



College of Health Professions

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For Your Information – July 26, 2017



Congratulations, Dr. Atcherson - again

– We received word recently that **Sam Atcherson**, professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, has been awarded a portion of a new grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Sam's sub-award for the larger grant totals almost \$100,000, nearly half of the total grant award.

The one-year project, funded by NIH's Small Business Technology Transfer program, is named "A Transparent

Surgical Mask to Improve Patient/Caregiver Communication, Minimize Errors and Increase Patient Satisfaction."

For his portion of the project, Sam will explore the audiovisual improvement of the transparent FaceView™ surgical mask over a regular, opaque paper mask to improve speech understanding in background noise with listeners with and without hearing loss. He will also evaluate preferences of users such as healthcare providers and trainees for the transparent mask.

The purpose of the project is to determine whether a transparent surgical mask worn by healthcare professionals will decrease problems with communication, misinterpretation of critical information, unclear instructions or missed details and avoid medical errors and improve patient safety.

Sam is partnering with Jeanne Hahne, RN, M.S.N., who invented the FaceView™ mask. For more information about the mask, Ms. Hahne, and her partnership with Sam, [click here](#).

Timely Matters

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July 28 – Summer semester grades for graduating students due to the University Registrar

July 31 – Deadline to notify dean's office of Friday schedule "hold" times for fall semester

August 1 – 2017-2018 college catalog published on College of Health Professions website

August 1 – Deadline to submit curriculum changes and additions for Spring 2018 to Curriculum Committee

August 4 – End of Summer semester; submit grades for all other students to University Registrar

August 4 – Deadline for Faculty Excellence Award nominations

August 5 – August graduation; degrees awarded, no ceremony



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