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### **UMDNJ receives \$2.7 million in Federal Grants for Nursing Education Programs**

NEWARK--The University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Nursing has won three competitive federal grants totaling nearly \$2.7 million to support academic programs in nurse education, community health nursing, and nurse practitioner care for adult and geriatric patients. The programs will start new classes in September.

Susan Salmond, EdD, RN, interim dean, received \$988,627 to support a new Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Education track that combines advanced nursing clinical content with pedagogical content. A Post-Master's Certificate in Education is also available.

Dr. Frances Munet-Vilaro, PhD, RN, associate professor, secured \$860,186 for a new MSN track in Advanced Community Health Nursing Leadership preparing nurses for practice, management, and policymaking—especially in urban, underserved communities.

Dr. Gerti Heider, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, assistant professor, received \$847, 218 for an innovative dual-track MSN program preparing graduates for Nurse Practitioner certification in both Adult Health and Gerontological Health.

The three grants from the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) total \$2,696,031 to be paid over three years beginning July 1. They subsidize faculty salaries and other expenses for the MSN programs, which are available at UMDNJ's Newark and Stratford campuses. For information, visit [www.sn.umdnj.edu](http://www.sn.umdnj.edu) or e-mail [SNrecruiter@umdnj.edu](mailto:SNrecruiter@umdnj.edu).