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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Dr. Jerry Durham, associate professor of nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been named Director of the School of Nursing effective August 1, University President Dr. Robert S. Eckley announced today.

A member of the Wesleyan faculty since 1983, Durham was selected following a nationwide search to fill the position he had held on an interimal appointment since February 1.

He maintains a limited private practice in mental health nursing in Fairbury and is vice president of the Tri-County Citizens for Health, Ltd.

In addition to his teaching and administrative duties, Durham is an active writer and editor. His work, or that on which he collaborated, has appeared in professional journals of pediatric and gerontological nursing. An article in the October '84 issue of Dimensions of Critical Care Nursing (DCCN) Journal which he co-authored dealt with "Reducing Psychological Complications for the Critically III AIDS Patient." He has also written a chapter on ethical issues in the care of and research with AIDS patients for Nursing Clinics of North America.

Other published works dealt with six chromosome variations in children and the nurse psychotherapist in private practice.

Durham came to Wesleyan from the faculty of the University of Illinois Medical School in Peoria (1977-83). During that same period, he was nursing supervisor for the Fairbury Hospital. He also taught (1975-77) at Lewis and Clark Community College.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing and a PhD in higher deducation at the St. Louis University School of Nursing. He earlier graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Southeast Missouri State Univer-

sity and holds a master's degree from Bradley University. He also holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois Health Science Center.

He and his wife, Kathleen, are residents of Fairbury.