

Who Will Care for You?

*How the Title VII & VIII Programs Improve the Supply,
Distribution, and Diversity of the Health Professions Workforce*

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Speakers:

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Angela Jackson, M.D., is Director of the Primary Care Residency Training Program at Boston University Medical Center, where she holds a position as an Associate Professor of Medicine. She also serves as Associate Director of the Boston University Training Program in Medicine. Dr. Jackson is the New England Regional Past President for the Society for General Internal Medicine.

Anthony A. Miller, M.Ed., PA-C

Anthony A. Miller, M.Ed., PA-C, is Associate Professor and Director in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. He has over 29 years of experience in physician assistant (PA) education and has held several educational leadership positions, including Associate Dean, School of Allied Health and Chair, Department of PA Studies at the Medical College of Ohio as well as Division Head, Health Careers & Natural Sciences and PA Program Director at Cuyahoga Community College. He has been a leader for several state and national physician assistant professional associations, including President of Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP) and President of the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants. He chaired the APAP Degree Task Force and just completed serving on the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) Graduate Education Commission. Mr. Miller is a former member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants' (AAPA) Leadership Advisory Commission and the AAPA Education Council. He has also served on peer review panels for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant awards programs.

Mr. Miller, originally from Lakewood, Ohio, received his master's degree in education from Cleveland State University and is currently a doctoral candidate in educational leadership at the University of Toledo. In October 2000, Mr. Miller received the Association of Physician Assistant Programs' Master Teacher Award.

Mr. Miller is a project director for a HRSA physician assistant training grant awarded to Shenandoah University. The Shenandoah University Division of Physician Assistant Studies is in its sixth year of funding which will expire in June 2008. Last year, the grant program sustained a 30% cut in funding.

Evelyn Simpkins, M.D.

Evelyn Simpkins, M.D., is a Fellow in Adolescent Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. A graduate of Hampton University, Dr. Simpkins participated in a Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) post-baccalaureate program offered through the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM). Upon completion of the program, she matriculated into the medical school, where she also received academic support from the MSU Center of Excellence (COE). She earned her medical degree in 2002 and was accepted into the pediatric residency program at Morehouse School of Medicine. In 2006, she was invited back to MSU-CHM as a young distinguished alumnus.



Dr. Simpkins with aspiring physician Takia Green.

Karen Capen Stearns, BS, BSN, RN, CCRN

Karen Capen Stearns, BS, BSN, RN, CCRN is currently a student nurse anesthetist at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She is scheduled to graduate with a Masters of Science in Nursing, Anesthesia, in December 2007. Prior to entering the anesthesia program she worked as a critical care nurse in the Neuro Trauma Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for three years. While employed there she worked on several hospital committees for education of critical care nurses and obtained her Certified Critical Care Registered Nurse distinction. She received her Bachelors of Science in Animal and Poultry Science with minors in Chemistry and Biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2000 and her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from The Johns Hopkins University in 2002. Upon completion of her Masters she plans to work as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist in North Carolina and become an undergraduate professor for nursing.

Ms. Stearns is the only nursing student at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing to receive funding through the Title VIII Nurse Faculty Loan Program. Under the program, students must agree to teach at a school of nursing in exchange for cancellation of up to 85 percent of their educational loans, plus interest, over a four-year period at a rate of 20 percent per year for three years and 25 percent in the final year. In FY 2006, schools of nursing requested over three times the funds available to educate additional nurse faculty.

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