

**ARCASN Annual School Report
2013-2014**

University of New Brunswick Saint John

ARCASN School Representative: Dr. Dianne McCormack RN

1) Number of new graduates from all programs:

- a. BN program = 38
- b. BHSc program = 15

2) Accreditation information:

Nursing: All sites of the UNB BN program (Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, Bathurst and Humber College) participated in a CASN accreditation review and a NANB program approval review in 2013. The Educational Unit received a 5 year accreditation with an Interim Report submitted April 2014. The UNB Undergraduate BN Program and the UNB BN/RN Program received 7 year accreditations with Interim Reports focused on program evaluation submitted April 2014.

Health Sciences: Saint John School of Radiography - 6 year accreditation through the Canadian Medical Association from April 2013 to April 2019. Nuclear Medicine - 6 years accreditation until July 31, 2019. Respiratory Therapy - planned accreditation visit for this year. Saint John School of Radiation Therapy – do not have a current update at this time.

- 3) **Special projects:** The UNB Saint John Department of Nursing and Health Sciences recently purchased the Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT®) created by second Wind Dreams Inc. which is a sensitivity program designed to help simulate what it is like to live with dementia. Three faculty members have become certified in the delivery of the Virtual Dementia tour. First year nursing students have already experienced the Virtual Dementia tour and now faculty are taking their services to the community by offering a free Virtual Dementia Tour to a group of Home Support Workers in St Stephen NB.
- 4) **New programs:** A two year LPN Bridge Pilot began in September of 2013. Fourteen students were admitted to the Bridge in September of 2015, current enrolment is 11 students. Twenty two students successfully completed the LPN Bridge entrance requirements last year and entered year 3 of the BN program in the fall term of 2014.

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

- Two 3+1 year term appointments in July 2014: Shauna Figler, Renee Gordon,
- Two 2+2 year term appointments in July 2014: Catharine Simpson, Dana Manser
Two 2+2 year term appointments Jan 2015: Diana Dupont, Meagan Hatfield
- Positions are currently open for a Department Chair, as well as one tenure track professorial stream position, one 2+2 professorial stream appointment, two 1-year instructor stream, and 2 (6 month) professorial stream for sabbatical leave replacements.

6. **Research contribution:** Many Faculty members are actively conducting and disseminating research in various areas; such as informatics, interprofessional education, home care, older population groups, marginalized groups such as aboriginal peoples and people addressing addictions, bereavement, or homelessness, and so on. Below is a brief overview of the work of three Faculty members.

Dr. Tracy Carr

Grants:

2014, **Carr, T.**, Brunelle, C., & Keeping-Burke, L. The Meaning and Impact of a Spirituality-Based 12-Step Program for Women in Addiction Recovery. Covenant Health Faith Spirituality and Health Research Grant. \$24,917.50

2014, Keeping-Burke, L., **Carr, T.**, McCormack, D., & Hansen, L. The Experiences of Indigenous People in Health Care Encounters in Western Settings and Contexts: A Systematic Review of Qualitative Evidence ARCSN Research Award. \$2,000

Publications:

Higuchi, K. S., Edwards, N., **Carr, T.**, Marck, P., Abdullah, G. (2015). Development and evaluation of a workshop to support practice change in long term care. *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*, 31(1), 28-34.

Lang A, Fleischer AR, Duhamel F, Aston F, **Carr T**, Goodwin S. (2015). Evidence-informed primary bereavement care: A study protocol of a knowledge-to-action approach for system change. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 14(1), 121-145.

Professional practice/committee work

2015 - Victorian Order of Nurses National Research Ethics Committee Member

Dr. Shelley Doucet

- July 2014: Awarded the Jarislowsky Chair in Interprofessional Patient-Centred Care
- December 2014: In partnership with Dr. Rima Azar (Mount Allison University), awarded a \$750,000 grant to identify children with complex health care needs and to develop an innovative integrated service delivery model using a patient navigator to meet the needs of this population across the full continuum of care
- Over the past year: Participated in the delivery of more than 20 presentations (9 invited), published 3 multi-authored manuscripts (with 4 in review), obtained 5 research grants, and involved in leading a number of national and international research networks, including: 1) The NB Community of Practice in Interprofessional Education and Practice (founder and lead), 2) both the NB and PEI SPOR Networks in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations (a researcher lead on both teams), and 3) The International Interprofessional Education and Practice Theory Network (In-2-Theory) (the Canadian lead).

Dr. Rose McCloskey

McCloskey, R., Donovan, C., Donovan, A., & Stewart, C. (In press). How Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Resident Aides Spend Time in Nursing Homes: An Observational Study. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*.

McCloskey, R., & Jarrett, P. (In press). The Untold Story of Being Designated an Alternative Level of Care Patient. *Healthcare Policy*.

McCloskey, R., Furlong, K., & O'Brien-Larivee, C. (2015). A Community Partnership to Help Prepare University of New Brunswick Saint John Nursing Students Care for People with Dementia. *Info Nursing* 46 (1), 40-41.

Donovan, C., Donovan, A., McCloskey, R. & Stewart, C. (2014). How do residents spend their time in nursing homes? *Canadian Nursing Homes*, 25 (3), 13-17.

McCloskey, R. Jarrett, P., Stewart, C., Nicholson, P. & Jacob, C. (2014). Alternate Level of Care Patients in Hospital: What does dementia have to do with this? *Canadian Geriatrics*, 17 (3), 88-94. doi.org/10.5770/cgj.17.106

Funding: Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging Team 14: How multimorbidity modifies the risk of dementia and the patterns of disease expression. April 1 2014-March 31 2019, total team funding \$924,000

Other Professional Activities

Facilitator Virtual Dementia Tour: Seond Dreams Inc.

Training Back-In-Form WorkSafeNB. In progress.

Certification Community Facilitator Virtual Dementia Tour Buffalo New York, Jan 22, 2015

7. **Other News:** Dr. Shelley Doucet was awarded the Jarislowsky Chair in Interprofessional Patient-Centred Care in July 2014.