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## **Duke Collaboration Embraces a Commitment to Lifelong Learning**

*Duke's School of Nursing and Health System join forces to promote professional practice*

DURHAM, NC, January 18, 2017 – Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON) and the Duke University Health System (DUHS) launched the [Duke Advancement of Nursing, Center of Excellence](#) (DANCE) in a unique collaboration to promote personal professional advancement and lifelong learning for all nurses and nursing students.

The program hopes to advance the health of the communities and demonstrate Duke's commitment to excellence in patient-centered care. "Academic-practice partnerships like this one leverage the tremendous intellectual and social talents nurses across both settings have to improve the health of individuals, families and communities," said [Marion E. Broome, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), dean and Ruby Wilson Professor of Nursing for DUSON, vice chancellor for Nursing Affairs for Duke University and associate vice president for Academic Affairs for Nursing for Duke University Health System.

"The design of the DANCE collaboration is intentional," said [Mary Ann Fuchs, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN](#), vice president of Patient Care and system chief nurse executive for Duke University Health System and associate dean of Clinical Affairs for DUSON. "The DANCE Pillars build on the organizational strengths of DUHS nursing and DUSON, and purposely support mutual goals which we believe advances clinical care, supports students and promotes internal and external influence of Duke Nursing."

Comprised of senior nursing leaders from DUHS and nursing faculty from DUSON, DANCE is built upon the commitments of two major pillars of growth. The vision of Pillar 1 is to build and nurture a learning environment for students and nurses to promote professional practice, both now and in the future. The vision of Pillar 2 is to generate and implement knowledge to support evidence-based practice, and integrate collaborative scholarship and research in the academic setting and practice environment.

To learn more about DANCE, visit [dance.nursing.duke.edu](http://dance.nursing.duke.edu).

