Message from the Coordinator

A new RN to BS program is being offered through a partnership between SUNY Plattsburgh and Champlain Valley Physician Hospital Medical Center. Since the fall 2011, nursing courses toward the baccalaureate degree have been offered in a face-to-face format at CVPH. The first nursing course was NUR350 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing. There were 22 registered nurses that were enrolled in NUR350 this past semester.

Also, there were 4 Registered Nurses who earned their baccalaureate degree in nursing at the December 2011 graduation. Please join the faculty and staff of the Department of Nursing in celebrating their achievement.

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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. SUNY Plattsburgh has an active chapter (Gamma Delta) of Sigma Theta Tau International, the international honor society of nursing.
Prospective May 2012 graduates

Rita All — Greenfield Center, New York
Mary Cardinale — Queensbury, New York
Peggy Crossman — Ticonderoga, New York
Indira Gaviola — White Plains, New York
Yulia Korchevskaya — Burnt Hills, New York
Gail Roberts — Plattsburgh, New York
Kevin Yu Zeng — New York, New York

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Nursing Pinning Ceremony, May 18, 2012

There will be a pinning ceremony and reception honoring both the traditional and RN Option nursing graduates and their families the night before graduation, on Friday May 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Commencement, May 19, 2012

Commencement will be on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 10:00 am at the College Field House. Caps and gowns are mandatory for participation in the graduation ceremony and can be purchased through the College Store at www.mypsubookstore.com/ for $37.00 plus tax and shipping.

Please check for information on commencement at www.plattsburgh.edu/studentlife/commencement/spring/

Remember to send your completed diploma application to the Registrar's office, so your full name be included in the commencement program!!!

To qualify for the bachelor's degree in nursing, you 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.

Winter 2011 Commencement

On Saturday, December 17, 2011, four Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Online Option Program nursing students received their degrees during the 2011 Winter Commencement ceremony, which was held in the Field House Gymnasium.

Winter 2011 graduates:
Kari Charette-Furnia—Peru, New York
Nancy Parvana—Burnt Hills, New York
Jennifer Robtoy, Paul Smiths, New York
Jill Scherer—Monsey, New York

***Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors: 3.9-4.0 GPA)
**Magna Cum Laude (High Honors: 3.7-3.89 GPA)
*Cum Laude (Honors: 3.4-3.69 GPA)
RN Students’ Poster Projects

On December 1, the SUNY Plattsburgh Department of Nursing students held presentations for their NUR425 poster projects. Dr. Anne Bongiorno, the NUR425 instructor, Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig, the Chair for the Department of Nursing and Nutrition, and many nursing faculty members and nursing students were all in attendance to celebrate this important event.
Sigma Theta Tau International is a prestigious organization of nurse leaders, scholars, and researchers. The Honor Society, founded at Indiana University in 1922 has chapters at colleges and universities across the globe. Membership in the Society is awarded to bachelor, masters and doctoral nursing students who achieve high scholastic averages, and to community nurse leaders who have made outstanding contributions to nursing.

On September 25, 2011, three RN to BS Study Option Program students were inducted as members of Gamma Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Newman Center in Plattsburgh.

**The new inductees:**

Kari Charette-Furnia (‘11)  
Jill Scherer (‘11)  
Kevin Yu Zeng (‘12)  

**Congratulations to Inductees!!!**