

CINCH Grant

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Grant funds to support innovations in nutrition education have been awarded by the National Cancer Institute to the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

The \$865,894 "Curricular Integration of Nutrition in Cancer and Health" (CINCH) grant will run from 1989 to 1993 and will fund programs emphasizing nutrition as a means to prevent cancer.

A nutrition mini-course is now required for Nevada's freshmen medical students, according to Dr. Sachiko St. Jeor, project coordinator and director of the Nutrition Education and Research Program. The curriculum will be expanded to include basic and applied nutrition, particularly as it relates to nutrition and cancer and chronic disease prevention.

Nutrition education is receiving increasing attention in American medical schools, Dr. St. Jeor says. Nevada's School of Medicine is developing an innovative curriculum which has been recognized nationally.

Dr. St. Jeor also heads a nutrition research project studying the relationship between obesity and heart disease, making her program one of only a handful in the country which has major research and educational funding from the National Institutes of Health.