

Creating Futures

University of Colorado *at Colorado Springs*



Dr. Carole Schoffstall

*Endowed
Chair*

Creating a Legacy
of Excellence at
Beth-El College of Nursing
and Health Sciences





“We don’t just look at ourselves as an education system. We look at ourselves as transforming the health care delivery system.”

— Dr. Carole Schoffstall, PhD, RN
Dean Emeritus and Professor of Nursing, Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Embodying Beth-El’s Mission

Dean Emeritus Carole Schoffstall embodies the mission of Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Her consistent leadership has enabled Beth-El to deliver outstanding health care education throughout her 17 years as dean and 30 years on the faculty. Her dedication and passion have made Beth-El an integral part of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs since its 1997 merger, and a center of excellence for nursing and health science education for southern Colorado and beyond.

To truly carry forward Dr. Schoffstall’s legacy, Beth-El needs to help close the nation’s gap between nurses needed and nurses educated. One reason for this gap is that nursing colleges often cannot admit qualified students due to faculty shortages. The trickle-down impact—too few nursing graduates—threatens the ready availability of health care, forcing our medical facilities to fall short of the quality care we deserve.

Acclaimed health care colleges such as Beth-El are part of the solution. This endowed chair honoring Dr. Schoffstall will allow more students access to Beth-El’s world-class education, and prepare much-needed health care providers to work in facilities throughout southern Colorado and beyond.

Why an Endowed Chair?

The Endowed Chair effort is a grassroots upswelling that will rely on numerous community donors, unlike some chairs that are funded by a single donor. It will fund a key Beth-El faculty position with an endowment, whose annual interest enables the ongoing funding of the position. In doing so, the chair will:

- ◆ Provide funding for the College in perpetuity
- ◆ Attract the best faculty and practitioners in their fields, and add long-term stability to the College
- ◆ Add prestige to the College: many highly ranked universities cite endowed chairs as a point of pride
- ◆ Honor both the individual for whom the chair is named and the individual holding the chair
- ◆ Allow us to admit more students and better serve the health care profession



“Every once in a while, we meet someone who is synonymous with a place, institution, agency, or idea. We see that in Carole Schoffstall.”

– Marilyn Miller
Chairwoman for the Dr. Carole Schoffstall Endowed Chair effort

A Well-Loved Influence

Dr. Schoffstall’s service to Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Care has 30-year roots. During this time, she has increased the scope of available educational opportunities, anticipated health care’s evolving needs, and linked students and researchers with community members who reap immediate and long-term benefits.

Though Beth-El was independent when Dr. Schoffstall became dean in 1990, she soon recognized that by aligning the College with the University of Colorado’s abundant programs and resources, it could better serve southern Colorado. Beth-El’s landmark 1997 merger with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs immediately increased enrollment, enabled new degree programs for students in nursing and various health science disciplines, and enhanced partnerships among related disciplines such as biology, business, and gerontology.

As of 2008, Beth-El enrollment has doubled within a decade, working partnerships have been forged with over 150 community agencies, and students have myriad new educational options thanks to the continuing efforts and passions of the Beth-El faculty and staff team led by Dr. Schoffstall.

Under Dr. Schoffstall’s Watch, Beth-El Has:

- ◆ Provided excellence in nursing degree programs ranging from the bachelor’s (BSN) to the doctoral (DNP) level
- ◆ Developed an undergraduate health care science degree with options in nutrition, sports health and wellness promotion, and forensic science, as well as graduate programs in sports medicine, health promotion, and forensic science
- ◆ Developed local collaborations that provide new, cost-effective delivery models that bridge different disciplines, and improve the quality of health care
- ◆ Fostered strong community ties that have enhanced the quality of Beth-El’s education
- ◆ Established a center for the prevention of community violence
- ◆ Increased the use of technology to improve teaching and deliver programs off-campus, especially to rural areas



“Unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week, take my word for it we are going back.”

— Florence Nightingale, 1914

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Embracing New Learning Paradigms

Dr. Schoffstall has embraced innovative ways to reach students, apply new technology, and adapt to the needs of tomorrow's health care environment. Under her watch, Beth-El has integrated cutting-edge technology such as human-patient simulation modeling, which gives students more precise feedback about their clinical decision-making.

She has addressed the nursing shortage by developing an accelerated degree program for students with a degree in another discipline and an RN refresher/re-entry program for nurses who have left the workforce and now want to resume professional practice.

Now is the Time

Dr. Carole Schoffstall's leadership has had a profound impact on Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences and on the community. With your gift, you'll ensure success for this inaugural Beth-El endowed chair while honoring an incredible professional, her accomplishments, and her legacy.



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