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USU Graduate School of Nursing Welcomes Ada Sue Hinshaw as New Dean

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) has selected Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, as the new dean of the Graduate School of Nursing.

Dr. Hinshaw is a professor and former dean of the University of Michigan's School of Nursing. She received her Ph.D. and Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Arizona, a Master of Nursing Sciences from Yale University, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Kansas. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a leader in nursing education and research, and a widely published scholar.

“We are extraordinarily pleased to have recruited a nursing professional and scholar of Dr. Hinshaw's standing,” said USU President Dr. Charles L. Rice. “She has been a leader in nursing education and research throughout her entire career, and she brings her many extraordinary talents, her deep experience in academia and public service, and an unmatched national reputation to USU and the Graduate School of Nursing. Under her guidance, I fully expect the GSN to become the exemplar of graduate nursing education.”

The Honorable S. Ward Casscells, III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, saluted this appointment, saying, “Dr. Hinshaw will be a great leader for America's Graduate School of Nursing.”

Throughout her career Dr. Hinshaw has conducted nursing research that focuses on the areas of quality of care, patient outcomes, measurement of those outcomes and building positive work environments for nurses. Dr. Hinshaw was the first permanent director of the National Center of Nursing Research and the first director of the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health. She led the institute in its support of disease prevention, health promotion, acute and chronic illness and the environments that enhance nursing patient care outcomes.

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Dr. Hinshaw's awards include the Midwest Nursing Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award; the United States Public Health Service's Health Leader of the Year Award; the Elizabeth McWilliams Miller Award for Excellence in Nursing Research from Sigma Theta Tau; and the Nurse Scientist of the Year Award from the American Nurses' Association. In addition, she has received 13 honorary doctorate degrees from universities in the United States and Canada.

"Dr. Hinshaw is an extraordinary leader, and we are honored that she will take up this new deanship in service to those who give so much to our country," said Kathleen Potempa, DNSc, RN, FAAN, dean and professor, University of Michigan School of Nursing.

"The many opportunities for expanding graduate programs and research at the Graduate School of Nursing and working with outstanding colleagues at USU make this deanship very exciting," Dr. Hinshaw said.

Dr. Hinshaw is expected to be on campus in June of this year. Army Colonel Bruce Schoneboom, CRNA, Ph.D., will continue to serve as acting dean and help to ensure a smooth transition.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Students are active duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service or civilians with the Department of Veterans Affairs, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies.

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