

SWOSU Nursing Students Gear Up to Promote Organ Donation Awareness

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The students are part of a new class within the school entitled “Increasing Awareness of Organ and Tissue Donation.” The course focuses on educating future nurses about issues concerning organ and tissue donation and gives the students the opportunity to educate others about donation through their clinical work for the course.

This class is made possible through a grant from the Oklahoma Organ Donation and Awareness Program Advisory Council. Tamra Weimer, a faculty member in the School of Nursing, is responsible for applying for the grant and arranging the course—the first of its kind in Oklahoma.

The students will be going into local high schools. According to Weimer, they will help debunk some of the myths surrounding organ and tissue donation and promote a healthy and educated awareness of organ and tissue donation.

Barbara Patterson, chair of the SWOSU School of Nursing, said the department appreciates Weimer for all of her research and dedication to help begin this course at SWOSU.