Institute for Translational Research
in Education, Nursing, and Health Professions

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Kevin Ball, Associate Dean for Research and Community, College of ENHP
The ITR facilitates the integration of health and education sciences with community engagement.
The Institute for Translational Research (ITR) began operation during the 2010/2011 academic year. It consists of three University-chartered centers and is supported by the faculty, students, and staff of the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP), as well as its University and community partners.

- Institute for Translational Research (ITR)
  www.harford.edu/enhp/ITR
- Center for Health, Care, and Well-being (CHCWB)
  www.harford.edu/enhp/ITR/CHCWB
- Center for Learning and Professional Education (CLPE)
  www.harford.edu/enhp/ITR/CLPE
- Center for Public Health and Education Policy (CPHEP)
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ITR-Related Activities of the Advisory Council on Research (ACR)

- The college’s elected ACR* conducted a college-internal search and recommended the following faculty members for two-year appointments to ITR Center Directors: Beth Parker (CHCWB), Suzanne Cordier D’Annolfo (CLPE), and Diana LaRocco (CPHEP)
- The ACR recommended the distribution of $41K in Seed ($2K) and Sprout ($5K) Grants to 11 of 19 faculty-submitted projects

Endowment and Bequest

- Accepted gifts of $9,533 into the college’s ITR Endowment Fund, now totaling $16,216
- Received a $500,000 bequest from an anonymous donor to (a) provide operational support to prosthetics and orthotics initiatives in the ITR and (b) provide funding for an ITR research assistant who supports projects aligned with the prosthetics and orthotics program

* current ACR members include: Beth Parker (Health Sciences), Susan Diehl (Nursing), Mary Gannotti (Physical Therapy), Karen Case (Educational Leadership), Lisa Zawilinski (Education), Barbara Crane (Health at-large), Toko Oshio (Education at-large)
Institute for Translational Research
Accomplishments 2011/2012

• New England Anti-Bullying Conference
  • Collaborated with the Ceceilyn Miller Institute for Leadership and Diversity in America and the Hartford Public Schools to co-organize and co-sponsor this gathering of 200 teachers and administrators from school districts around Connecticut and the New England region

• ENHP Day
  (www.hartford.edu/enhp/enhpday)
  • Helped organize and execute the first annual conference showcasing ENHP faculty and student research and scholarly activities
  • Featured were 47 posters, 23 roundtable discussions, 7 faculty-mentored doctoral research presentations, and 2 keynote events
  • ENHP Day drew 232 attendees, 152 participants, and 3 vendors: Hanger Orthopedics, Saint Francis Care, and Hartford Public Schools
## Institute for Translational Research
### Managed Grants 2011/2012

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**Total** 432,774

CHCWB = Center for Health, Care and Well-Being  
CLPE = Center for Learning and Professional Education  
CPHEP = Center for Public Health and Education Policy
The CHCWB engages community partners to facilitate collaborative research, thereby shaping clinical practice, providing service, and preparing the next generation of clinicians, researchers, and educators.
Center for Health, Care, and Well-being
Accomplishments 2011/2012

• Ongoing Collaborations
  • Continued research projects with Saint Francis Hospital on falls prevention in hospitals
  • Continued co-teaching activities with the University High School for Science and Engineering, as well as service-learning activities with Project Horizon
  • Initiated mobility research project with All-Star Therapy

• Partnership Development
  • Facilitated the signing of affiliation agreement with LIMBS International; began two research projects with faculty from ENHP, CETA, and LIMBS
  • Explored future extensions of collaborations with Hartford Hospital

• Constituent Engagement
  • Started wiki to encourage student participation in center activities www.uhart-itr-student-research.wikispaces.com
  • Hosted lectures by Cameron Clapp (triple amputee athlete), Richard Lewis (Harvard University), and Kevin Carroll (Hanger Clinic) on prosthetics and on balance and mobility

For more detailed information, please visit www.hartford.edu/enhp/ITR/CHCWB
The CLPE partners with local education and health care organizations to identify and help answer important questions on teaching and learning, jointly developing strategies that lead to beneficial outcomes.
Center for Learning and Professional Education
Accomplishments 2011/2012

• Ongoing Collaborations
  • Engaged in professional development and research activities with five Hartford Public Schools: Annie Fisher STEM Magnet School, Betances Early Reading Lab School, Global Communication Academy, Montessori Magnet School at Annie Fisher, University High School for Science and Engineering
  • Assisted Hartford Public Schools with the development of an i3 grant proposal on literacy instruction

• Faculty Engagement
  • Presented translational research papers during 2012 AERA conference
  • Submitted six successful proposals to the ITR Seed/Sprout Grant competition
  • Started translational research blog

• Conference Planning
  • Helped plan the 2012 Connecticut STEM Conference with Hartford Public Schools, East Hartford Public Schools, Saint Francis Care, and the Connecticut Science Center

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The CPHEP provides the tools and expertise that support creating, synthesizing, and translating research into practice and policy.
Center for Public Health and Education Policy
Accomplishments 2011/2012

• Ongoing Collaborations
  • Hosted two state-wide one-day workshops (one for registered nurses, one for nursing faculty) with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO)

• Partnership Development
  • Nurtured the affiliation with Saint Francis Hospital through support of the Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Council and the Nursing Research Day
  • Continued and initiated research projects with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health, and the Connecticut Public Health Association

• Constituent Engagement
  • Hosted a college-wide evening discussion on “Unnatural Causes—Place Matters” with Marie Spivey and Raja Staggers, both from the Connecticut Commission on Health Equity

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