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Madonna University Dean Appointed to the Michigan Board of Nursing

LIVONIA, Mich. – Teresa L. Thompson, Ph.D., R.N., recently was appointed to the Michigan Board of Nursing, as announced by Governor Jennifer Granholm on March 31, 2009. The Farmington Hills resident will represent registered nurses with master's degrees who are engaged in nursing education in a baccalaureate or higher program. She succeeds Anahid Kulwicki, R.N., M.S.N., Ph.D., who resigned.

As dean of Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, Thompson oversees the nursing and hospice programs, and teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level. "It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the Michigan Board of Nursing," Thompson said. "I appreciate the encouragement and support provided by the Madonna community throughout the appointment process."

A member of the editorial board of *Rehabilitation Nursing and NeuroRehabilitation*, Thompson was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Rehabilitation Nursing. She also received the Award for Outstanding Leadership in Administration from Wayne State University, her alma mater. Thompson, whose clinical areas of expertise include rehabilitation, gerontology and administration, previously worked as a rehabilitation adult nurse practitioner and a nurse administrator.

The 23-member Michigan Board of Nursing currently oversees the practice of nearly 122,000 RNs, 6,000 nurse specialists and 26,500 LPNs. The Board establishes qualifications for nurse licensure, as well as standards for nursing education. It also takes disciplinary action against licensees when the health, safety and welfare of the public is adversely affected.

For over 40 years, Madonna University's (www.madonna.edu) College of Nursing and Health has provided nurses with highly-regarded preparation and training, focused on the department's core values of wellness, professionalism and compassion. The program offers bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing, nursing administration, hospice and palliative studies, health care educator, primary care nurse practitioner, and nursing and business. Madonna recently launched a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree, and is accepting applications for a cohort that begins in May 2009.

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