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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Julie Bliss, EdD, RN
Chairperson

NEED FOR MORE MASTERS PREPARED NURSES

I was recently happy to receive a copy of an article that appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Kuehn, 2007) about the nursing shortage. The article offers a number of solutions that could affect graduate students and one that has been used in past nursing shortages but has not been instituted to date. That solution voiced by Kathleen Dracup, dean of School of Nursing at UCSF and many others is to “resurrect a nurse traineeship program”. This federally funded program offered in the 1970’s paid nurses to go to graduate school. Full time students received full tuition plus a stipend that was not repaid. Current programs to assist nurses earn graduate degrees are grants or loans. WPU offers the Nurse Faculty Loan Program that provides an assurance of 85% loan forgiveness for nurses who teach in schools of nursing for five years. This program is helpful but I say, bring back the nurse traineeships.

What do you think?

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, APN, FAAN

Welcome graduate students! We are excited about several new adventures in the Department of Nursing. First, we implemented an off-site MSN program for nurses employed at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center fall 2007. All the nursing and administration courses will be taught at EHMC. Nineteen nurses as a cohort have committed to pursue their master’s degree in the nursing administration concentration. Secondly, the first nursing simulation laboratory broke ground and hopefully will be completed by next year. With additional donations, we will have simulated manikins and treatment room facilities to foster learning of complex skills and procedures for generic and graduate nursing students.

The graduate program continues to receive 100 % pass rate on the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certification Examinations. This is the third year we have had 100% passing on the national exam. I know as a result of this benchmark, the graduate program has an excellent curriculum and faculty along with dedicated clinical preceptors. All of the graduates of the program continue to seek challenging educational and clinical practice positions in the metropolitan area. The federal Nurse Faculty Loan Program which the Graduate Program continues to receive funding is lending its support for the nursing faculty shortage. We have since graduated four alumni from the program currently employed as full-time nursing faculty. The GradNurse Gazette is published once/semester to share information about the program, students, and faculty activities. We would like to make graduate life more meaningful.

We wish you continued success in the program.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Major Josephine Sanchez, USAR (retired)

Josephine Sanchez, RN, BSN a student in the Graduate Program in Nursing, was the guest speaker at the North Haledon Memorial Day Service.

Josephine spoke about the importance the medical corps personnel have been in assisting servicemen and women since the time of Florence Nightingale.

Pictured above is Josephine receiving a plaque of appreciation, Mayor Randy George, Congressman Bill Pascrell and Councilman Bruce Iacobelli.



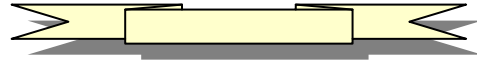
Stacy Sanchez, RN, BSN, CPN has been promoted at Hackensack University Medical Center to Administrative Head Nurse for the Women's and Children's Division.

TO ALL OUR CURRENT MASTER'S STUDENTS

If you know of anyone who is thinking about pursuing a career as a Master's Prepared Nurse and would like information about our program at William Paterson University, please pass along to them the last page of our newsletter.

ALUMNI NEWS

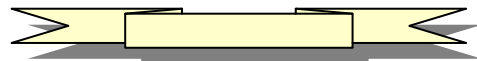
Donna Ho-Shing, MSN, RN started the PhD program at Rutgers University in Fall 2004 and passed the Qualifying exam in February 2007. She is now a Doctoral Candidate, and has begun her dissertation which will focus on Mammography Screening of African American women.



Nurse Faculty Loan Program Students

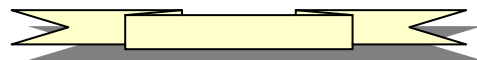
Congratulations to the following students who were part of the Nurse Faculty Loan Program and are now teaching as Nurse Educators

Geraldine Necklan, MSN, RN
Heather Griffiths, MSN, RN
Lori Ann Palmieri, MSN, RN
Kelly Powers, MSN, RN



Alumni Teaching at William Paterson University

Joanne Affinito, MSN, RN
Marissa Cruise, MSN, RN
Linda Bowersox, MSN, RN
Grace Carich, MSN, RN
Marilyn Creamer, MSN, RN
Stacy Dakake, MSN, RN
Sheryl Hutchinson, MSN, RN
Judith Kutzleb, MSN, RN
Lisa Oldham, MSN, RN



Sheryl Meyers, BS, RN a graduate of the School Nurse Certification Program in December of 2006 has been hired as the Certified School Nurse for Midland School, Pre-K through 8th grade.



Baby News



It's a boy for Josephine Finnerty. Joseph was born on April 27, 2007 weighing in at 6lbs 3 ozs. and 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long.

It's a boy for Marissa Cruise. Jeremy Robert was born June 22. He weighed in at 6lbs 14 oz. and 20 inches long.



Job Well Done!

Sheryl Hutchinson, PhD, MSN
Rupal Trivedi, MSN, RN
Patty Stopper, MSN, RN
Kathleen Kelly, MSN, RN

Passed the American Academy of Nurse
Practitioner Boards
2007

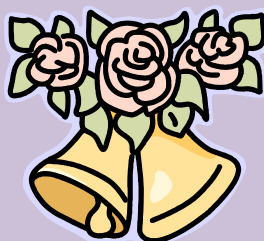


Congratulations to
Elaine M. Vuoncino
Program Assistant

On her November 6, 2007 election
To Councilwoman for the
Borough of North Haledon



Wedding Bells



Congratulations to

Jodie Asarch, who married Mitchell Epstein
on May 27, 2007.



Congratulations Graduates Master's of Science in Nursing

August 2007

Lori Agis, MSN, RN
Rita Colella, MSN, RN
Marissa Cruise, MSN, RN
Nicole Downes, MSN, RN
Rosemary Greenbaum, MSN, RN
Marie Guerra, MSN, RN
Fariba Haghshenas, MSN, RN
Deborah Issa, MSN, RN
Kathleen Kelly, MSN, RN
Lynn Krikorian, MSN, RN
Kelly Powers, MSN, RN
Barbara Sardanopoli-Heber, MSN, RN
Genique Stanislaus, MSN, RN

Graduate Nursing Student Organization (GNSO)



Marcelo Marin, President

I would like to welcome all new students into the graduate nursing program. I advocate continuation of nursing education to each graduate and undergraduate individual. I would like each of us to bring passion into our programs to help identify the current issues in nursing education, primary care, and nursing administration careers. Being aware of changes in health care legislation will help us to take a position on health care issues within the nursing community. I encourage each student to actively participate in the Graduate Nursing Society Organization (GNSO) of William Paterson University and bring concerns, new ideas, and ways to better improve our education in the program.

As your representative, you can email me at:
marinm3@student.wpunj.edu

Look for our Spring meeting with speaker

Professor Christina McSherry

Monday, February 25, 2008

4:15 – 4:45 PM

“The Inner Life At The End Of Life”

Overview of the GNSO

The Graduate Nursing Student Organization is the focal point for student participation in the governance of the Graduate Program in Nursing, and the Student Government Association of the University.

Procedure

1. Student becomes a member upon enrollment in graduate course in the nursing program.
2. Each year students will be elected to hold executive, committee, and representative offices within the GNSO.
3. Students will plan and implement seminars and programs related to graduate student needs and interests. There will be a minimum of two such activities each year.

GNSO continued

4. The Graduate Program Director will serve as advisor to the GNSO.
5. The President of the GNSO will serve as the representative to the Department of Nursing Advisory Board.
6. The President or delegate will serve as liaison to the Student Government Association.

Student representatives from the Graduate Program are non-voting members of the following faculty committees:

Curriculum Committee
Retention, Tenure and Promotion Committee
Appointment Committee
Assessment Evaluation Committee

Nursing Research Day



Dr. C. Bareford, Dr. J. Bliss, Major C. Wilson,
Dr. Kem Louie and

Nursing Research Day was held on April 26, 2007 in the Martini Conference Center of Hobart Hall. The event was sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International Iota Alpha Chapter and The Department of Nursing.

Both graduate and undergraduate students presented research posters.

The guest speaker was
Major C. Wilson, USAF, NC, PhD, ARNP
Chief, Nursing Research
US Air Force

Major Wilson spoke on “Illness Behaviors of Military Women Managing Genitourinary Symptoms: A Secondary Analysis”

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nadine Aktan, MSN, FNP, Instructor and Doctoral Candidate Published “Functional status after childbirth: Childbirth: A Review of the Literature “in *Clinical Nursing Research* (2007) and is contributor to *Nursing Diagnosis: An Integrated Approach* (2007).

Connie G. Bareford, PhD, RN, Professor, Attended the March 2007 ELNE Conference “Considerations in Pain Management in the Community.” Atlantic City NJ.

Claire Donaghy, PhD, RN, CCRN APN C, Associate Professor Presented “The Effect of a Self-efficacy Based Internet Intervention on Dietary Management of Cholesterol” at the Pacific Nursing Research Conference. Honolulu Hawaii. March 2007 and “GRACIA: A Program for Grandparents & Other Kinship Caregivers” at the New Jersey Nurses Convention, Atlantic City NJ. March 2007 and participated in Operation Smile – November 2007.

Susan Jackson, Ed .D, RN, ANP , Associate Professor Passed the Adult Nurse Practitioner Certifications both American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and American Nurses Credentialing Center August 2007.

Kathy Lancellotti, MSN, RN, CEN, Instructor Elected to the Nominating Committee of Northeastern Chapter of Transcultural Nursing Society June 2007 – June 2009. Granted ENPC Certified (Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course) by ENA (Emergency Nurse Assoc) and AHA August 2007. Oral presentation “Ethics in Healthcare: Moral Dilemmas of New Nurses “ scheduled for December 9, 2007 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Sussex County: ” Manuscript “Culture Care Theory: A framework for expanding awareness of diversity and racism in nursing education “ was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Professional Nursing* March/April 2008.

Kem Louie, PhD, RN, APN-C, FAAN, Associate Professor Was invited to present “The Future of Nursing for Minority Nurses” at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Minority Fellowship Program 4th Annual Intensive Summer Institute July 21, 2007. Silver Springs MD.

Christina B. McSherry, MSN, RN , Instructor and Doctoral Candidate Published - Sherman, D. W., Xiang, Y. Ye, McSherry, C. B., Parkas, V., Calabrese, M., Gatto, M. (2007). Symptom assessment of patients with advanced cancer and AIDS and their family caregivers: The results of a quality of life pilot study. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Care*, in publication for November 2007.

Renee Pevour, RN, MS, AOCN Was invited to Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) sponsored by American Association of Colleges in Nursing (Atlanta) in October 2007.

Karen F. Phillips, MSN, RN, IBCLC, RLC, ICCE, Instructor has successfully passed the certification exam and is a consultant for the International Board of Lactation

Janet Tracy, PhD, RN, Professor Was invited to Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium (GNEC) sponsored by American Association of Colleges in Nursing (Atlanta) in October 2007 and a site visitor for the Commission for Nursing Collegiate Education (CCNE).



The Englewood Cohort Students pictured with Professor Christina McSherry

ENGLEWOOD HOSPITAL PARTNERS WITH WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY TO DEVELOP NURSE LEADERS

Through a joint effort with William Paterson University (WPU), the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center (EHMC) has implemented an on-site Master's program to all its registered nurses with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN).

“We wanted to offer our nurses a program that would be convenient and that would offer an opportunity to increase their knowledge in the areas of nursing leadership and management in healthcare systems,” said Edna Cadmus, PhD, RN, CNAA, Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services at the Medical Center. “We want to help our nurses remain ahead of the curve through continuous education and training.”

“Englewood Hospital currently has one of the highest percentage of bedside nurses educated at the BSN level of any hospital in New Jersey,” said Dr. Julie Bliss, Chair of the William Paterson University's Department of Nursing. “

Dr. Cadmus, Dr. Bliss and Dean Sandy DeYoung of WPU worked closely to develop the 36-credit program that leads to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree in nursing administration. The curriculum includes courses such as Theoretical Foundations, Community-based Advanced Nursing, Health Legislation and Health Policy, and Research Strategies. Faculty from William Paterson University will teach classes at the Medical Center during the fall and spring semesters, and online courses will be offered to nurses in the summer. The 19 nurses currently enrolled in the curriculum also will complete advanced nursing practicum. Nurses are currently pictured in Nur 500- Theoretical Foundations for Nursing with Professor Christina Mc Sherry.

Older Adults

Professor Renee Pevour and Dr. Jan Tracy

Older Adult Care is the “core business” of today’s health care. This is the message proclaimed at the AACN sponsored conference for nursing faculty in Atlanta, Georgia in early October. Professors Jan Tracy and Renee Pevour represented William Paterson University at the workshop. The course content revolved around 9 common geriatric syndromes.

The purpose of the conference was to provide information to enrich the nursing curriculum. In the process, current evidenced based nursing content was shared on atypical presentations, urinary incontinence, dementia, interdisciplinary teams, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, critical care and mental health. To access geriatric screening tools go to: <http://www.hartfordign.org/resources/education/tryThis.html> and see Professors Pevour and Tracy for lots of great information to update your practice!

Take the test that follows to test your knowledge on older adults. Answers follow the test..... Don’t peek.

1. Approximately, how many people older than 65 have one or more chronic conditions?
 - A. 90%
 - B. 80%
 - C. 70%
 - D. 60%

2. The average 75 year old has at least how many chronic conditions?
 - A. 4
 - B. 3
 - C. 2
 - D. 1

3. What percent of cancer patients are older adults?
 - A. 73%
 - B. 63%
 - C. 53%
 - D. 43%

4. Older adults comprise what per cent of patients visiting a cardiologist?
 - A. 60%
 - B. 50%
 - C. 40%
 - D. 30%

5. Beginning in 2006, a U.S. baby boomer turns 60 how frequently?
 - A. Every hour
 - B. Every minute
 - C. Every 30 seconds
 - D. Every 8 seconds

6. What is a “geriatric syndrome?”

Answers:

1. A 2. B 3. B 4. A 5. D
6. Geriatric syndrome primarily refers to one symptom or a complex of symptoms (falls, delirium) that result from multiple disease and risk factors or from adverse reactions.

Student Email

It is important that all students in the Graduate Nursing Program and School Nurse Certification Program check their WPUNJ student e-mail on a regular basis each semester and throughout the summer months.

Clinical Preceptor Forms that need to be filled out by students for clinical (NUR 604, 701 and 705) will now be sent to you as attachments to your student e-mail.



A Special Thank You
to everyone who contributed to the
Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner 2007,
Your generosity was greatly appreciated



Dr. Kem Louie and
The Graduate Program in Nursing
Wish everyone a very

Happy Thanksgiving

With Gratitude

The Department of Nursing Graduate Program would like to say "Thank You"
To our preceptors from the Spring, Summer and Fall
2007 Semesters

Joanne	Affinito	RN, MS, APN, C	St. Joseph's Wayne Hospital
Colleen	Barbarito	EdD	William Paterson University of NJ
Zaida	Barretto	RN, MS, APN	Preakness Health Care Center
Elizabeth	Bella	FNP, ANP	CVS MinuteClinic
Julie	Bliss	EdD	William Paterson University of NJ
Gale	Bornkamp	RN,MSN, AACN, APN, C	Hackensack University Medical Center
Nader	Boulos	MD	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
Denise	Callanan	RN, MSN	William Paterson University of NJ
Carol Ann	Chupak	RN, MS, NP-C	Forest Healthcare Associates
Cynthia	Dayriti/Demtillo	RN, MA, CCN, CCRN, APNC	Heart & Vascular Associates of Northern Jersey
Cynthia	Demetillo	RN, MA, M.Ed, CCRN, APRN, BC	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center
Diane	Dettmore	PhD	Henry P. Becton School of Nursing & Allied Health
Rita	Dyer	MSN, GNP	St. Vincent's Nursing Home
Shantha	Franks	RN, MSN, NP	The Veterans Home at Paramus
Nancy	Gallagher	FNP-C	Broad Street Medical Associates, LLC
Luningning	Gatchalian	M.D., M.R.O.	The Center for Occupational Medicine
Glennena	Haynes-Smith	MD	Fairleigh Dickinson University
Peg	Huryk	RN, APN, C	The Veterans Home at Paramus
Donna	Jeskey	APN-C, MSN	Northern NJ MinuteClinic
Laly	Joseph	Professor	Henry P. Becton School of Nursing & Allied Health
William	Keating	M.D.	Montville Primary Care
Molly	Lawrence	RN, MSN,ANP-C	Family Practice Associates
Barbara	Martucci	R.N.C., M.S.	St. Clare's Hospital
Kelly	McGuire	RN, MSN, APN-C	Hackensack University Medical Center
Phyllis	McKiernan	RN, APN-C	Hackensack University Medical Center
Kathleen	Meyer	RN, APN, C	Affiliated Dermatologists & Dermatologic Surgeons, PA
Barbara	O'Brien	PhD, RN	University of Rhode Island
Beth	Quinn-O'Neil	RN, M Ed, CAN, BC	Holy Name Hospital
Sarita	Rastogi	MD	Hackensack, New Jersey
Janice	Smith	ANP	Internal Medicine of Morristown
Andrea	Storper	RN, MSN, ANP	Valley Hospital
Janet	Tracy	PhD, RN	William Paterson University of NJ
Arit	Ukonne	RN, MS	Barnert Hospital
Hazel	Whitty	RN, MSN	Christian Health Care Center
Ann	Wry	MD	Hackensack University Medical Center

SAVE THE DATE - March 13, 2008
2008 CLINICAL PRECEPTOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Thinking of a career as a Master's Prepared Nurse?

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Department of Nursing - Graduate Program

Our Mission Is to Prepare

The mission of the Department of Nursing, Graduate Program is to prepare adult nurse practitioners, educators and administrators at the master's degree level to meet the health care needs of diverse populations in the metropolitan area. Graduate education builds on the foundation of undergraduate education. Curriculum and teaching methods are designed to develop critical-thinking skills and a desire for lifelong learning. Faculty view students as partners in learning and value them as beginning and expert practitioners. The Graduate Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) until 2015.

The graduate program consists of three tracks – advanced practice (40 credits), education (36 credits), and administration (36 credits). Upon graduation, graduates qualify to take various national certification examinations, may work as adult nurse practitioners, nurse educators, nurse administrators and managers.

Department Emphasizes Flexibility

The Department of Nursing accommodates the needs of students who pursue a graduate education while balancing other roles in their lives. Courses are offered in the evenings, during the summer and on-line. Practice requirements for the clinical practicum are arranged individually. Students may opt to complete this 36-40 credit program on either a full-time (two calendar years) or part-time basis.

The Graduate Program also offers a Post Master's Certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Post Baccalaureate Certificate in School Nursing.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in the Graduate Program in Nursing at William Paterson University, please have them contact:

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