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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Julie Bliss, Ed D, RN
Chairperson

YOU ARE AMONG THE EDUCATED

We are in the Information age. Information changes rapidly and is disseminated instantaneously. In the healthcare arena this can be lifesaving or deadly. As nurses we are accustomed to learning new information, techniques, strategies, protocols, etc. on a daily basis. The relationship between education and patient safety in acute care settings was clearly shown in the landmark research by Aiken, et al JAMA 2003 where higher percents of nursing staff educated at the baccalaureate degree or higher resulted in lower mortality in surgical patients and failure to rescue rates. The National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP) calls for at least two thirds of the nurse workforce to hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in nursing by 2010. Of the 2.9 million registered nursing in the United States (HRSA, 2004 preliminary findings) 47% meet this criteria (34 % BSN and 13% Masters or higher). I am thinking about how to support the New Jersey State Nurses Associations proposal at the spring 2006 Convention for a "BSN in 10 years" requirement for licensure in New Jersey. I believe that we must support higher education for nursing regardless of how you earned your initial licensure. The value of a nurse is their ability to use information to discover knowledge and care wisely for our fellow humans.

Nurses are valued for their ability to use information, to think. Most skills can be "trained" but to anticipate the impact of those actions, the benefits and liabilities, immediately and in the future, requires education. You are among the educated. Thanks for being you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN

In this edition of the GradGazette I would like to share with you some of the highlights of the 2004 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. This survey uses probability sampling from responses from all 50 states and the District of Columbia from March –November 2004. Interesting findings are reported:

The total number of RNs in the US is 2,909,467, an increase of 7.9 percent than reported in 2000.

The educational preparation of RNs estimates that 17.5 % is diploma; 33.7% associate degree; 34.2 % baccalaureate degree and 13.0% for masters or doctoral degree.

The average age of the RN population was estimated to be 46.8 years of age, more than a year older than the averaged age estimated in 2000 (45.2 years).

There is a slight increase in men entering nursing with 5.7% in 2004.

The racial/ethnic backgrounds reported that 88.4% were White, non-Hispanic; 4.6% were African American, 3.3% Asian or Pacific Islander, 1.8% Hispanic, 0.4% were American Indian/Alaskan Native and 1.5% were from two or more racial backgrounds.

Advanced practice nurses (APN) include clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives and nurse practitioners make up 8.3 % of the total RN population compared to 7.2% in 2000. The largest groups of APNs are nurse practitioners.

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From the Director continued:

Nursing faculty positions make up less than 0.02% of the total RN population with the average age of faculty with doctorates in nursing and or related field to be 55.7 years.

I draw several conclusions from this data. The nursing population has increased and are older, slightly more men are entering the profession, the number of nurses without baccalaureate degrees is 51%, the racial/ethnic composition of nurses in the US do not represent the emerging minority groups, nurse practitioners are increasing and we still need nurse faculty.

I share these recent findings with you for your critical discussions and future implications about the registered nurse population. I ask you to reach out to future nurses and nurses to encourage them to further their education to baccalaureate and masters programs, recruitment of more males and minority group members into nursing, along with consideration to make nursing education as a career goal.

This report can be downloaded at <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/bhpr/nursing/rnpopulation/theregisterednursepopulation.pdf>.

ALUMNI NEWS

**Diane Silbernagel appointed
Executive Director of Hope House**

Diane Silbernagle was appointed executive director of Hope House, an agency of diocesan Catholic Charities October 2005. Hope House a not-for-profit, multi-service agency, established in 1971.

Diane has served as director of the Congregational Health Ministry (Parish Nursing) since July of 2001. She developed and implemented programs and services for the diverse populations served by Congregational Health Ministry Program and the Sept. 11th disaster response case management program.

Diane earned an MSN in administration nursing from William Paterson University in May 1999. Among the awards received by Diane, she has received the 2001 Distinctive Alumni Award from William Paterson University and the 2002 Wayne Unsung Hero Award from the Wayne Counseling Center, Wayne.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
GRADUATES**



Graduate Program in Nursing

JANUARY 2006

Donna Morgello, RN, MSN

MAY 2006*

Suzanne Deutsch, RN, MSN

Heather Griffiths, RN, MSN

Patricia Francis, RN, MSN

Janice Louro-Rama, RN, MSN

Patricia Barratt-Stopper, RN, MSN

**as of March 2006*



**School Nurse Certification
Program**



Nancy Burchill, RN

Judy Driesse Daly, RN

The Department of Nursing
Graduate Program
Student Handbook of Policies and
Procedures 2005
&
Preceptor's Handbook
2005 – 2006
Are now available online
at
www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad

Welcome New Faculty

Claire Donaghy, RN, PhD,CCRN, APN C
Barbara Duffy, MSN, APN C
Patricia Duriske, MSN, RN, NP
Bruce Ruck, Pharm D
Maureen Siebold, RN, MS
Beatrice Zimmermann, RN, BSN, MA

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

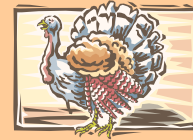
<http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/>

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



Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner 2005

To all our students who contributed toward the purchase of the Shop Rite gift certificates

**In brief - a thank you from
Arnold Speert, President**

On behalf of the William Paterson University community, thank you for your invaluable role in the November 19 Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens.

The feed back has been universally and enthusiastically positive. Your contribution helped to assure that the University lived up to its promise to provide our seniors with Thanksgiving dinner in a "warm family atmosphere."

Student News

Three new full time students were approved for the Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment Program: **Rosalee Cain Francis, BSN, RN, Donna Portscha, BSN, RN and Kelly Collins, BSN, RN**. The purpose of the loan repayment program is to increase the number of nurse faculty.

Deborah Issa, BSN, RN was published on-line on the Advance for Nurses website, Nov. 10, 2005. It was an assignment I completed for Dr. Harrison's class: Spiritual Dimensions of Health Care, spring semester 2005.

Rita Colella, BSN, RN was approved \$500 through the Graduate Student Research Program to attend a conference on Current Evidence Based Educational Practices in Nursing.

Graduate Nursing Student
Organization



Lynn Krikorian Kathy Kelly
A Letter from your Co - Presidents

Greetings to all fellow graduate nursing students, I am sure you have all been as busy with your lives, jobs and studies as the executive board has been. Lynn Krikorian, Debbie Kline and I continue onward in our individual endeavors toward the final "prize" of graduation. Many of you may not be aware of the many advantages of being a William Paterson Graduate student. The nursing department has a great group of professors and resources available to those who ask. We have librarian Victoria Wagner, retention coordinator Renee Pevour and many others who are willing to assist us as we research and write our many papers and toil on our thesis work. The listserv is also a great way to keep in touch with what is going on at the university and within the department.

The department also offers continuing education opportunities. Many of them are offered by the nursing faculty. They share their areas of expertise with us. It gives us the chance to see the other students in the graduate program. Please try to attend one of these programs because they are informative and provide guidance to those deciding on their career path. I look forward to seeing some of you at upcoming programs and Lynn and I welcome e-mails with your thoughts and ideas. **We will be having a GNSO meeting April 3, 2006 5:30 – 6:30 PM.**

Have a great spring semester!

Kathleen Kelly, BSN, RN
Co-president, WPU GNSO

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Lynn Krikorian Krikorianl@student.wpunj.edu

Spring 2006 CEU Offerings

Thursday, March 23, 2006
Collaborative Nursing Research
Dr. Christine Hedges
6:45 – 7:45 PM
Hunziker Wing 101
1 Contact Hour

Friday, March 24, 2006
Depression in Older Adults
Sponsored by:
The Institute for Creative Aging
Professional Breakfast Roundtable
8:30 – 11:30 AM
Science Building Room 319
For registration form please call:
Mary Osinski 973-720-3690

Monday, April 3, 2006
***Issues and Trends in Advance
Practice Nursing***
M. Crowther, MSN
6:30 – 7:30 PM
Hunziker Wing 101
1 Contact Hour

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

**William Paterson University of New Jersey
Nursing Program
Assists Hurricane Relief Efforts
Raising \$600.00**

A Thank You From The American Red Cross

Please accept our most sincere thank you to the Department of Nursing at WPUNJ for the collect of donations totaling \$600, which we received in support of American Red Cross relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Your gift makes it possible for the Red Cross to help those devastated by this tragedy recover from the massive storm. It is always gratifying to see people caring enough to give hope to others, though they may be far away. Your hard work will enable the Red Cross to assist continuing relief efforts, giving help and hope to so many affected by this tragic event.

Hurricane Katrina ripped apart thousands of lives and left tens of thousands homeless. At its peak, it was one of the fiercest hurricanes in recorded history and measured about 46j0 miles wide – the distance from New Orleans to Atlanta. Katrina has affected nearly half of the entire United States. The recovery efforts are challenging, but the Red Cross is working t bring communities back together as quickly as possible.

The American Red Cross launched the largest mobilization of resources for a single natural disaster, involving thousands of trained disaster relief workers and tons of supplies. The Red Cross continues to respond to the emerging needs of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. The process of recovery is a very slow one, but you have helped to provide the resources that will make it possible. You have answered a call for help from people in need, letting them know that they are not alone. The Disaster Relief Fund allows the Red Cross to assist the victims of all types of disasters, whenever they strike. Your support gives us the capacity to act immediately, when help is

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needed the most. Thank you for your efforts in supporting the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross. We hope you will feel very gratified to know that so many people will be helped by your gift.

Sincerely,

Gail Sample
Communications & Community Outreach
Coordinator
American Red Cross Metropolitan New Jersey

SPRING WORKSHOPS with Renee Pevour, MSN Educational Support Program

**APA WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Hunziker Wing 120
4:30 PM**

**SPSS WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 11, 2006
Atrium Room TBA
4:30 PM**

RSVP to Renee at pevourr@wpunj.edu

William Paterson University of NJ Department of Nursing Graduate Nursing Program

You are invited to a

Graduate Nursing Student Research Forum

**May 4, 2006
5:00 – 7:00 PM
Hunziker Wing 120**

**Come hear graduate nursing students present
their completed master's thesis
and poster session.**

Light refreshments will be served

RSVP to Elaine at: vuoncinoe@wpunj.edu

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS!

The William Paterson University Foundation and Alumni Association announce their slate of over 200 scholarships for the 2006/2007 academic year. Effective March 10th, 2006 the online application can be accessed from the University Website at <http://ww2.wpunj.edu/scholarships/application/>.

Summer I & II and Fall 2006 Registration

The first window for registration opens at 9:00 AM on **April 3, 2006**. The Master Schedule of available courses is now **only** available online at:
http://ww2.wpunj.edu/academics/course_info.html

If you have any questions regarding online registration, please call Elaine at 973-720-3511. Please be sure to registers early. Low enrollment may cause course sections to be cancelled.

IMPORTANT EMAIL INFORMATION

Beginning immediately, we will only communicate with students through their WPUNJ email. FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) regulations will not permit us to contact students through their personal email addresses.

Be sure to check your student email on a regular basis. If you are on the gradnurse listserv under your preferred email (not student email) you will continue to receive information from the listserv the same as before.

Clinical Preceptor Information for Students

Any student who will be taking a clinical course, NUR 604, 701 or 705, must submit a Preceptor Information Sheet to the Graduate Nursing Department by the specified deadline dates. Preceptor Informations Sheets are available outside Wing 240, in the online Graduate Student Handbook or by stopping in the Graduate Nursing Office. Deadline dates are as follows:

Spring Semester – Nov. 30

Summer Semester – Apr. 15

Fall Semester – June 30

