Training Faculty

Training faculty are renowned Oncology Nursing researchers which include:

• Catherine Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN (Program Director)
• Susan Cohen, DSN, APRN, FAAN
• Heidi Donovan, PhD, RN
• Margaret Rosenzweig, PhD, CRNP-C, AOCN
• Paula Sherwood, PhD, RN, CNRN

Faculty are from Nursing, Medicine, Genetics, Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Wisconsin.

Pre-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral candidates interested in this innovative program may contact:

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Applications are currently being accepted.

Founded in 1939, The University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing is ranked seventh in U.S. News and World Report’s 2008 “America’s Best Graduate Schools” and fifth in National Institutes of Health research dollars.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing offers opportunities to study with nationally recognized faculty and has prepared students for increasingly demanding practice and academic environments through rigorous educational programs.
### Interdisciplinary Training for Nurse Scientists
#### In Cancer Survivorship Research

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**Training Program Goal**

The goal of this National Institute of Nursing Research funded training program (T32NR011972), is to prepare pre-doctoral and post-doctoral nurse scientists to lead independent research programs in cancer survivorship that:

1) evaluate physical, social, and psychological responses to cancer and cancer therapy over time including the biologic basis for these responses, precipitating/enhancing factors and effects of these responses;

2) develop interventions that prevent and manage negative responses to cancer and cancer treatment, which will ultimately improve quality of life.

**Environment**

The University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing is the ideal setting to train nurse scientists to launch research careers in cancer survivorship. The School of Nursing is the home of the first graduate program with a specialization in oncology nursing in the United States.

We have; 1) an exceptional PhD program, 2) an outstanding faculty of nurse scientists in cancer survivorship, 3) a research intensive environment with strong linkages to the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and 4) a sound, established culture of multidisciplinary collaboration.

**Application**

Applicants to the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral programs must submit official transcripts from previous and/or current institutions and 3 reference letters.

Applicants to the pre-doctoral program must meet the admission criteria for the University of Pittsburgh PhD Program (BSN-to PhD or MSN to PhD) and have a bachelor’s or master’s degree in nursing and professional nursing licensure.

Pre-doctoral applicants must also submit GRE scores taken within the last 5 years and a brief proposal indicating their research interests related to cancer survivorship.

Post-doctoral applicants must submit their curriculum vitae and a proposal for a training program and research study in cancer survivorship.

**For more information,** contact Dr. Catherine Bender, Program Director, at cbe100@pitt.edu.