

UE Department of Nursing Chosen for National CPR Study

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Nursing students at the University of Evansville will have the opportunity next year to help test new approaches for teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to future health professionals.

UE was one of nine nursing programs selected for the study, sponsored by the National League of Nursing, Laerdal, and the American Heart Association. Together, the three groups and the selected nursing schools will investigate how best to teach CPR to nursing students across the country.

“We’re very proud that the University of Evansville was chosen from a wide field of applicants to be part of this collaborative study involving the National League of Nursing, the American Heart Association, and the Laerdal company,” said Lynn Penland, dean of UE’s College of Education & Health Sciences. “This will be a tremendous opportunity for our students not only to learn important skills in basic life support but also to be a part of a major national multisite study and to contribute to advances in nursing education for the future.”

The project could start as soon as January 2009. UE’s Department of Nursing, along with the other eight selected, was chosen from a list of nationwide applicants based on a number of criteria.

“Choosing the sites for this project was not an easy task, but it was a fair and unbiased process,” Marilyn Oermann, project director and professor and division chair of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said in an acceptance letter. “We are confident that (the University of Evansville) and the other sites selected are good representatives of nursing education programs, and that you will help us conduct an outstanding study.”

UE nursing officials now are awaiting details regarding the "next step" of this process, which could begin as early as Spring Semester 2009.