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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – A faculty team from the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing has been selected through a national competition to participate in a series of education events to enhance the teaching of undergraduate public health education. The events are part of the first joint education collaboration of the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) and the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR).

The IWU faculty team is composed of Cindy Kerber, professor of nursing, and Laurine Brown, professor of environmental studies and health. Kerber will attend the Public Health and Liberal Education Faculty Development Workshop to be convened in Washington, D.C. on July 9-10. The workshop participants will tailor the experience to their own needs and interests by focusing on one of three breakout sessions: Public Health 101, Epidemiology 101, and Global Health 101. Each content area will provide curricular frameworks and syllabi illustrating the types of materials that can be used as well as successful teaching techniques. The workshop will offer hands-on participatory exercises designed to provide practice using and critiquing a range of approaches to teaching and curriculum design.

A member of the faculty team will also have the opportunity to participate in a one-day skills building institute held in conjunction with the APTR Annual Meeting in February 2008. The entire team will participate in an expanded faculty development institute schedule for July 2008 in Washington, D.C.

The Faculty Development Workshop is the outgrowth of the APTR-sponsored Consensus Conference on Undergraduate Public Health Education that recommended all colleges and universities offer introductory courses in public health. The workshop is made possible through the generous support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

AAC&U is the leading national association concerned with the quality, vitality, and public standing of undergraduate liberal education. AAC&U works to reinforce the commitment to liberal education at both the national and the local level and to help more than 1,100 member colleges and universities keep the quality of student learning at the core of their work as they evolve to meet new economic and social challenges.

APTR is the national interprofessional association advancing, promoting, and supporting health promotion and disease prevention educators and researchers. APTR provides essential linkages to bring together diverse individuals and institutions devoted to health promotion and disease prevention education and research. APTR develops vital curriculum, professional development, and communication tools for educators, researchers, residents, and students.

Additional information about AAC&U and ATPR can be found on their Web sites [www.aacu.org](http://www.aacu.org) and [www.aptrweb.org](http://www.aptrweb.org).

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