



**The School of Nursing
The University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Dr. Elaine Marieb - Faculty of the Future Scholarship

Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2009 @ 12:00 pm

Purpose: Established in 2007 by Dr. Elaine Marieb (University of Massachusetts Amherst, Masters of Science 1985), this scholarship will be awarded to a United States citizen who has been accepted for admission to the School of Nursing PhD Program. The scholarship will provide four years of tuition and student fees for a student completing the PhD in Nursing Program. Qualified applicants include Registered Nurses holding a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree interested in acquiring a BS to PhD or individuals who hold a Master's Degree and are interested in acquiring a PhD in Nursing. The scholarship will help provide doctoral prepared faculty for teaching nursing in the commonwealth and the nation.

About: Dr. Marieb began her teaching career at Springfield College, in Western Massachusetts where she taught anatomy and physiology to physical education majors. She then joined the faculty of the Biological Science Division of Holyoke Community College after receiving her Ph.D. in zoology from UMass Amherst.

For Dr. Marieb, taking the student's perspective into account has always been an integral part of her teaching style. While teaching at Holyoke Community College, where many of her students were pursuing nursing degrees, she developed a desire to better understand the relationship between the scientific study of the human body and the clinical aspects of the nursing practice. To that end, while continuing to teach full time, Dr. Marieb pursued her nursing education, which culminated in a Master of Science degree with a clinical specialization in gerontology from UMass Amherst. It is this experience, along

with stories from the field—including those of former students now in health careers—that has informed the development of the unique perspective and accessibility for which her texts and laboratory manuals are known.

Award: The *Dr. Elaine Marieb - Faculty of the Future Scholarship* will provide four years of tuition and student fees for a student completing the School of Nursing PhD Program. A scholarship of \$20,000 a year for 4 consecutive years will be provided. The student must maintain full-time status and a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Application package includes the following:

- Cover Letter/Resume
- Official transcripts from colleges/universities attended
- Graduate School Application. The web address is:
https://webapp.spire.umass.edu/admissions/cgi-bin/app/gradapp_display.pl
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing with a GPA of 3.2 or better
- Two letters of recommendation. References from faculty in more than one department preferred
- Two examples of scholarly writing and a research focus congruent with the research focus of the School of Nursing; participation in an admission interview and the student's commitment to teach at a School of Nursing
- Send completed applications by July 1st, 2009 to:

Dr. Jean Swinney, Interim Dean of the School of Nursing
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Skinner Hall
651 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01003- 9299
Tel: (413) 545-5093

Other important Items:

- Applications can not be submitted electronically or faxed
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed
- Awards will be made only once to any candidate

Announcement: Tuesday, September 1st, 2009

The University of Massachusetts Amherst

Located in Western Massachusetts, the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst) is a national research university recognized for superb faculty, outstanding teaching and top-notch students who come from across the state and around the world. UMass Amherst, the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts system, sits on nearly 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, 90 miles from Boston and 175 miles from New York City. The campus provides a rich cultural environment in a rural setting close to major urban centers.

The School of Nursing at UMass Amherst has always been a leader in nursing education. Since its founding in 1953, it has continuously developed academic programs to address society's ongoing and emerging health needs and to prepare graduates for practice in diverse settings. The School of Nursing offers degree programs at the baccalaureate, masters and doctoral level.