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The Fourth Annual Research and Health Care Issues Conference slated for April 12

The fourth annual Health Care Research and Issues Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, in Carter Hall located in the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana.

Sponsored by USI's Omicron Psi Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and the School of Nursing and Health Professions, this year's conference topic, "Research Utilization: The Cornerstone of Clinical Practice," is designed to explore how interdisciplinary research can be utilized to improve patient care. It will provide an opportunity for participants to interact with health care professionals who have participated in, utilized, and conducted research.

"This conference offers an opportunity for program participants to interact with health care professionals who have participated in, utilized, and conducted research," said Margaret Graul, coordinator of continuing education in the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

Keynote speaker, Pamela S. Hinds, Ph.D., R.N., will present, "Changing Practice Through Clinical Research." Hinds is coordinator of Nursing Research and associate director for Research in Behavioral Medicine at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. She has been regionally and nationally recognized for her research and expertise and is a past recipient of Sigma Theta Tau International Regional Research Utilization Award. Dr. Hinds has demonstrated a tremendous commitment to children and families coping with cancer, and she provides many ideas for utilizing research in a caring health care practice.

The plenary session speaker is Robert C. Roeder, a USI graduate who is currently the principal and senior performance and rewards consultant for William M. Mercer, Inc. Roeder is a national healthcare industry consultant regarding compensation and human resources issues and strategies.

Other conference topics include "Community Interventions: Fetal and infant Mortality Research Utilization," "Inner Strength in Women: Living with Multiple Sclerosis," "The Experiences of Fathers Raising Their Children with Hearing Loss: A Phenomenological Approach," and "Quality of Life Indicators in School-Age Children with Asthma," among others.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5, and the cost is \$65. For more information or to register, contact USI Continuing Education at 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600.