



Welcome to the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing, the first School of Nursing in Texas. Located on historic Galveston Island in the Gulf of Mexico, we enjoy moderate climate year round, making it a great place to pursue nursing education endeavors.

### [UTMB Mission and Core Values](#)



## Latest News & Updates

### Faculty Spotlight

#### Background and Training

Dr. Kay Sandor trained with Dr. Lauren Artress and has been facilitating labyrinth walks for over 7 years with community groups, health professions students, and hospital staff. She facilitates a monthly Full Moon Walk and Seasonal Sunrise Walks at the equinox and solstice. There is a regular group of walkers who attend these walks. Each year Dr. Sandor brings a canvas labyrinth to the University of Texas Medical Branch campus during Nurses Week for nurses and other health professionals to walk. Dr. Sandor began to notice mind, body, and spirit effects with people during and after the walks. That's when she began to ask the questions that launched her current research path. [The Best Zen for your personality \(pdf\)](#)

#### Research and Teaching

Dr. Sandor will be presenting the findings of her labyrinth research at the 2nd International Congress on Stress in Budapest, Hungary in August, 2007. This will be her third professional visit to Hungary. The most recent previous one was a Fulbright Award to teach transcultural and community nursing at the University of Pecs, in the city of Pecs in southern Hungary and

at Semmelweis University in Budapest for the Fall 2005 semester. Dr. Sandor is Hungarian-American has also made other visits to Hungary to reconnect with my maternal and paternal relatives. For additional info <http://www.williamtempleepiscopalcenter.org/>

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### All School Orientation

The UTMB is scheduled for the morning of August 20th and will be held in Levin Hall. The School of Nursing Orientation will follow in the afternoon for all incoming students. Students entering the Prelicensure BSN Program and all MSN Programs are expected to be on campus for orientation activities all day on the 20th and 21st. RN-BSN students will be required to be on campus all day on the 20th and 21st and until 11:30 a.m. on the 22nd.

For schedule of events ([click here](#))

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## TECHNOLOGY eCamp 2007

This year's Pre-licensure BSN eCamp is scheduled for August 23rd and 24th, 2007. We are planning some exciting and new activities for students this year and look forward to this year's event. eCamp is a mandatory activity and we ask that students RSVP online at <http://www.son.utmb.edu/ecamp/ecampRSVP.asp> before August 6, 2007.

**All BSN Pre-licensure students are required to have a PDA with the appropriate nursing software installed prior to eCamp. ([PDF INFO](#))**

If you require additional information you can contact Dacia Brown at [dacbrown@utmb.edu](mailto:dacbrow@utmb.edu) We are also accepting sponsorship for Technology eCamp which provides our students with the technology tools they will need while they are enrolled in our Nursing program at UTMB. If your company or organization is interested in sponsoring a portion of this event, contact Julie Best at [jcbest@utmb.edu](mailto:jcbest@utmb.edu)

**The School of Nursing cordially invites you to attend the following:**

## Opening Ceremony

**Monday, August 27, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**William C. Levin Hall · Main Auditorium**

***Knowing, Honoring, and Celebrating our UTMB Nursing Community***

Featuring the Annual Lantern Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will welcome new nursing program students and acknowledge the accomplishments of continuing students as they advance in their program.

Nursing faculty, staff and Nursing Services staff will be recognized for their commitment to nursing and nursing students.

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**Pamela G. Watson, Sc.D., RN**, Dean and Professor, Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair, and **Kathleen T. Lucke, Ph.D., R.N.**, Associate Professor and holder of the Florence Thelma Hal Distinguished Professorship, recently announced that the UTMB School of Nursing has been awarded \$500,000 for the proposal “Multipurpose Interdisciplinary Research Activities” through the University of Texas System 's Enrich Nursing Through Exceptional Recruitment (ENTER) program.

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### **Quality Enhancement Plan Topic Selected:**

#### **Clinical and Community-based Inter professional Teamwork**

We will develop inter professional teamwork experiences in the hospitals, clinics, and community to promote mutual understanding of disciplinary roles, collaboration in planning patient care, joint accountability for decision making and outcomes, and the benefits to the patient and the community of inter professional collaboration.

Students will develop skills and gain experiences working collaboratively across cultures with patients, patients' families, other healthcare professionals, and community-based providers to enhance patient care and wellness.

There are already active interprofessional teams, activities and/or exercises at UTMB, and we want to be sure these are incorporate in the formulation of the QEP. To that end, it would help us if you would submit comments on the [QEP Blog](#) , addressing the following questions:

- What interprofessional teams, activities and/or exercises are you aware of at UTMB?
- Who are the members (titles or names)?
- What do they do; how do they function (one paragraph please)?

Please include your name and contact information so we can reach you if we have any questions. You may provide additional comments if you wish.

If you have any questions or problems with the blog, please email the [Office of Institutional Effectiveness](#)

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Want to know what people have been doing in the SON lately?

To see our new publication, **UTMB School of Nursing — Accolades**, [click here](#).

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**Video Spotlight:**

**Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Lecturer**

Virginia Peterson Tilden, D.N.Sc., R.N., FAAN

Thursday, May 24, 2007 [click here](#)

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**American Journal of Nursing features quilt by UTMB faculty member**

GALVESTON, Texas - A quilt created by Carol M. Wiggs, an assistant professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Nursing, was featured in the January 2007 of the American Journal of Nursing.

<http://blog.utmb.edu/newsroom/?p=1484>

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**Become a Nurse!**

**Attention Prospective Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Students!**

Go to the [UTMB Online Application](#) to submit your application today.

Click to find out more about [Excellence Essays](#).

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*Statewide Bioterrorism Continuing Education Program*



**CNE Available**

**Recognizing and Responding to Bioterrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies**

a 2 hour online course offered by the Texas Statewide Bioterrorism Continuing Education Project and funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This course

meets the Texas nurses' relicensure requirements.

**Course Fee** : \$15

**CE Credits** : Continuing education for multiple credits will be awarded for this course.

<http://www.son.utmb.edu/BioTerrorism/>

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Do you have a Bachelors Degree in Nursing? Are you interested in obtaining a PhD? Would you like to begin your studies Fall 2006?

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded the UTMB School of Nursing and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences a Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Grant for fellowships in the Nursing PhD Program. The purpose of this grant is to prepare seven BSN to PhD students as GAANN Fellows to assume faculty roles in United States schools of nursing. This grant will allow us to provide a \$30,000 stipend as well as provide additional funds to the Fellows. Funding will start August 14, 2006.

Interested students are asked to contact the [Nursing PhD Program](#) immediately to begin the application process for the Fall 2006 semester. Students enrolled in the program will take approximately 21 masters level credits and 64 doctoral credits.

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## School of Nursing - Office of the Dean

### SCHOOL OF NURSING VISION & MISSION



**Message from the Dean**  
Pamela G. Watson, RN, ScD

Welcome to the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) School of Nursing (SON) website. Prospective students will find information providing a snapshot of degree offerings in the School of Nursing at the bachelor, master's and doctoral degree levels. This is a unique time for our prospective students who may notice that our prerequisite requirements have changed. We encourage you to contact us to address any concern you might have about fulfilling the prerequisite requirements. Also, on this site, prospective faculty are provided

the current teaching opportunities in the School. Information is also included on our site for alumni activities and opportunities available for involvement to those in our community who wish to contribute in some way to enhance the programs of our School.

As Dean of the UTMB SON, I am committed to lead this historic school (the first Nursing School in Texas) to excel in all aspects of the academic enterprise – education, practice and research. We continue to offer the most innovative approaches to nursing education in all of our programs, including clinical simulation with interactive mannequins, online education programs, development of new degree programs, and fast-track degree plan options. We are actively engaged, through nursing faculty practice and community service activities, to be enthusiastic practitioners who are "Here for the Health of Texas". Additionally, through nursing research, the SON faculty are involved in the acquisition of new knowledge which will translate to improvements at the bedside for better patient care.

The profession of nursing and educators of nursing professionals are faced with challenges like no other time in our history. There are, now, four generations of adults living, working and learning within our society which predisposes us to unprecedented change. To meet the challenges associated with these changes, the SON administration and faculty are dedicated to design the most innovative and effective teaching strategies to enhance critical thinking and advance evidence-based practice in our students, nursing practitioners and educators.

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▸ **STRATEGIC PLAN 2007-10 (DOC)**

The UTMB SON is an integral part of UTMB, a prestigious academic health center including six Magnet-status hospitals which provide excellent patient care to a culturally diverse population and clinical opportunities for our students and nursing practitioners. In the research arena, UTMB is rapidly becoming internationally-recognized for bioterrorism research and is well recognized for a broad base of basic science and clinical research.

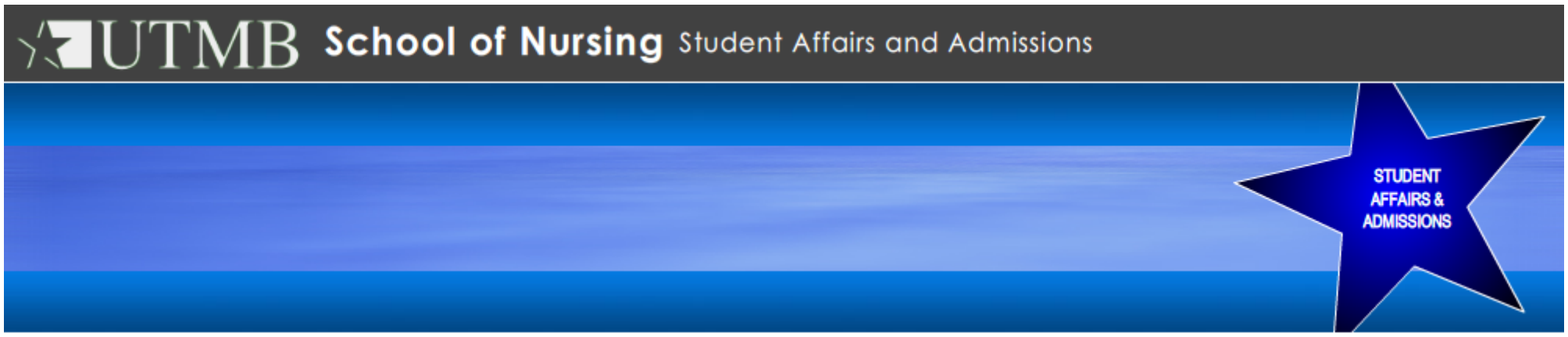
I feel very fortunate to direct this School of Nursing with its cadre of extraordinarily talented faculty and staff. Hopefully, you will consider joining us at UTMB on beautiful Galveston Island.



Pamela G. Watson, RN, ScD  
Dean and professor  
Rebecca Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair

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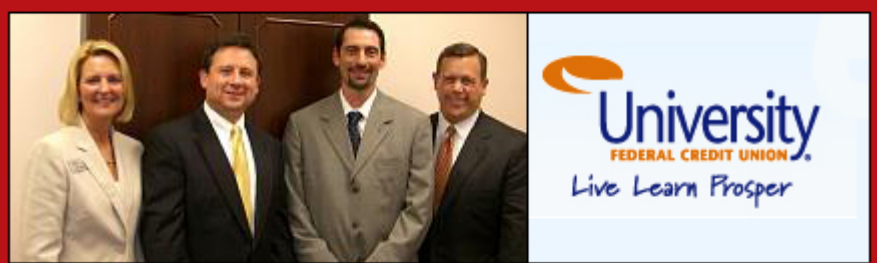
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**LATEST NEWS & UPDATES**

**University Federal Credit Union awards a \$5000 scholarship to the School of Nursing**



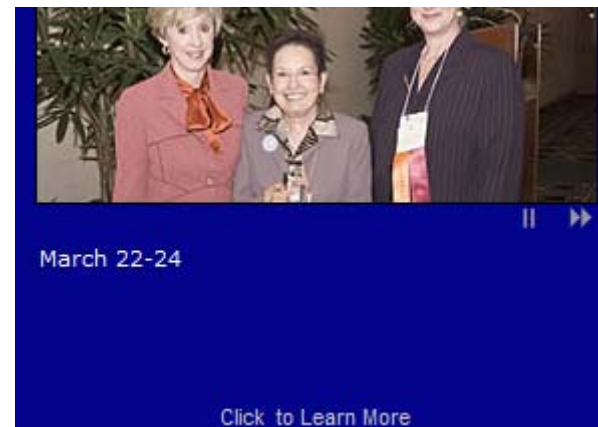
pictured above: Jill Kaiser, Branch Manager, Galveston Steve Kubala, Senior Vice President, UFCU, Dr. Vince Loffredo, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, SON, and Austin Vince Tony Budet, President and CEO, UFCU, Austin

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**Homecoming 2007**





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