

GSN Hosts Federal Nursing Service Chiefs

The Federal Nursing Service Chiefs (FNSC) for the Army, Navy, Air Force and PHS joined other distinguished members to attend the Federal Nursing Service Council conference held on campus, Dec. 9, 2010.

The conference, hosted by the USU Graduate School of Nursing, included Dean Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, an ex-officio member, along with the chief nursing officers from the Department of Veterans Affairs and American Red Cross.

“They are a very exciting group,” said Dr. Hinshaw. “Each organization is committed to their own unique missions while simultaneously using the group as a mechanism to expand opportunity and capabilities within and across organizational boundaries.”

“The FNSC was established with the purpose of coordinating between and collaborating amongst the federal service organization each council member represents,” said Dr. Hinshaw.

The group addresses the challenges of ensuring clinical competencies and skill sustainment regardless of service or environment.

“From incorporating the latest battlefield initiatives, to funding the latest clinical research, while not overlooking current state licensing procedures, the group remains focused on how they can impact the training and education of the nurses of the federal force,” said Dr. Hinshaw.

Dr. Hinshaw added, “The needs of the services, with the direction of the council, have molded the last two developments in our active-duty nurse practitioners programs. This includes the nurse psychology-mental health and perioperative nurse specialist degrees.”

The Federal Service Nursing Council, established in 1943, currently represents 125,000 nurses with a beneficiary population exceeding 8.5 million.