**2014 HCGNE Site Visit**

On January 15-15, Chairman of the John A. Hartford Board of Directors, Norman Volk and Program Officer Marcus Escobedo visited the Center for the annual site visit. During their time on campus they visited the NCEC and took a tour of UIHC and campus. The morning of the 16th was spent with Center Directors, Faculty, Fellows and UI Foundation Representative Dayna Ballantyne to discuss past successes and the future of the Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at IOWA.

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**Important Dates to Remember**

- **March 18th – May 6th, 2014**
  - Gerontological Nurse Certification Preparation Course
  - Application Deadline: March 1st, 2014

- **March 27th-30th, 2014**
  - MNRS Annual Research Conference

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**Register Now For the Gerontological Nurse Certification Course!**

The Gerontological Nurse Certification Preparation Course will be offered here at the college for 8 weeks, on Tuesdays, 5:30PM, beginning March 18. The course is designed to expertly equip RN’s to pass the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) Gerontological Nurse Certification Examination. The course offers a teaching and summary specific to current key clinical information and issues central to caring for the highly specialized health care needs of older adults. It also reviews the current financial, social, political, and cultural issues that affect nursing care for the elderly. The course is $250. If interested, contact Bonnie Kinkead or Ryleigh Maas in the Hartford Center.

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