

Nursing leadership expert Joanne Disch to conduct nursing research forum Sept. 15

Nursing leadership expert Joanne Disch will present a nursing research forum for medical students and professionals on Friday, Sept. 15, at South Central College, sponsored by the Minnesota State Mankato nursing honor society.

Joanne Disch, director of the Katharine J. Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership at the University of Minnesota, will present a nursing research forum for medical students and professionals on Friday, Sept. 15, at South Central College, North Mankato.

The forum, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is sponsored by the Minnesota State Mankato Mu Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the national honor society of nursing.

At the forum, Disch will:

- Discuss components of the Densford clinical scholar model;
- Explain strategies to engage staff nurses in clinical research;
- Define evidence-based practice; and
- Identify gaps in nursing research and collaboration.

Disch has published and lectured widely on issues related to critical care, nursing practice standards, the health care workforce and leadership. She has received numerous awards, including the Dorothy Garrigus Adams Award for Excellence in Fostering Professional Standards from Sigma Theta Tau International, and Outstanding Alumna Awards from the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing. She also is a member of the AARP board of directors.

Medical professionals and students who participate will receive a certificate for five contract hours. Registration for the workshop is \$70 for professional nurses; \$25 for graduate nurses; and no charge for undergraduate nurses. Those who want to register or who want more information should call forum coordinator Candence Mortenson-Klimpel at (507) 389-6529.

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