



Nursing Notes - Winter 2017

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Letter from the Chair

Every semester, the Department of Nursing releases a new edition of Nursing Notes. It is through this newsletter that I have the opportunity to share the exciting activities and accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students. I hope you enjoy this format of our newsletter using the Sway platform.

In December of 2017, we had four undergraduate students (RN-BSN) graduate with their BSN and two graduate students graduate with their Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in Clinical Nurse Leader. We wish all of these graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors and we are very excited to see where they go from here. In this issue, you will have the opportunity to learn about some of the accomplishments of one of our spring MSN graduates.

Our nursing faculty are experts in nursing education, dedicated teachers, and have years of clinical practice experience to share with students. Together, we are embracing and developing further expertise in cutting-edge teaching strategies, including the use of simulation throughout our curriculum. In this issue, you will learn about four of our newest faculty who have joined the Department of Nursing. We are excited to have these individuals join our team!

Our faculty and staff continue to explore options to make learning interactive and enjoyable. We are excited to announce that our faculty have organized a study-away trip for students which includes hands-on learning experiences at various clinical facilities in Nashville, Tennessee. This urban setting will provide students the opportunity to experience a different aspect of nursing. More information about this opportunity is included in this edition.

Lastly, I would like to thank our donors, alumni, community partners, and friends for their support of the Department of Nursing. To our alumni, I encourage you to share your story with us and let us know of your personal and professional accomplishments and achievements. Whether you are an alumni, student, faculty, staff, or friend, you are the key to our success in the Department of Nursing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer W. Twaddell

Nursing Plans First Study-Away Trip



In fall of 2017, eleven junior nursing students were selected for a study-away trip in Nashville Tennessee. This trip will take place in spring 2018. During “Nursing in Nashville”, these students, along with Ms. Melonie Moody and Ms. Misty Stone, will have the opportunity to experience a metropolitan area of healthcare, specifically related to the pediatric population. Students will participate in a tour of downtown Nashville, as well as the Vanderbilt School of Nursing; where they will receive information related to higher nursing education. An 8-hour observational experience, in selected pediatric areas, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will allow the students to observe variations in the metropolitan and rural healthcare systems. Arrangements have been made to tour and volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House, a home for families of sick children where they have a place to sleep, eat, and do laundry. Students will participate in a volunteer activity with the pediatric population at the Taylor Swift Education Center located in the Country Music Hall of Fame as well as tour Monroe Carell Children’s Hospital. During all of these activities, students will relate classroom information of the family and child as recipients of nursing care through communication, cultural beliefs, and overall safety of the client.

This will be the first Study Away Program for the Department of Nursing. We strongly believe this “Nursing in Nashville” experience will pave the way for future study away and study abroad programs. The program will allow the selected students to connect their classroom and clinical information into a setting outside of rural nursing care.

Scholarship Recognition Dinner

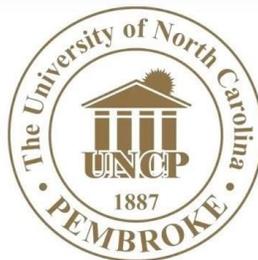
In November, UNCP held the annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner. This annual event is where donors meet the recipients of their scholarships. The theme for this year's dinner was healthcare. The Department of Nursing was proud to showcase a few of our high-fidelity manikins. Did you know that through the generous donations from the community, our students are eligible for multiple scholarships? In addition, these generous donations also allow us to offer some of the best simulation experiences in our Clinical Learning Center. Thank you!





Beasley Carries University Mace

In November, the university unveiled the new University Mace. It was proudly carried by nursing faculty member Dr. Cherry Maynor Beasley. To learn about the hard work and dedication from local artisans that went into the creation of the mace, please watch this YouTube video!



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Student Update - Kerstin Hudgins



For Kerstin Hudgins, expanding the knowledge of in-flight medical emergencies has been a personal goal after an individual on a flight she was on experienced coronary syndrome. Ms. Hudgins plans to educate registered nurses about common in-flight emergencies, resources on the plane, and backup resources on the ground. She states, "If RNs had knowledge about how to manage emergencies and the resources available in-flight, the nurses might volunteer to help fellow passengers."

Since graduating from the MSN program in spring 2017, Kerstin has continued to educate nurses on in-flight medical emergencies. She presented a poster on this topic at the North Carolina Nurses Association Conference as well as the South Eastern Nurse Educator Symposium, both in fall 2017. She has been invited to speak at the 2nd World Congress on Nursing and Nurse Education conference and her paper titled, "Clinical Simulation Learning in Critical Care" has been published by Wolters Kluwer. Ms. Hudgins currently serves as a Editorial Board Member for Critical Nurse Quarterly.

Student Announcements

Save the date! Family Nursing 1 students will be hosting and partnering for the following events in the spring:

- [Be the Match](#) on February 21st & February 26th - Bone Marrow Donation Drive
- Pregnancy Health Fair at ComTech on February 28th (Hosted by Healthy Start)



1 - Students in NUR 4350, Community Health Nursing, presented at the Department of Transportation's Health Fair on the effects of stress.



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4 - Students in NUR 4350, Community Health Nursing, presented at the Hope Mills Community Center on making healthy choices.



5 - On November 27, a blood drive was held in collaboration with the Health Promotion department. Nursing students volunteered during this event.



6 - Joshua Delgado meets President Spellings during a Board of Governors visit to UNC-Pembroke.

Welcome to the team!



7 - Kelly Blackmon-Moran

In August, Kelly Blackmon-Moran joined the Department of Nursing as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Kelly has fourteen years of clinical experience and nine years of experience in education. Her nursing specialties include: critical care, medical, surgical, telemetry, emergency, maternal child, leadership, and pathophysiology. She earned her BSN from East Carolina University in 2003 and she earned her MSN from the University of Phoenix in 2010. Before joining the department, Kelly worked at Robeson Community College as a nursing faculty member and she previously worked at Southeastern Health.

Kelly resides in St. Pauls and loves spending time with her family.



8 - Jowana Clinkscales

In August, Jowana Clinkscales joined the Department of Nursing as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Clinkscales earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of the Virgin Islands in 2007. She received her Masters of Science in Nursing from Walden University in 2012 and she was awarded her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2017 from Grand Canyon University.

Dr. Clinkscales was a staff nurse for 10 years at Tucson Medical Center in Arizona. She was also an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Grand Canyon University for 4 years and lead faculty for 2 years.

Dr. Clinkscales resides in Fayetteville N.C. She enjoys traveling as well as spending lots of time with her family.



9 - Kathy McAllister

Kate joined the team in August of 2017. She started as a Registered Nurse in 1995 and completed her Masters in Nursing from University of Phoenix in 2010. While new to UNCP, she is not new to Nursing Education. Kate has previously held a faculty position at Fayetteville Technical Community College from 2010 to 2017 and maintained a position in Training and Development at Cape Fear Valley from 2008-2010. Prior to that she worked in Emergency Nursing at Cape Fear Valley, Home Health/Hospice, and Medical-Surgical Nursing as both a staff nurse and as a lead charge nurse.

Kate currently resides in Gray's Creek with her husband and the 2 youngest of 4 children and 2 dogs. She is an avid motorcycle enthusiast and amateur photographer.



10 - Amy Purser Medina

Amy joined the department of Nursing in the fall as an Assistant Professor. She earned an Associate Degree from Southeastern Community College in 1998, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNC-Pembroke in 2004, a Master's Degree in Nursing Education from East Carolina University in 2009 and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing from ECU in 2017.

Amy has been a registered nurse since 1998 and has 10 years of experience as a nurse educator.

Amy resides in North Myrtle Beach with her husband and two daughters.

Faculty and Staff Announcements

Ms. Mary Baynes was reappointed as a Notary Public within the state of North Carolina.

Ms. Kelly Blackmon-Moran and Dr. Deborah Hummer completed Safe Zone Training.

Mr. James Crouch and Dr. Deborah Hummer have joined the SR-AHEC Regional Advisory Council. Dr. Hummer has accepted a position as faculty developing the NC AHEC Scholars Program Didactic Curriculum.

Ms. Debbie Locklear volunteered with the Robeson County Church and Community Center on Thanksgiving. She assisted in distributing 1,000 meals.

Ms. Debbie Locklear and Ms. Andrea Hollis (Nursing student) volunteered with the Robeson County Church and Community Center to provide free blood pressure screenings.

Ms. Astrid Oviedo received the Ruth C. Wilson Scholarship and the Frances Fowler Stanton Scholarship through the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Ms. Astrid Oviedo's article titled, "The Doctrine of Deliberate Indifference: Reed vs. Krajca", was published in the July-September 2017 issue of the *Journal of Forensic Nursing*. This is the official publication of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Ms. Misty Stone has joined a team to redesign the online RN-BSN curriculum for Grand Canyon University.

Mr. John Toth was accepted into the Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership program at Fayetteville State University.

Mr. John Toth and Dr. Deborah Hummer participated in the American Chemical Society (NCACS) and UNCP National Chemistry Week event on Saturday October 21, 2017 in Laurinburg, NC. The theme was Chemistry Rocks. Mr. Toth and Dr. Hummer engaged children of all ages in dissolving M&Ms in various solutions as they explained the science behind the activity.

Faculty and Staff Enrichment



In December, faculty and staff participated in a fellowship and enrichment activity. Participants had a variety of designs to choose from and were able to hand-paint the design on decorative pieces of wood.