NURS 4350 and NURS 4250. Learning how to screen for hearing and vision impairments is a skill requirement for pediatric nursing. While students are learning to perform state mandated screenings they are also providing valuable services to local school nurses in Georgetown Independent School District.

Junior nursing students enrolled in NURS 3110 will provide community service to the Georgetown Independent School District’s elementary and middle schools by doing screening of blood pressure, height/weight measurements, and Acanthosis nigricans (pre-diabetic) assessments.

This is the philosophy of Service-Learning courses, students learning the practice of nursing while also helping their communities and why these particular courses received this distinction.

To learn more about Texas State University’s Service-Learning Excellence Program, visit [http://www.provost.txstate.edu/sli/](http://www.provost.txstate.edu/sli/)