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ACHE Announces William A. Nelson, PhD, as Honorary Fellow

CHICAGO, January 17, 2013—William A. Nelson, PhD, associate professor, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Hanover, N.H., has been selected as an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Honorary Fellowship is a special category of ACHE membership. It recognizes individuals who have rendered distinguished service in the healthcare field or in related areas and who would not normally be ACHE members. Nelson will receive his Honorary Fellowship on Sunday, March 10, 2013, at the Convocation Ceremony during ACHE's 56th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

Nelson is considered a pioneer in the area of healthcare organization ethics and has made many ground-breaking scholarly and education contributions to the field. He is the principal investigator on several federal- and state-funded research projects to foster an evidence-based approach to ethics and the linkage between ethics and quality healthcare.

He has been associated with ACHE for more than 20 years, beginning with serving as co-faculty for the organization's ethics seminar. In addition, he serves as advisor to ACHE's Ethics Committee and chaired a task force that conducted an in-depth review and revision of ACHE's Code of Ethics. He also helped shape ACHE's Ethical Policy Statements and is a regular contributor to *Healthcare Executive* magazine's ethics column.

Nelson began his career in 1970 as chaplain at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., and at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth College, Hanover N.H. He then worked in several roles throughout the 1970s and 1980s, including as staff chaplain and then chief, Chaplain Service, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, White River Junction, Vt. He was also assistant professor of clinical psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School.

In 1991, Dr. Nelson co-founded the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for Ethics in Health Care, serving as chief of the center's ethics education service until 2003. In addition to his current post, he serves as adjunct associate professor of Health Administration, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

His many honors and fellowships include the United States Congressional Excalibur Award for Public Service; a three-year National W. K. Kellogg Leadership Fellowship; the 2011 Catholic Press Award for best coverage of healthcare; in 2009 he received the COMISS Medal from the Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings; in 2008 he was awarded rural leadership fellowship from the National Rural Health Association; and in 2003 he received the Ethics Leadership Award from the National Black Chaplains Association.

Nelson earned a doctorate in applied ethics and psychology from the Union Institute and University, a master's degree in religious studies from Andover Newton Theological School, and a bachelor's degree from Elmhurst College.

About the American College of Healthcare Executives

The **American College of Healthcare Executives** is an international professional society of more than 40,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare

systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE offers its prestigious FACHE® credential, signifying board certification in healthcare management. ACHE's established network of more than 80 chapters provides access to networking, education and career development at the local level. In addition, ACHE is known for its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, and its career development and public policy programs. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare executives dedicated to improving healthcare delivery. **The Foundation of the American College of Healthcare Executives** was established to further advance healthcare management excellence through education and research. The Foundation of ACHE is known for its educational programs—including the annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,500 participants—and groundbreaking research. Its publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on health services management including textbooks for college and university courses.

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