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**RMUoHP appoints transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Graduate Program Director.**

Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) is pleased to announce Marian Gillard, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, as the new Graduate Program Director of the transitional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (tOTD) program. Dr. Gillard adds to RMUoHP's reputation in faculty excellence with over 25 years of professional experience including Occupational Therapy practitioner, academician, and researcher.

Dr. Gillard holds a PhD in Psychoeducational Processes from Temple University, with a BS and MS in Occupational Therapy from Temple University as well. Her research and scholarship focuses on predictors of functional recovery including consideration of self-esteem, self-efficacy, locus of control and subjective well-being. Dr. Gillard is an expert in Active Learning and is known for her research in interactive distance learning methods.

Dr. Gillard served on the American Occupational Therapy Association's Representative Assembly for four terms, and is a recipient of the Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association's award for "Exemplary Leadership, Innovative Educational Approaches, and Dedicated Scholarship". "We are very fortunate to have Dr. Gillard as the new director to continue the tradition of innovative education," said Dr. Stan Hartgraves, Vice President of Academics at RMUoHP. "She brings a wealth of academic and clinical experience to the University, and as a Fellow of the AOTA, is well recognized by her peers."

**About Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions:**

RMUoHP offers doctoral degrees for current and future healthcare providers and educators, including athletic trainers, physical therapists, nurses, and occupational therapists. RMUoHP's non-traditional model enables students to complete advanced degrees without relocating. Curricula emphasize specialized education in advanced clinical, research, and academic areas. RMUoHP is currently developing a residential Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program which is scheduled to start in May 2010.

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