

**ARCASN Annual School Report
2013-2014**

Name of the School: CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY

School rep at ARCASN: Cyndee MacPhee

1. Number of new graduates from all programs:

BScN: graduated 63 on May 10th, 2014

2. Accreditation information:

Underwent Full Accreditation Review (Pathway B) for the first time in January, 2014. Awaiting report which is expected in early July, 2014.

3. Special projects (e.g. international, nursing education):

The province is undergoing a provincial education review and is seeking stakeholder input from several areas. Willena Nemeth, Director of the CBU Nursing Program, sits on the steering committee for this. Several of our department members and students recently took part in one of these sessions. It is strongly possible CBU will be considered for a fast track program for LPN-BScN in the near future; consideration of increasing numbers is also possible.

4. New programs:

No new programs this year but have been making small curriculum changes as we move along; for example: reducing 2 (3) credit nutrition courses to 1 (3) credit nursing course and introducing in its place a (3) credit English course.

For the 2nd year in a row, students write a final comprehensive exam in their last nursing course which is a 9 week preceptored experience in the practice setting of their choice. Results are very good and our RN pass rates have improved with this initiative.

5. Full time new employees including names, PhD's, tenure track or contract:

Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, Assistant Professor, Community Health Tier 11 Canada Research Chair in the determinants of healthy communities. She is cross-appointed with the Indigenous Studies Department.

6. Research contribution (including areas of interest and output, e.g., types of research being conducted and funding sources. In the past we tried to include articles and other dissemination strategies; however, we acknowledged the difficulty of capturing the full breadth of the research activities by each school's members during the year). :

Corrine McIsaac, Associate Professor was featured in this months' edition of the Canadian Nurse for her revolutionary approach to wound care. Corrine is recognized internationally for her work in this area.

Two former CBU students headed to Guatamala as part of a team to do surgeries

Dr. Evelyn Kennedy received her PhD in the Fall, 2013

Research interests of faculty and nurse practice educators can be found on the CBU webpage.

<http://www.cbu.ca/academics/nursing/research/>

7. Other news

Debbie Brennick, Assistant Professor received the CBU Instructional Leadership Award for outstanding teaching and mentorship to nursing students.

Dr. Audrey Walsh and Claudette Taylor were both promoted to Associate Professor rank effective July 1, 2014

New Dean (Dr. Jane Lewis) appointed to the School of Professional Studies of which Nursing is a part. Dr. Lewis was the Dean for nursing for several years in the past and is welcomed back!

Several members of the department participated in University 101, and event for incoming students

Respectfully,

Cyndee MacPhee