Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Option Nursing Program

Fall 2011 Newsletter

Message from the Coordinator

There were 5 Registered Nurses who earned their baccalaureate degrees in nursing at the May 2011 graduation. Please join the faculty and staff of the Department of Nursing in celebrating their achievement.

The program is growing in admission as well as in the graduation of Registered Nurses. Many of the recent graduates continue to pursue the higher graduate degrees in Nurse Practitioner Program, Nurse Anesthesiology, Nursing Education and Medicine.

SUNY Plattsburgh and Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center in Plattsburgh have teamed up to offer an On-site RN To BS Option Program. All nursing courses are offered on-site at CVPH and the first course is NUR350 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing. There are 20 students who are enrolled in on-site NUR350.

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Accreditation
The nursing program at SUNY Plattsburgh is registered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The College’s Nursing Program is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the Council of Deans of Nursing, and The Council of Deans of Nursing of Senior Colleges and Universities in New York. Plattsburgh has an active chapter (Gamma Delta) of Sigma Theta Tau International, the international honor society of nursing.
Nursing Pinning Ceremony, May 14, 2011

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.

2011 Nursing and Nutrition Awards and Honors

Every year, the Department of Nursing and Nutrition selects nursing scholars from many candidates nominated by their academic advisors. From the RN to BS Option Program, the recipients are: Tracy Chamberlain (The Arkell Hall Foundation Scholarships), Nancy Parvania (The Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Award), and Julie Donnelly and Jaylane Rabideau (The RN Excellence Award). Congratulations to Tracy, Nancy, Julie and Jaylane for their academic accomplishments. We wish them all the best!

RN Excellence Awards Recipients

Julie Donnelly ('10) the recipient of the Winter RN Student Excellence Award.

Jaylane Rabideau ('11) the recipient of the Spring RN Student Excellence Award.

The RN Excellence Award is given to graduating students who exhibit high GPA and clinical aptitude!
2010 Spring Commencement
On Saturday, May 21, 2011, five Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Online Option Program nursing students received their degrees during the 2011 Spring Commencement ceremony, which was held in the Field House Gymnasium.

Spring 2011 graduates:
Kyle Couperus — Ogdensburg
Sue Harland — Plattsburgh
Jaylane Rabideau*** — Mooers Forks
Sharon Roscoe-Martin — Moira
Kathleen Zeltmann — Adams Center
***Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Winter Commencement, December 17, 2011
Commencement will be on Saturday, December 17, 2011 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.mysubookstore.com/](http://www.mysubookstore.com/) for $35.00 plus tax and shipping.

Prospective December 2011 graduates:
Cheryl Brunet, Kari Charette-Furnia, Nancy Parvana, Jennifer Robtoy and Jill Scherer.

From left to right, Sharon Roscoe-Martin (’11), Sandra Mertz (’10), and Lorene Reynolds (’10) who are nurse managers at Alice Hyde Medical Center in Malone.

Kathleen Zeltmann (’11) on her NUR465 clinical rotation at Jefferson Community College. Judy Traynor (’89), Associate Professor at JCC served as Kathleen’s clinical preceptor.

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 37 hours of residence study at PSU to be eligible for honors designations at graduation.

Congratulations to all graduates!!
RN Students' Advocacy Projects

RN students who were taking NUR437, Professional Issues with Dr. Anne Bongiorno presented the results of their Advocacy Projects' presentations on-campus on March 8th. Many traditional nursing students as well as nursing faculty attended this important event, and it was a chance to meet some of our RN students and to see their senior nursing projects.

IOM Report on the Future of Nursing: No nurse left behind

Dr. Julie Brunell, Vice President for Patient Services at CVPH Medical Center and Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig, the Chair for the Department of Nursing and Nutrition at SUNY Plattsburgh presented and led a discussion entitled The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health on March 9th. Many local nurses and RN students attended the Institute of Medicine Report that provided recommendations for improving and transforming the nursing profession.