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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Megan Foshee, assistant professor and coordinator of the nursing simulation lab in Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Nursing, has been selected for the National League for Nursing's 2023 Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators. The year-long initiative is part of the NLN Leadership Institute.

The simulation leadership development initiative is designed for experienced nurse educators in the simulation field who want to have a leadership role in simulation.

Foshee is one of 15 education simulationists chosen to participate this year in the program, which cultivates leadership skills in nurse educators who have already gained experience at work in the field. She credits Dr. Brenda Trigg, associate professor and director of nursing at Ouachita, with encouraging her to submit her name as a candidate for the program.

"With a push from my supervisor, Dr. Trigg, and with the support of the university, I was able to apply," Foshee said. "I wouldn't have been able to do it without Dr. Trigg."

Foshee began as a staff simulation coordinator. With a Master of Public Administration degree, she went on to also earn a master's degree in nursing so that she could move into a faculty position.

“Being surrounded by supportive colleagues and seeing the nurse educator role firsthand helped me achieve the goal of becoming a simulation educator. In college, I worked at a radio broadcast station, which helped me learn the ins and outs of the technical side of simulation,” Foshee said.

The 2023 NLN Leadership Institute cohort is a group of 41 nurse educators, along with 15 simulation educators, chosen from colleges, universities and healthcare institutions. Foshee and others will study for a year under the direction of Dr. Susan Forneris, director of the National League for Nursing Division of Innovation in Education Science, and Michelle Moulton, senior manager for the division.

To kick off the program, Foshee attended an in-person orientation session at League headquarters in Washington, D.C. Throughout the year, she will be immersed in leadership development, exchange ideas and best practices in simulation in private forums, visit simulation centers around the country to evaluate their programs and attend professional conferences.

“Megan is innovative, loves students and teaches by evidence-based practice,” Trigg said. “We are excited to see her grow in the simulation leadership role and bring greater quality to our simulation program.”

For more information about the NLN leadership program or about Ouachita’s [Department of Nursing](#), contact Megan Foshee at fosheem@obu.edu or (870) 245-4892.