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### **Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Names New School of Nursing Dean** *Evans to step down after almost 12 years as dean*

Holly Wei, Ph.D., R.N., has been named the [Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center](#) (TTUHSC) School of Nursing dean, the university announced today (Nov. 6).

Wei is the associate dean for Research and Scholarship at East Tennessee State University College of Nursing and currently serves as the interim executive associate dean and chief nursing administrator.

TTUHSC President Lori Rice-

Spearman, Ph.D., said.

great respect for and commitment to the school, our great university and its values as a

Wei received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at North Carolina Central University, Durham, and her Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from the University of North Carolina School of Nursing at Chapel Hill.

Wei will succeed Michael Evans, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, a Grover E. Murray Professor who has served as the TTUHSC School of Nursing dean for almost 12 years. He will step down as dean (Nov. 6) to serve as a professor in the School of Nursing and associate provost for special projects.

I am honored to have had Dr. Evans leading our School of Nursing for more than a  
-Spearman said.  
programs to address the perpetual nursing shortage. Our school is excellently positioned

Some of \_\_\_\_\_ include serving as professor and assistant dean for the Ph.D. program at the University of Louisville School of Nursing, Kentucky; as both an assistant and associate professor at East Carolina University College of Nursing, Greenville, North Carolina; and as a registered nurse and nurse researcher at University of North Carolina Health - Chapel Hill.

We are excited about the appointment of Dr. Wei to lead our School of Nursing. TTUHSC Provost and Chief Academic Officer Darrin D'Agostino, D.O., said, "Dr. Wei's experience in all areas of nursing education will be instrumental in building off of the

promotion across the lifespan and epigenetic biomarkers. With more than 70 professional publications, Dr. Wei's research has influenced multiple nursing practice models, including the Convergent Care Theory, a guide to nursing research and practice.

Her textbook, *Nursing Management and Leadership*, was awarded the 2022 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year and received first place in Nursing Management and Leadership. Many universities have adopted the book for leadership courses.

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