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USU's Graduate School of Nursing Faculty Members Elected as Distinguished Practitioners

BETHESDA, Md. – Three faculty members from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) have been elected as Distinguished Practitioners in the National Academies of Practice (NAP).

COL Bruce Schoneboom, Dr. Diane Seibert, and Dr. Gloria Ramsey, will be inducted into the NAP Nov. 3. The three GSN associate professors were among only 18 nominees from the Nursing Academy selected this year and will receive a medallion at that banquet.

The NAP is a group of national interdisciplinary leaders including: the Medicine Academy, the Nursing Academy, the Social Work Academy, the Psychology Academy, the Optometry Academy, the Osteopathy Academy, the Podiatry Academy, the Pharmacy Academy, and the Veterinary Medicine Academy. It was founded in 1981 to advise governmental bodies on problems of health care. More recently it has focused on developing the interdisciplinary field. It was then, as it is today, the only interdisciplinary group of health care practitioners dedicated to addressing the problems of health care. The National Academies of Practice is dedicated to quality health care for all, by serving as the nation's distinguished interdisciplinary policy forum that addresses public policy, education, research and inquiry.

USU's Graduate School of Nursing was established in 1992. It offers programs in Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia, Family Health Nurse Practitioner, and Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist leading to the Master of Science in Nursing – the only Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist program in the nation that incorporates perioperative specific knowledge throughout the entire program of study. The GSN also offers a full- and part-time Ph.D. in Nursing Science option that began in 2003 and graduated its first class in 2006.

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