

**Centre for Nursing Studies (CNS)
Report for ARCASN
June 2014**

Programs and Number of New Graduates

This past year the Centre for Nursing Studies offered the following programs:

- Bachelor of Nursing Collaborative (BN Degree)
 - LPN Bridging Option (BN Degree)
- Practical Nursing (PN Diploma)
- Continuing Nursing Studies (various programs and modules).

The number of new graduates from each of the above mentioned programs is as follows:

- BN (Collaborative) Program: 114 graduates (May 2014)
- PN program: 38 graduates (January 2014)

At our inaugural welcome to nursing ceremony, April 15, 2014, 108 first year BN students received their CNS crests. At this ceremony a number of inspiring nursing leaders shared their stories with the nursing students and their families and close friends.

Continuing Nursing Studies currently has 26 programs and modules are available to address provincial demands for continuing education for RNs and LPNs. The total intake for these programs in 2013 -2014 was 120 students. Some of these programs include a Post-Basic Mental Health program, Post-Basic Gerontology programs, and an IEN Bridging /Re-Entry program.

Accreditation and Approval

An application has been submitted to CASN for accreditation review of the BN (Collaborative) Program. The anticipated review is expected to take place in February 2015.

The PN Program received a five (5) year approval (highest approval) from the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) in April 2013.

New Programs

CNS NP faculty members are continuing to work in partnership with MUNSON to develop and teach MNNP courses (to be offered through MUN).

A Faculty-Led NP clinic has been running for the 2013 year in collaboration with staff and physicians from the Dr. John Ross Family Practice Clinic. The clinic is receiving very positive feedback.

The Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) Bridging/Re-Entry Program is a subproject of the 2011-2016 Health Canada Health Care Policy Contribution Program for

Internationally Educated Health Professionals (IEHPs) in NL. Requests for competency assessments (CBAs) of IENs continue to increase.

Full Time New Employees

Dr. Anne Kearney, current director, will be returning to Memorial University and Dr . Kathy Watkins will be assuming the directorship of the CNS as of June 1, 2014.

13 new full-time permanent employees have replaced 13 retired faculty.

Other News

Faculty continue to participate in 3 IPE modules.

Faculty have been chairing, planning and presenting in a number of educational conferences over the past year. Most recently 9 faculty presented their research at the Eastern Health Research Symposium in May 2014. Faculty will be participating in a joint faculty development days with Dr. Judy Boychuk Duchscher on her research on the topic of multiple generations in the workplace.

1 faculty member has received their PhD

3 faculty members are completing course work in their PhD program

1 faculty member has been accepted into PhD studies for September 2014

Respectfully submitted

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