The St. David’s School of Nursing Takes Pledge on Opioid Education as Announced at the White House

As part of academic nursing’s ongoing efforts to combat prescription drug and opioid abuse across the United States, The St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State University is proud to announce that it has committed to educating its advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) students on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. The commitment was featured in a White House fact sheet today as part of the White House Champions of Change event on Advancing Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. Earlier this month, the Administration asked the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) member schools with APRN programs to partner on this initiative. Faculty in the St. David’s School of Nursing recognize that opioid abuse is a pressing public health crisis, and it is critical that APRN students receive education on current standards.

Today, AACN’s President and CEO Deborah Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN, will offer remarks at White House to recognize the 191 AACN member nursing schools that have taken this pledge.

“AACN is proud of the rapid response by our membership when the Administration called to help ensure future generations of providers who prescribe opioids for chronic pain are prepared for the critical work ahead,” said Dr. Trautman. “We commend academic nursing’s dedication to ensuring our nation’s future providers are prepared to address opioid abuse and overdose using best practices.”

Dr. Marla Erbin-Roesemann, Director of the St. David’s School of Nursing, added the faculty support for the initiative in a brief statement, “We support this initiative and commend our national nursing leaders for partnering to provide educational resources for all APRN students to deal with prevention and treatment of opioid use disorder. This is one of many areas in which these future health care providers will be challenged to provide the safest, best possible outcomes for their patients”.

For a complete list of AACN member schools who have pledged, visit: http://www.aacn.nche.edu/opioids.