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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Julie Bliss, Ed D, RN
Chairperson

“Changes”

We will soon be seeing changes in the colors of the trees around New Jersey. We have become comfortable and expectant of the process. However, some of you are also making changes in your lives by enrolling in graduate courses. The resulting change in the distribution of your time is both exciting and frightening and the resulting potential for a career change is both anticipated and dreaded.

Much thought has preceded your decision to embark on the courses you have chosen for this semester. A turning point or fork in your career path is at hand. The concept of choice, to carefully select, to pick, to select or make a preference, is one of our greatest privileges. Your successes will depend on some of the choices that you make in changing to accommodate your coursework.

My advice is: do not panic. There are always choices. Talk to people who are important in your life. Research your concerns with people who are experts and or experienced in a topic of concern. Then, think, take time, be flexible and stay positive.

Welcome aboard and Welcome back.



FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN

I would also like to welcome all the new students and returning graduate students to another academic semester. I have wonderful news about the Graduate Program. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted a 10 year reaccreditation of the Master's in Science Program. The accreditation onsite team was on campus last October for three days reviewing the program outcomes, interviewing faculty, students and alumni. We were informed of the decision from the Board of Commission in April.

I realize this reaccreditation attests to the high quality of the curriculum and instruction in the graduate program, but I have always openly acknowledged the high quality and dedication of professional registered nurse students who choose to attain their advanced degree here at William Paterson University. Your experiences with the faculty and classmates should be long lasting.

In this issue, one of the students, Gus Gonzales, who recently graduated had an opportunity to present his master's research thesis at the National Hispanic Nurses Association. In addition, read what the Department of Nursing has been doing to assist others affected in the recent Hurricanes.

I wish you continued success in your studies and feel free to stop by the office to speak to Elaine, program assistant and myself.

ALUMNI NEWS



Gus Gonzales, MSN, RN, CCRN, a master's student in the Department of Nursing Graduate Program, presented a poster presentation, "Diabetes Knowledge and the Effects of Nursing Education Interventions", at the National Association of Hispanic Nurses 30th Annual Conference in Orlando Florida on July 22, 2005.

The research was to determine if culturally competent nursing educational interventions would increase diabetes knowledge among Mexican American patients with type II diabetes. A convenience sample of 60 participants agreed to the study. The intervention consisted of lecture and a video in Spanish taught by the researcher. Results showed increased knowledge among those who were placed in the experimental group (n=30) than in the control group (n=30). The presentation was the outcome of his Master's Thesis at WPU.

After his presentation, Gus was asked by the National Association of Hispanic Nurses to present again in New York City on September 28th. Gus earned his Masters Degree in Nursing in the Advanced Clinical Practice Track August 2005 and is employed full time at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville, NJ.

Congratulations to **Margaret Ojalade, MS, RN** and **Diane Andresen, MS, RN** on successfully passing the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Exam.

Judith Kutzleb, MS, RN and **Dana Reiner, MS, RN** will be published in the November issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Their manuscript, "Impact of Nurse Directed Patient Education on Quality of Life and Functional Capacity in People with Heart Failure", was based on their research study for their master's thesis.

Alumni News con't

John Masso, MSN, APN-BC, RN-BC a 2000 graduate of the Department of Nursing Graduate Program is teaching undergraduate nursing in an international program in Madrid. The program is a collaboration between Saint Louis University (Missouri) and the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (Spain). Students come from all over the world to study for either the entire program or for one year. The need for bilingual nurses in the US is very great and this is a wonderful way for nursing students to perfect their Spanish language skills. To find out more information about this program please visit their website at: <http://spain.slu.edu>

Congratulations 2005 Graduates



August Graduates

Diane Andresen, MS, RN
Geraldine Necklen, MS, RN
Donna Kirby, MS, RN
Margaret Ojelade, MS, RN
Marie Vandeviere, MS, RN

May Graduates

Floarea Florescu, MS, RN
Gustavo Gonzales, MS, RN
Tanya Kaminski, MS, RN
Jill Polyzou, MS, RN
Sandra Salviano, MS, RN
Deborah Seeger, MS, RN

Attention All New Graduate Students:

If you were unable to attend the New Student Orientation on September 28th, please stop by the Graduate Nursing Office (Hunziker Wing 240) to pick up a copy of the Graduate Nursing Student Handbook. The handbook is also available online at: <http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad/handbook.html>

SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The State of New Jersey has approved our new program curriculum and content to adhere to the new state regulations for school nurse certification.

The School Nurse certification program is a post-bachelor's non-degree certificate program offered jointly by the Department of Nursing and Community Health. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for initial educational services licensure as a school in the state of New Jersey in the Non-instructional track or with teacher of health endorsement in the Teacher of Health track.

For additional information or applications, contact:

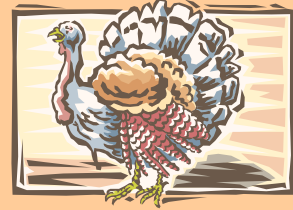
Office of Graduate Studies
Raubinger Hall 139
Wayne, NJ 07470
973.720.3641

or

School Nurse Certification Program
Hunziker Wing – Room 240
973.720.3511

Welcome New Faculty to the School Nurse Certification Program

Carol Prawetz, BS, MS
Maureen Siebold
Beatrice Zimmerman, RN, MA



Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner 2005

\$25 Gift Certificates Needed

The Graduate Nursing Department would like to once again contribute to the WPUNJ Thanksgiving Dinner.

If anyone is interested in donating a few dollars to purchase a gift certificate, please drop off your donation to Elaine in Hunziker Wing 240 by November 3rd.

WPUNJ Faculty Accomplishments



Dr. Janet Tracy has been selected from a pool of applicants to serve as an accreditation visitor for CCNE. She successfully completed the evaluator training program in Alexandria, Virginia this summer.

Dr. Janet Tracy and Dr. Sandra DeYoung published (2005) Home sweet home: Helping older adults adjust to assisted living. *Rehab & Community Care*, 14 (1), 15-17.

Dr. Kem Louie has been invited to be a mentor in the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses Association Nurse Stimulation Grant. The purpose of the grant is to increase the cadre of ethnic nurse scientists.

Dr. Julie Bliss spoke about the current nursing faculty shortage on CNN. The video can be viewed at: http://ww2.wpunj.edu/publicityphotos/Media/Nursing_Shortage.mov

Graduate Nursing Student Organization



Lynn Krikorian Kathy Kelly

A Letter from your Co - Presidents

Welcome all Graduate Nursing Students to a new year at William Paterson University.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for our first GSNO Meeting held September 28th. We welcome and encourage new students to the program and older students in the program to support our organization.

The officers of the Graduate Student Nurse Organization for this year, elected at the spring meeting, are Kathleen Kelly and Lynn Krikorian, Co-Presidents and Debbie Kline, as Secretary.

We encourage students to utilize the available resources on campus including Renee Prevour, the library staff and tutorials, and Refworks, to attend CEU Continuing Ed offerings and participate in activities to encourage the undergrad students.

Please subscribe to the graduate nurse email listserv for students and alumni. This is a great way of being informed of important events and additional information found throughout the year. Please contact Elaine Vuoncino, Program Assistant in the Graduate Program, for information. Keep Elaine in mind, if you have any questions as she is a valuable resource for all of us.

In addition, we voted to sponsor the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fundraiser for nursing students and nursing faculty who were affected from Nursing Programs in Louisiana and Mississippi.

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We request that Students, Faculty and Alumni please support this fundraiser by dropping off any amount of cash or via a personal check, to Elaine Vuoncino in the Graduate Nursing Office. The check can be made out to: "William Paterson University", with "Hurricane Relief, Nursing Students" in the "memo" area. This fundraiser is being conducted by the Nursing2005 Foundation, publishers of Nursing2005 American Nursing Student eNews. It is a reputable organization and is noted that 100% of all donations will go to aid nursing students and nursing faculty affected by Hurricane Katrina.

This is one way that we nurses can support nurses and the Nursing Profession!

The next meeting of the GSNO will possibly be held in mid- December (after finals) with faculty/alumni speakers, with the date to be announced.

Please feel free to contact either of us by email with questions, requests or concerns at:

Kathy Kelly Kellyk1@student.wpunj.edu
Lynn Krikorian Krikorianl@student.wpunj.edu

**The Department of Nursing
Graduate Program
Student Handbook of
Policies and Procedures 2005 and the
Preceptor's Handbook 2005 - 2006
are now available online**

www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad

DATES TO REMEMBER

Applications for Graduation are due on the following dates:

May Graduation – February 1st
August Graduation – June 1st
January Graduation – October 1st

Clinical Placement Information Sheets due back to Graduate Program Director:

Fall Semester – June 30th
Summer Session – April 15th
Spring Semester – November 30th



**Connie G. Bareford, PhD, APN, BC
John P. McTighe, MSW, LCSW**

Press Release

William Paterson University of New Jersey Nursing Program Assists Hurricane Relief Efforts

The Department of Nursing at William Paterson University in Wayne NJ has planned three fundraising projects to assist families and nurses affected by the recent Hurricanes in the Gulf Coast. This assistance involves faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty and staff have contributed \$5.00 to attend a recent September continuing education nursing program on "Response to Disaster" with Dr Connie Bareford, Professor of Nursing and certified in Disaster Nursing and John McTigue, Counseling Dept. (Picture) This timely program was well attended by the campus community and raised over \$500. to be donated to the American Red Cross www.redcross.org



Undergraduate nursing students, coordinated by the Student Nurses Association, are participating in a project, Backpacks of Love. (picture)

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Donations of \$1, \$5, or any other amount of money will go to buying needed items such as undershirts, underwear, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, brushes, gum, soap, shampoo, wet wipes, small toys, magazines, and other necessary items for families in Louisiana and Mississippi. Several campus organizations have also donated children's school supplies and toys.

The back packs will be sent to St. Vincent DePaul in Baton Rouge Louisiana where the backpacks will be distributed to needy families.

The Graduate Nursing Student Organization's "Nurses Helping Nurses", is requesting financial donations from current students and nursing alumni from WPUNJ. Monies will be sent to a nursing scholarship foundation www.nursing2005foundation.org where students, faculty or schools of nursing can request assistance for lost/replacement items affected by the hurricane.

Dr Kem Louie, who coordinated these efforts in the Department of Nursing, remarked "This is an opportunity for all nurses to be involved in helping others. Students, staff and faculty alike are all showing their generosity in this difficult time".

William Paterson University of NJ Department of Nursing Graduate Nursing Program

**Educational Support Program offers
A workshop on**

American Psychological Association (APA) Writing Styles: Key Points

Speaker:

Renee Pevour, MSN, AOCN

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Hunziker Wing 120

All Graduate Nursing Students are invited

Spring 2006 Registration

The first window for Spring 2006 registration begins November 1st

Spring 2006 Course Offerings

Course/Section		Time	Day
NUR 502.80	Healthcare Informatics	On-line	On-line
NUR 551.60	School Nursing II	5-7:30	R
NUR 552.01	Student Teaching Practicum	TBA	TBA
NUR 600.60	Advanced Physical Assessment	5-8:30	T
NUR 600.61	Advanced Physical Assessment	TBA	TBA
NUR 601.80	Pharmacology	5-7:30	W
NUR 606.60	Teaching Strategies	5-7:30	M
NUR 608.60	Financial Management	5-7:30	T
NUR 609.60	Advanced Nsg II Theory	5-7:30	T
NUR 701.60	Advanced Nsg II Practicum	7:30 – 10	T
NUR 703.60	Thesis	TBA	TBA
NUR 703.61	Thesis	TBA	TBA
NUR 703.62	Thesis	TBA	TBA
NUR 705.60	Advanced Nsg Role Practicum	5-7:30	W

*Please note the prerequisites to these courses can be found in the 2002 – 2004 Graduate Catalog online at:
http://ww2.wpunj.edu/studentservices/G_catalog.cfm

You can email Dr. Louie @ louiek@wpunj.edu for advisement

ESP Update By Renee Pevour

The Educational Support Program (ESP) is an academic resource service available to masters nursing students. Students who have been away from the academic arena for years may feel a little rusty with academic skills. The ESP program was developed at the inception of the masters program with the purpose to enhance the learning experience and to promote success of the master's nursing student.

A variety of resources are available to all master's nursing students. Some of the most often utilized services include:

- Test taking strategies
- Study helps
- APA writing style review
- SPSS Statistical program workshops
- Term Paper review and when needed
- Procrastination strategies
- Other support at the student's request

For further information or to arrange an

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appointment please call Renee F. Pevour RN MS AOCN at 973-720-3516 or email at pevourr@wpunj.edu. The ESP program is located in Wing 103.

The next scheduled workshop will be "APA Writing Style: Key Points" scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 7:30 – 8:30 PM. All master's nursing students are invited to attend. Please call 973-720-3511 to RSVP.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Graduate Nursing Home Page

<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad/index.htm>

Graduate Nursing Newsletter "Gradnurse Gazette"

<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/newsletter/>

Graduate Nursing Student Handbook

<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad/handbook.html>

Graduate Studies Office

<http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/>

On Line Application

http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/grad_apply_now.htm

Forms for Current Students

http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/grad_forms.htm

