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OISSE CORE FACULTY MEMBER AWARDED MIDWEST CONSORTIUM GRANT

Omaha, Nebraska (March 8, 2006) --- Ann Ryan-Haddad, Pharmacy faculty member and Core Faculty member of the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE) was recently awarded a Midwest Consortium for Service Learning in Higher Education Grant totaling \$2000. Dr. Ryan-Haddad, along with Drs. Kelli Coover and Michelle Faulkner, received the grant to implement an interdisciplinary course focused on the specific health needs of older adults.

The interprofessional course focuses on the social aspects of aging, specific health problems of aging, and issues of pharmacy practice for geriatric patients. In an effort to improve pharmaceutical care for the elderly, this course will address key components in geriatric care including: physiologic changes associated with aging, geriatric physical assessment, health-related problems of aging, preventive health, important geriatric disease states, current treatment recommendations, patient monitoring parameters, and the medical chart review process.

The course also includes a community-based aspect having students in interprofessional teams involved in assessment and care planning for elderly residents residing in local assisted living facilities. Students will also participate in a site visit to the Omaha and Winnebago reservations to gain a perspective of older adult care among the Native American population.

Throughout the course, students will engage in activities to enhance interpersonal communication skills with older patients through patient interviews, assessments and care plan meetings. The overall goal of the course is to encourage interprofessional groups of students to be prepared for “real world” situations with older adults and develop and demonstrate professional formation in the Jesuit values of *cura personalis* (care of the person); *Magis*, to seek the greater good; *in solidum*, for and with others; and *contemplation-in-action* (critical self-reflection).

The course will be offered beginning in Fall 2006. For more information contact Dr. Ann Ryan-Haddad at aryan@creighton.edu. For more on the Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education (OISSE) visit <http://oisse.creighton.edu>.