The program is the same but the name has changed. The University’s innovative community-based nursing school has a new mission and a new name.

Acting at its April 23 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved naming the school to recognize the long-standing relationship between WMU and the Bronson Healthcare Group. The board also approved a second recommendation to accept the role of legal successor to the Bronson hospital-based nursing program in Kalamazoo that ceased operations in 1998.

“What a wonderful way to signal the partnership we’ve forged with Bronson to bring community-based nursing education to West Michigan,” said President Floyd of the name change. “With this move, we will preserve the Bronson name and recognize the importance of nursing education in our community. We also are paying tribute to the very substantial role Bronson Healthcare Group has played in the development and success of our unique program.”

The Bronson/WMU relationship dates back more than 70 years to when the first Bronson School of Nursing students enrolled in classes at WMU. In more recent times, Bronson has pledged some $25.2 million in support of WMU’s School of Nursing. Of that total, $4 million has been pledged during WMU’s current fiscal year. That amount includes a $1 million pledge announced by Bronson in 1998 and a new $3 million pledge recently made to WMU. Those two pledges make up the largest cash gift ever made to WMU by a single organization.

WMU’s School of Nursing was launched in 1994 and offers a four-year bachelor of science degree program. The school also offers an opportunity for nurses with a nursing diploma or associate’s degree to continue their studies and earn a bachelor’s degree. The first group of four-year students under the new program graduated from WMU April 24.

Last year, just four years after its founding, the WMU School of Nursing earned the highest level of accreditation offered by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. That agency is the only one to continue their studies and earn a bachelor’s degree. The first group of four-year students under the new program graduated from WMU April 24.

In the previous two years, “America’s 100 Best Colleges and Universities” was printed in book form by John Cullor & Sons of Camden, S.C., as part of its “Student Guide Series.” It was published by Institutional Research and Evaluation Inc., a consulting firm that rates America’s colleges and universities.

“America’s 100 Best Colleges 2000,” the firm’s most recent report, lists schools that have a high academic ranking but a low annual cost. It was published by Educational Publications of Gainesville, Ga., a higher education consulting firm.

The third year that the firm has compiled the results of its national surveys to create the best college buys list. In the previous two years, “America’s 100 Best College Buys” was printed in book form by John Cullor & Sons of Camden, S.C., as part of its “Student Guide Series.”

For the third consecutive year, WMU was included in the list of nation’s “best buys” compiled by the research firm. In addition to WMU, three other colleges and universities were surveyed. The 100 schools selected represent 37 states. Sixty-three are public institutions. In addition to WMU, three other Michigan institutions are included. Grand Valley State University, Michigan Technological University and Oakland University.

The report shows that WMU surpassed the national average in all categories examined. The University’s averages, with the national average in parenthesis, are: freshman grade point, 3.2 (3.16); freshman ACT score, 23 (21); and annual out-of-state cost of attendance, $13,320 ($15,164).

President Emeritus Diether H. Haenicke, top, was on hand April 23 to mark the dedication of the new state-of-the-art science research facility that bears his name. A portrait of the former president, presented by the Board of Trustees, hangs in the background and will permanently grace the new facility. The 9,800-square-foot building completes a $44.4 million, 3 ½ year project to upgrade and expand the University’s science instruction and research facilities. Above, the crowd listens to President Floyd during the dedication ceremony, which took place in the atrium that joins the building’s two wings. Following the ceremony, those attending toured many of the building’s laboratories. (Photos by Neil Bankin)

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Name change approved but mission remains same for School of Nursing

A seasoned educational leader with a research track record in the fields of laser and electro-optic research has been named dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Daniel M. Litynski, professor and head of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the U.S. Military Academy, will take the reins as dean of WMU’s engineering school on July 1. His appointment, which was approved April 23 by the Board of Trustees, also includes an appointment as a professor, with tenure, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

“We’re extremely fortunate to have found a new dean with the outstanding research and academic leadership background that Dr. Litynski will bring to this position,” said Provost Timothy Light, vice president for academic affairs. “As our College of Engineering and Applied Sciences continues to grow in both stature and size, his management skills will insure that growth is accomplished with a sense of vision, careful planning and attention to academic excellence.”

Litynski will replace Leonard Lamberson, dean of the college since 1989. Lamberson announced last fall that he would be stepping down June 30. After taking a year-long administrative leave, he will return to the faculty.

Litynski said what attracted him to WMU was the “good people, tremendous opportunities and challenges, and the University’s commitment to the educational process.” Those are among the discoveries he said he made when he came to the campus during the search process.

“In my visits to WMU, I sensed a very strong foundation in a university that is looking to the future to accomplish even greater things,” Litynski said.

Litynski currently oversees a department with 55 faculty and staff members that offers some 50 courses to 3,000 students each year at West Point. He was appointed to head that new department in 1990 following a nationwide search. His first task in that role was to merge the former departments of electrical and computer engineering. Under his direction, the new department launched three research centers and initiated executive seminars in information technology for government and industrial senior executives.

Prior to assuming the role of department head, he had served West Point since 1980 as a research officer, assistant and associate professor and professor of electrical engineering. He also served as an assistant professor of physics at West Point from 1974 to 1978.

Litynski earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1965, a master’s degree in optics from the University of Rochester in 1971 and a doctoral degree in physics from Rensselaer in 1978. In 1989, he was a U.S. Military Academy Fellow of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., where he studied international, national and industrial policy and operations, with a special emphasis in foreign policy and the electronics industry.

Litynski was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1965 and served with the armor and ordnance units of the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Germany at both the platoon and battalion levels. His career also has included a research position at the USA Ballistic Research Laboratory at the Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Ground.

His research has been published in numerous technical journals and has been presented internationally. He has served on a number of international advisory boards for such organizations as UNESCO and the International Liaison Group for Engineering Education.

Sky Broncos return with third place NIFA finish

The University’s Sky Bronco avia- tion team captured third place at the 1999 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Championship, bringing home the team’s eighth consecutive top ten finish in the event.

The Sky Broncos, who won last year’s national championship, finished behind this year’s top team, Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University of Prescott, Ariz., at the April 27-May 1 event held at Kalamazoo State University at Salina. The second place team was from the University of North Dakota.

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By Litynski
International scholars come to campus to discuss ways to approach Middle Ages

Where can you find magic, talks about domestic violence and gender differences, monks, and a Friestan war horse all in the same place? For four days, all that and more will be available on campus as two, 2,500-year-old cultures take part in the 34th International Congress on Medieval Studies today through Sunday. The event, which attracts people from around the globe, including historians, art curators, military strategists and monks, who roam the campus in flowing robes.

More than 1,600 papers will be presented on all aspects of medieval life, literature, culture and history. Although the congress takes place in modern times, don’t expect to hear talk of the upcoming millennium. This time period is of most interest; in 476-1453 A.D., is around the time of the last millennium.

In addition to such presentations, there will be concerts, films and a film festival, concerts and a film festival. Altramar, a medieval music ensemble will perform "Credula Tibi" and "Pentrarch" at 8 p.m. tonight in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. Admission is $12.

Two College of Education departments get new names

As part of a continuing redesign of the College of Education, two new departments have been established and named. The Board of Trustees approved amendments to the constitution of the College of Education, changing the former Department of Educational Studies and the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership to the Department of Educational Studies and the Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

The Department of Educational Studies is comprised of what was formerly the Division of Educational Administration; measurement, research and evaluation program and faculty of the former Department of Organizational Psychology; educational psychology faculty; faculty members formerly in the socio-cultural foundations and the technology areas of the Department of Educational Studies; Psychology; and the school psychology faculty member formerly in the Department of Educational Studies.

The Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership is comprised of the school administration preparation and general concentrations and programs of the former Department of Educational Leadership.

They’re ‘finally finished’ — Students across WMU University were excited to close out the winter semester with a bang. More than 3,000 seniors took advantage of early final weeks relaxation activities at the Student Recreation Center, including Wesley Fudula, holding sign above, a freshman computer science major from Mount Prospect, Ill.

The 3rd year the “Finals Finish” has been held. (Photo by Neil Rahnke)

Business, biomedical science scholarships established

Pharmaceutical maker Pfizer Inc. has created four $2,000 scholarships to encourage WMU students from diverse backgrounds to pursue a career with the company.

Two of the scholarships are earmarked for biomedical science majors while the other two are reserved for those majoring in a business-related field.

The Pfizer Cultural Diversity Scholarships are part of a larger effort to set up internship programs with one four-year higher education institution in each of the pharmaceutical company’s five geographical areas. Michigan is one of those.

Larry Yarcheck, Great Lakes regional manager for Pfizer in Chicago, says WMU is the first institution to be named as a scholarship partner. He says the University was selected largely because of the reputation and diversity of its biological sciences and business departments.

Pfizer, headquartered in New York, is a worldwide research based pharmaceutical company.

Plans call for the company to award the four scholarships this coming fall and to expand its relationship with WMU by providing internships for students before they graduate and job opportunities for them after they graduate.

"Pfizer is a growing international company with 41,000 employees," Yarcheck says. "We’ve become a global corporation, and diversity within our sales force is at the heart of our unique ability to attract the best students for future job opportunities. That process needs to begin earlier and preferably during the junior year."

Board of Trustees action

Room and board, rental rates to increase next year

In increases in operating costs, including those for food, utilities and maintenance, the Board of Trustees, after hearing a request from the Office of University Relations, approved an increase in room and board and apartment rental rates for 1999-2000.

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Howard Street property to be sold

Trustees approved the purchase of five lots along the west edge of the main campus on Howard Street.

The property, at 880 S. Howard St., will be purchased for $325,000, an amount based on a recent appraisal, said Robert M. Beam, vice president for business and finance. "A business located on the property, the Galley Submarine Shop, could be sold separately." The purchase is consistent with the University’s long-term plans to acquire properties located in this area as it becomes available. The property is expected to be used for parking.

Environmental unit formed

A new institute designed to foster multidisciplinary environmental research and teaching was established by the board.

The Environmental Institute brings together WMU’s departments for Environmental Research and WMU’s Environmental Studies Program. According to Charles Schwerin, dean of the College of Education and President, the environmentally-focused center and program together will make it easier to answer students and allow for interdepartmental collaboration on research. In addition, the students will benefit from and have access to additional research materials and research-based course offerings.

"By fusing these two together, we can offer undergraduate students opportunities to learn from hands-on research," says Ide.
Management Education voted to renew the national accrediting agency for college business programs. The board of directors of the American Assembly for Collegiate Schools of Business and the International Association for Management Education voted to renew WMU's accreditation based on the recommendation of the evaluation team. The team spent several weeks reviewing materials provided by the school and met with the campus for four days in November, meeting with key college and University administrators, faculty members, and students.

The University’s Haworth College of Business joins only 351 of the nearly 1,200 U.S. colleges and universities in having achieved AACSB accreditation. "This is a matter of great pride," says Dean James W. Schmutzer, of the Haworth College of Business. "We've spent literally thousands of hours seeking the opinions of our external constituents, developing new curricula and changing the way we do things so that we can provide very best business education possible. That team of demanding external reviewers-practitioners, educators and experts - has confirmed that we're on the right track."

To achieve accreditation, the business programs must meet standards relating to curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources, and intellectual climate.

In its review, the team commended the Haworth College of Business on a number of aspects including its mission-driven focus and strategic planning activities, enthusiasm and involvement of college stakeholders, new bachelor’s degree program administration, program assessment features, physical facilities, outreach activities, and its efforts to identify niche programs with unique opportunities. Team members were deans of the business schools at Texas Tech University, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of South Florida and Miami University.

The Haworth College of Business at WMU is WMU's second largest academic college, with more than 3,700 undergraduate students. The college offers an opportunity to study the master's of business administration and undergraduate majors in accounting, business administration, finance, international business, and marketing. Undergraduate programs have been accredited since 1970. Accreditation for graduate programs was granted in 1981.

Web Watch

New sites have recently been added to the University's intranet.

WMU/NewS now includes current weather conditions and five-day weather forecasts for 100 cities. To view the weather, enter the city name in the search field or select a city from the list of cities. This information is updated hourly by The Weather Underground Inc. Cities included are Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, and Traverse City. Find forecasts at:

http://wmich.edu/wmuniws

The president's office has a new Web site and a new URL. The site includes information about the president's staff and links to Update (the president's newsletter) and other public statements by President R. Gordon Floyd. Reach the president's email address at:

http://wmich.edu/president

One of the newest Web sites at WMU is legislative. The site includes information about the legislative affairs staff and our legislative agenda. Find it at:

http://wmich.edu/legislative

Two Ellsworth Hall offices switch service locations

The Office of Distance Education is now located in A103-109 Ellsworth Hall. The Division of Continuing Education’s Advising Office, which has offered course registration in B102-103 Ellsworth, the move took place at the close of the winter semester.

Annual staff service award nominations due

The Staff Service Excellence Awards selection committee is seeking nominations for the 1999-2000 awards.

Up to four staff members may be selected to receive a $1,000 cash prize and a commemorative medallion at an awards banquet. The winners will also be honored at a luncheon and have their photos displayed in the Selbert Administration Building.

These awards are the pinnacle of the Staff Service Excellence Awards program and are being offered for the first time.

Nominations should include as much detail as possible explaining how the staff member has contributed to WMU. Nominations that reach far beyond his or her job responsibilities. Nominations are due Friday, May 14. The nomination can be made by another staff member on a nomination form that can be obtained by calling 7-3620.

Any regular part- or full-time non-faculty staff member can be nominated. Nominations are open to previous nominees and previous nominees and members of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Recombinant DNA Biosafety Committee—and works to ensure campus researchers are aware of and in compliance with regulations. Web Watch is a series of campuswide training sessions are just two of the tools she uses to accomplish that task. "I'm a very social person, so I really enjoy talking and meeting people at the regulatory agencies as well as learning about our faculty and student research," she notes. Broker, a 1981 graduate of WMU's College of Business, worked in the field of animal regulatory compliance for five years at the Matuwau-based International Research and Development Corp., now MRI Research, and for a private consulting firm for nearly two years before joining the WMU staff in 1996. When she's away from the University, the Colon resident enjoys gardening and boating and she's busy planning her upcoming wedding. She and her fiancé also enjoy activities involving ownership of a 1979 Corvette roadster. "I love how she balances her career, her family, her hobbies, and her personal life," says her fiancé, assistant director of the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego and an award-winning Broadway director.

The festival also provides a forum for honoring and recognizing 17 outstanding young artistic groups among those being feted will be Dean Robert L. Luscombe of the College of Fine Arts. Luscombe, who is to retire at the end of this school year, has been a director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Included includes educational workshops and exhibitions. In addition, part of the participants' experience while at the festival includes workshops and exhibitions and exhibitions.

Michigan's top high school fine arts students gear up for weekend of performance, learning

More than 1,000 of the state's finest young artists will gather on campus today through Saturday for the 37th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival. This year, it's a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating in a month-long search for the finest artist resident in Michigan high schools.

More than 60,000 students across the state become involved in the adjudication process that results in offering up to 1,500 students being invited to participate in the annual three-day festival. This is the fifteenth year that WMU has played host to this event.

Honorary chaperones for this year's festival are Betty Bone, executive director of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The following list of vacancies is currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application during the posting period, and may contact an employment services staff member for assistance in securing these positions.

- (R) Manager (Repost), P-06, Grants and Contracts, 98/99-616, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Academic Auditor I, S-04, University Computing Services, 98/99-618, 5/4-5/10/99
- (N) New Replacement
- (R) House Staff (Repost; 2nd Shift, 98/99-617, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Secretary III, S-06, University Computing Services, 98/99-618, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Director, 000, School of Social Work, 98/99-619, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Head Coach, Synchronized Skating, C-02, Intercollegiate Athletics, 98/99-615, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Manager (Repost), P-06, Grants and Contracts, 98/99-550, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Assistant Supervisor Ticket Office, P-01, Intercollegiate Athletics, 98/ 99-608, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Professional Specialist (Temneys 679000), D-01, Gun Subjects Institutional 8069, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Director, 000, School of Social Work, 98/99-619, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Secretary III, S-06, University Recreation, 98/99-617, 5/4-5/10/99
- (R) Academic Auditor I, S-04, University Computing Services, 98/99-618, 5/4-5/10/99
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Energy purchase decision will cut University's electric bill

MGW has agreed to purchase a significant portion of its electricity from CMS Energy Corp. of Dearborn in an arrangement that will save the University 15 percent on its electric bill. "We are always seeking opportunities to control our costs," says Lowell P. Rinker, assistant vice president for business. "Our bottom line is that we want to get the best deal for the University and for our students to help us hold down the cost of tuition." Rinker says WMU would save about $15,000 per month on its electric bill with the new contract. The purchase will supplement electricity produced by WMU's two natural-gas fueled turbines. The turbines currently produce eight megawatts of power and are being upgraded to produce 10 megawatts. The two-year agreement allows CMS to provide the difference between that amount and the University's peak load of about 15 megawatts.

"WMU's new contract puts it on the cutting edge of the electric restructuring taking place in the United States and abroad," says William N. Schvix, executive vice president and chief operating officer of CMS Marketing, Services and Trading. WMU was able to choose its electricity supplier under Consumer Energy's direct access program. The experimental program was created under an order from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Trustees approve totally revamped Student Code

A completely rewritten Student Code was approved by the Board of Trustees during its meeting April 23.

The code, which was last updated in 1994, describes the boundaries of acceptable behavior as well as students' basic and academic rights. "Higher education institutions use student codes in order to encourage an open, just and disciplined educational community," says Theresa A. Powell, vice president for student affairs. "Maintaining civility and harmony on campus helps make the college experience more productive and enjoyable for all students," Powell adds. "We have a responsibility to our students to have an updated and responsive Student Code that is reviewed on a regular basis."

WMU's code contains 24 conduct rules and regulations. Among the rules they cover are dishonesty, hazing, theft, credit card misuse, possession of alcohol and drugs, obscene or harassing communication, and violation of Student Judicial Affairs is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the code. It has the authority to conduct investigations of alleged infractions and rule on them through established procedures that may or may not include hearings adjudicated by a campus judicial body. About 2,500 cases are processed annually. Students found to be in violation of the code are subject to sanctions that are primarily educational in nature and run the gamut from a warning to expulsion.

David W. Parrott, associate dean of students, says efforts to revise the Student Code began this past May. The year-long process involved several steps, including an extensive review of codes at other colleges and universities, research into legal issues, and input from a wide variety of student groups, University offices and administrators. "Many students felt the old code was difficult to read and interpret," Parrott says. "Students also complained that the process was cumbersome and hard to navigate." The new code alleviates those and other concerns, he said. WMU chose to revamp the existing Student Code. Particular attention was paid to protecting the rights of students while at the same time simplifying and speeding up the procedure for resolving cases, incorporating current national standards of the student judicial affairs profession, and taking into account timely issues, such as new technology and governmental requirements.

"What students have told us is that the new Student Code is easier to read and to grasp and seems friendlier," Parrott says. "What administrators have told us is that the new code is more objective and clearly states the expectations we have for our students." (Continued from page one)

Calendar

The matter calendar maintained by the Office of University Relations in Western News is available through WMU's home page on the World Wide Web. Select WMU News and then look for Calendar of Events. You can also link directly to the calendar at <http://www.wn.edu/wnnewsvh/event/>.

Thursday, May 6

37th Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival (through May 8), exhibits and performances in Daltom Center, Miller Auditorium, all day; for details, call 7-5811.

34th International Congress on Medieval Studies (through May 9), Goldsworth Valley residence halls, Fetzer Center, Schneider Hall, Bernhard Center, all day; for details, call 7-8745.

Faculty Senate Research Policies Council meeting, 3150 Schneider Hall, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Softball vs. Marshall University, Ebert Field, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Men's and Women's track, Bronco Invitational, Kanley Track, 10 a.m.

Softball vs. Ohio University, Ebert Field, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Faculty Senate Undergraduate Studies Council meeting, 3150 Schneider Hall, 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Faculty Senate's Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Affairs Council meeting, Conference Room B, Seibert Administration Building, 3:30 p.m.

Faculty Senate meeting, Fetzer Center, 5 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Kalamazoo Film Society showing (through May 16), "Central Station," Campus Cinemas (Hugh Haenicke Hall) 14 and 15, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; May 16, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18

Law School Admission Test preparation course (Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 28), 3:15-5:30 p.m., for details, call 7-2254.

Faculty Senate's Campus Planning Council meeting, Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center, 3 p.m.

"Low Res" performance (through May 23), Miller Auditorium: May 18-20, 7:30 p.m.; May 21, 8 p.m.; May 22, 2 and 8 p.m. and May 23, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19

Management and Development Program workshop (and May 20 and 21), "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," Fetzer Center 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; to register, call 7-3232.

Thursday, May 20

Faculty Senate Regional Education Council meeting, Conference Room B, Seibert Administration Building, 3 p.m.

* Admission charged

Celebrating Achievement - Members of the Administrative Professional Association and the Professional Support Staff Organization honored their own April 15 at a joint luncheon ceremony that "honors the front line people who keep the University's mission at the cutting edge of the electric restructuring taking place in the United States and abroad," says William N. Schvix, executive vice president and chief operating officer of CMS Marketing, Services and Trading. WMU was able to choose its electricity supplier under Consumer Energy's direct access program. The experimental program was created under an order from the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Nursing

MGW was one of more than 50 universities and medical centers that signed a cooperative agreement with four other states to form the Professional Support Staff Organization (PSSO). The agreement was reached with representatives from the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association and the National Education Association.

The agreement is designed to ensure that nursing professionals receive the same benefits as other professionals in similar roles. It includes provisions for a national database of nursing professionals, a national code of ethics for nurses, and a national certification program for nurses. The agreement covers nurses working in both acute and long-term care settings, as well as nurses working in home care and community health settings.

MGW has been a leader in nursing education and research, and has been recognized for its excellence in nursing education. The College of Nursing at MGW is one of the top nursing programs in the country, and has been consistently ranked among the top 10 nursing programs by US News & World Report. The College of Nursing has also been recognized for its commitment to diversity, and offers a variety of programs and services to support students and faculty from diverse backgrounds.

The agreement also includes provisions for the development of a national certification program for nurses, which would be administered by a national certifying body. The certification program would be recognized by employers and regulatory agencies, and would be designed to ensure that nurses have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide high-quality care.

The agreement is expected to have a significant impact on nursing education and practice, and is expected to benefit nurses and patients alike. The agreement is expected to lead to improved patient outcomes, reduced costs, and increased access to high-quality care.