Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Online Study Option Nursing Program

Spring 2011 Newsletter

Message from the Coordinator

There were 16 Registered Nurses who earned their baccalaureate degree in nursing at the December 2010 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.

SUNY Plattsburgh just adopted a new revised General Education Program (GE5). The new program provides students with more flexibility in completing General Education requirements. In GE5, students must complete a minimum of 30 credits from the Skills, Knowledge and Understanding areas. Included are: Written Expression, Mathematics, Natural Science, Oral Expression, and Social Science.

Also included in the 30 credit minimum are a U.S. History OR Western Civilization; a Humanities OR Arts; a World Systems OR Foreign Language (at the second semester level); and an additional 2-9 credits from any of these GE categories. Not included in the 30 credit minimum, but required, is an Information and Technology Literacy course and only one Integration Requirement in Global Studies.

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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.
Prospective May 2011 graduates

Cheryl Brunet - Plattsburgh
Kyle Couperus - Ogdensburg
Lorrie Galletta - Minetto
Sue Harland - Plattsburgh
Jaylane Rabideau - Mooers Forks
Sharon Roscoe-Martin - Moira
Kathleen Zeltmann - Adams Center

Nursing Pinning Ceremony, May 20, 2011

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 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Commencement, May 21, 2011

Commencement will be on Saturday, May 21, 2011 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.mypsobookstore.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 2010 Commencement

Suzanne Phillips (’10) with her sons.

On Saturday, December 18, 2010, sixteen Registered Nurse to Baccalaureate Online Option Program nursing students received their degrees during the 2010 Winter Commencement ceremony, which was held in the Field House Gymnasium.

Winter 2010 graduates:

Jill Biggane - Schenectady
Mary Ann Cayea - Plattsburgh
Kimberly Contino - Harriman
***Julie Donnelly - South Glens Falls
Leslie Fleury - Lewis
Jacqueline Hoops - Essex Junction
Jennifer Kanaly - Peru
Judith Karimi - Milton
Zaneta Martinez - Harriman
Lisa McCormick - Plattsburgh
Sandra Mertz - Brasher Falls
Angela Morley - Ogdensburgh
Suzanne Phillips - Fultonville
Lorene Reynolds - Malone
Kristin Sciuto - Clifton Park
*Penny Warrington - North Creek

***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)

Suzanne Phillips (’10) receives her diploma from Dr. John Ettinger, the President of SUNY Plattsburgh.
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 October 17, 2010, three RN to BS Online Nursing 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:

Kimberly Contino (‘10)
Penny Warrington (‘10)
Kathleen Zeltman

Congratulations to Inductees!!!
RN to BS Online Option Winter 2010 Graduates

On December 18, 2010 the SUNY Plattsburgh Department of Nursing held a reception honoring RN to BS Online Option graduates following the Commencement in the Nursing Faculty Lounge at Hawkins Hall. Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig, the Chair for the Department of Nursing; Dr. Daniel Ampomah, Assistant Professor; graduates and their families were all in attendance to celebrate this memorable occasion.

Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig and Zaneta Martinez ('10) at the reception.

Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig and Jill Biggane ('10).

Penny Warrington ('10), left, at the winter 2010 commencement.

Judith Karimi ('10).

Angela Morley ('10) with Dr. JoAnn Gleeson-Kreig, Chair for the Department of Nursing and Nutrition at the reception honoring RN to BS graduates.
Accessing Web courses

All RN students, both on-campus and online, must have access to a Windows-based computer to access to web courses.

ANGEL requires that you use a current version of either Firefox (Windows, Mac) or Internet Explorer (Windows). The AOL browser will not work with ANGEL. AOL users can still use their dial-ups to establish an internet connection, but when it comes time to visit ANGEL, one of the prescribed browsers must be used.

Use MyPlattsburgh to access to ANGEL. Once on the opening page in ANGEL, look on the left side for the course listing you want, click on it and you will be in the course.

If you are having problems with your accessing your course or other technical questions, please email SUNY Plattsburgh’s Instructional Technology at instructional.technology@plattsburgh.edu.

Email Address

It is important for you to know your Plattsburgh State email address because the University uses these addresses for official communication. They will not use anything other than the assigned email address unless specified to do so. You must check your email regularly or you may miss important announcements. It is recommended to use MyPlattsburgh to access Webmail.

It is highly suggested that you use a computer devoted for your own use when completing the RN to BS Online Study Option Program. You are required to maintain your computer hardware and operating systems in proper functioning order.