Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Program Option
Fall 2012 Newsletter

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Message from the Coordinator

There were six Registered Nurses who earned their baccalaureate degrees in nursing at the May 2012 graduation. Please join the faculty and staff of the Department of Nursing in celebrating their achievement.

For curriculum code 0203 (RN to BS Program Option), the Nursing Department has completed a curriculum revision. The change requires less clinical time and is more accommodating for the students. Students no longer have NUR465 Clinical Practicum as a required course; the new curriculum has two new courses, NUR342 Nursing Informatics and NUR326 Health Promotion/Social Justice. However, the curriculum change does not affect the students who have already taken 465 and allow them to remain in the old plan.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate program at SUNY Plattsburgh is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036, (202)887-671 and the program is registered with the New York State Education. It is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Council of Deans of Nursing of Baccalaureate Programs of New York State. SUNYPlattsburgh has an active chapter (Gamma Delta) of Sigma Theta Tau International, the international honor society of nursing.
The nursing pinning ceremony took place in Hartman Theater honoring both the traditional and RN Option nursing graduates and their families the night before graduation. Peggy Crossman (‘12) and Yulia Korchevskaya (‘12) and their families attended the ceremony. Yulia’s parents came from Russia to celebrate her accomplishment and also enjoyed the north country and our neighboring country, Canada.

Every year, the Department of Nursing and Nutrition selects nursing scholars from many candidates nominated by their academic advisors. From the RN to BS Program Option, the recipients are: Angela Frauman and Kimberly Rose (The Arkell Hall Foundation Scholarships), Kimberly Domalewicz (The Julia O. Wells Memorial education Award), and Yulia Korchevskaya, Jill Scherer and Kevin Yu Zeng (The RN Excellence Award). Congratulations to Angela, Kim Rose, Kim Domalewicz, Yulia, Jill and Kevin for their academic accomplishments. We wish them all the best!
Spring 2012 Commencement
On Saturday, May 19, 2012, six Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Online Option Program nursing students received their degrees during the 2012 Spring Commencement ceremony, which was held in the Field House Gymnasium.

**Spring 2012 graduates:**
- Rita All — Greenfield Center, NY
- Peggy Crossman — Ticonderoga, NY
- Indira Gaviola — White Plain, NY
- Yulia Korchevskaya — Burnt Hills, NY
- Gail Roberts — Champlain, NY
- Kevin Yu Zeng — Philadelphia, PA

Winter Commencement, December 15, 2012
Commencement will be on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10:00 am at the College Field House. Caps and gowns are mandatory for participation in graduation ceremony and can be purchased through the College Store at [http://www.mypsbookstore.com/](http://www.mypsbookstore.com/) for $35.00 plus tax and shipping.

**Prospective December 2012 graduates:**
- Rose Alabede — Poughkeepsie, NY
- Joshua Craig — Malone, NY
- Kimberly Domalewicz — Albany, NY
- Erin Doyle — New Russia, NY
- Delceta Palmer — Valley Stream, NY
- Jamie Rathbun — Indian Lake, NY
- Kristin Rocco — East Islip, NY

To qualify for the bachelor’s degree in nursing, student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of course work. The residency requirement for a baccalaureate degree from Plattsburgh State University is 36 credits. Commencement honors are based on the student’s GPA at PSU; students must complete at least 57 hours of residence study at PSU to be eligible for honors designations at graduation.

**Congratulations to all graduates!!**

Peggy Crossman (‘12) at the May graduation 2012.

Kevin Manchester, one of the CVPH On-site matriculated RNs that is pursuing baccalaureate degree while working fulltime.

Tricia Blackman-Francis is a distance learning RN student; she will finish her program in May 2013.
New RN to BS Program Option Curriculum

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Nursing Requirements
1. Lower level nursing courses from AAS or diploma (validated for up to 34 credits)
2. Nursing credit — SUNY Plattsburgh (26 credits)
   a. NUR 304 Health Assessment (3 cr.)
   b. NUR 326 Health Promotion and Social Justice (3 cr.)
   c. NUR 327 Application of Research in Nursing Practice (3 cr.)
   d. NUR 350 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing (3 cr.)
   e. NUR 342 Nursing Informatics (3 cr.)
   f. NUR 425 Public Health Nursing* (4 cr.)
   g. NUR 428 Management & Leadership* (4 cr.)
   h. NUR 437 Public Policy and Professional Nursing (3 cr.)

*Cognate Requirements
1. BIO 203 Microbiology (3-4 cr.)
2. BIO 326 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 cr.)
3. BIO 327 Anatomy & Physiology II (4 cr.)
4. CHE 101 General Chemistry (4 cr.)
5. CHE 271 Organic & Biochemistry (4 cr.)
6. FNI 211 Human Nutrition (3 cr.)
7. MAT 161 Introductory Statistics (3 cr.)
8. PSY 101 General Psychology (3 cr.)
9. SOC 101 Intro to Sociology (3 cr.)
10. PSY 311 Survey of Human Development (3 cr.)

General Education Requirements
1. Written Expression (3 cr.)
2. U. S. Civilization/Western Civilization (3 cr.)
3. World Systems/Foreign Language (2nd Level) (3 cr.)
4. Humanities/The Arts (3 cr.)
5. Information and Technology Literacy (1 cr.)
6. Global Issues (3 cr.)
7. Oral Expression: satisfied by NUR 428
8. Advanced Writing Requirement: satisfied by NUR 327

Additional courses may be needed to complete degree requirements.

Total Credits = 120