

University of
LOUISIANA
Monroe



announces a National Search for the
**Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars
Endowed Chair in Nursing**

The University of Louisiana at Monroe, a comprehensive, state-funded institution of higher education, seeks an outstanding nursing scholar and educator to serve as the **Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Endowed Chair**. Holding the rank of Associate Professor or Professor, this scholar will teach nursing courses and continue a defined research agenda.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Endowed Chair is a distinction awarded by the university to a scholar or teacher in recognition of past and potential original contributions to the individual's academic discipline. In addition to the academic honor given to the holder, the endowed chair provides funding for support of the faculty member's teaching, research, and service responsibilities.

The recipient of this endowed chair will represent the highest caliber of researcher, academic scholar, and educator. This distinguished faculty member will contribute to the advancement of the nursing profession and the future of the school and its students through outstanding teaching and research.

Part of the College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Kitty

DeGree School of Nursing has a long history of excellence. Founded in 1960, the School graduated the first class of baccalaureate nurses in 1964.

Baccalaureate nursing graduates at ULM receive education in all aspects of nursing care and are prepared to work in a variety of health care environments. Their academic program includes a broad-based general educational foundation inclusive of history, English, science, and arts.

Six times since 2008, ULM nursing graduates have had a 100 percent first-time passage rate on the NCLEX. *CollegeStart.org* ranks the school's online RN-to-BSN Program #1 in the nation for best value for 2016-2017.

In 2014, the School of Nursing was ranked ninth among nursing schools in the nation by *CollegeAtlas.org* in its "A-List," a list of top United States Nursing Schools. The ranking is based



on affordability, academic quality, accessibility, and board exam pass rates.

The School's Graduate Nursing Program offers a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree with a focus on Gerontological Clinical Nurse Leader. This online degree program prepares graduates for management decision-making skills required by healthcare agencies providing care for gerontology patients.

The MSN program provides students with management skills, including human resource management, fiscal management, and quality management to improve health care outcomes for older patients in a variety of health care settings.

The School of Nursing is accredited by CCNE and approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

KITTY DeGREE SCHOOL OF NURSING MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Kitty DeGree School of Nursing (SON) shares the University's commitment to a transformative education through instruction, research, and service. The primary mission of the SON is to offer a specialized program of study of the art and science of nursing which prepares its graduates to succeed and contribute through safe and effective practice as beginning professional nurses in a variety of health care settings. The SON mission is based on professionalism and the core values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice. It is also the mission to provide continuing education to meet the ever changing needs of the nursing community, both locally and globally, and to promote the development of the nursing profession through scholarly activity.



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE

The University of Louisiana at Monroe has an enrollment of nearly 9,000 students. Defined by faculty excellence in teaching and research, ULM has a 238-acre campus located in a culturally rich metro area with a population of 150,000.

With a faculty that focuses on students, the university offers 85 degree programs across three colleges - Arts, Education, and Sciences; Business and Social Sciences; and Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences - and the Graduate School. Degrees range from associate to doctorate.

Embracing new technology, the institution provides an integrated, interactive learning environment that reflects a student's future workplace. The university is home to the state's public pharmacy program and toxicology center and offers many health-related degrees to prepare students for exciting and rewarding careers. ULM's graduates consistently do well on national licensing exams. Several programs within the

The College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences promotes a balance between teaching and intellectual contributions, combined with professional service to the university, discipline, and community. The College includes the *School of Health Professions* - Dental Hygiene, Gerontology, Health Studies, Kinesiology, Marriage & Family Therapy and Counseling Studies, Medical Laboratory Science, Occupational Therapy, Radiologic Technology, and Speech-Language Pathology; the *Kitty DeGree School of Nursing*; and the *School of Pharmacy* - Pharmacy and Toxicology.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate in nursing or related field and teaching experience in baccalaureate and graduate nursing education that merits an appointment as an associate professor or professor. RN licensure or eligibility for RN licensure in Louisiana is required.

Other qualifications include:

- Demonstrated successful experience

with grant writing and obtaining grant awards

- Evidence of scholarly research
- Experience and success in attracting extramural research funding
- Eligibility to hold a faculty position in Louisiana

Additional qualifications include:

- Excellent teaching skills
- Strong clinical practice and decision making skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- The ability to function collegially as a member of the faculty
- Ongoing and transferrable research project(s)



College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences have a consistent 100 percent pass rate on licensure examinations. These programs include Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology, and Medical Laboratory Science. Additionally, in 2016, ULM was the top school in Louisiana in the passage of the CPA exam.

Classroom instruction is only one part of life at the ULM. The warm, friendly environment found on campus helps its students to feel a strong sense of community. More than 120 student organizations on campus allow students to make friends while developing leadership skills and serving the community. In addition to campus organizations, many students are also active volunteers, who donate time and talents to service and



civic organizations, and many other worthwhile causes.

ULM is a leader in the state in research, economic development, and partnerships with the community. The campus is a vibrant place where

scientists conduct cutting-edge research, where business leaders meet to create innovative strategies, and where students are prepared for demanding careers in both traditional and emerging fields and professions.

MONROE, LOUISIANA

Monroe is an economic, educational, and medical hub for Northeast Louisiana. The birth place of Delta Air Lines, the Monroe metropolitan area has public-private partnerships and cooperation at the local, regional, state, and federal levels that are resulting in significant job growth.

Providing a high quality of life for its citizens, the city offers a wide variety of restaurants, unique shops, neighborhoods parks, and community centers.

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited.

1. **To apply** - Applications must include: 1) A letter of interest; 2) A current vitae; 3) At least five references with full contact information (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.); 4) Your answers to the questions at: www.myersmcrae.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf ; 5) **An official transcript is required, which should be submitted separately to the ULM Office of Human Resources, Coenen Hall 107, ULM, Monroe, LA 71209-2300.**
2. **Submit applications, except official transcript, to: ULM-Nursing@myersmcrae.com**

For best consideration, submit materials by **January 9, 2017**. The search remains open until the position is filled.

Nominations should include contact information for the nominee and be submitted to **ULM-nominate1@myersmcrae.com**

Emily Parker Myers, Chief Executive Officer of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, is assisting ULM with this search.



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