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### Swanlund Receives IBHE Nurse Educator Fellowship

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Assistant Professor of Nursing Susan L. Swanlund has been awarded a State of Illinois Nurse Educator Fellowship from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning that award degrees in nursing.

Swanlund received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Illinois Wesleyan in 1980. She went on to earn a master's in nursing at Texas Woman's University in 1988, and a doctorate in nursing at Saint Louis University in 1998. Before joining the Illinois Wesleyan faculty in 1995, Swanlund taught at the Mennonite College of Nursing in Bloomington, where she received the Dr. Kathleen A. Hogan Teaching Excellence Award. She also has experience as a staff nurse at the Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis; in the operating room and post-anesthesia recovery room at Brokaw Hospital in Normal; and at Baylor University Center in Dallas. Swanlund later was operating room supervisor and then director of the Cataract Surgery Center in Dallas.



Assistant Professor of Nursing  
Susan L. Swanlund

She has published articles and lectured on topics related to geriatric and cardiovascular nursing. Her work has appeared in such publications as *Applied Nursing Research*, *Progress in Cardiovascular Nursing*, *Nursing Science Quarterly* and *Geriatric Nursing*.

Swanlund is a member of the OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Community Board and Sigma Theta Tau International. She also serves on the Illinois Heart and Lung Foundation Board and its Continuing Medical Education (CME) Subcommittee.

This is the fourth year a member of the Illinois Wesleyan nursing faculty has been awarded the fellowship, which has been presented in the past to Professor of Nursing Sharie Metcalfe, Professor of Nursing Connie Dennis and to Director of the School of Nursing Victoria Folse.

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