

**ARCASN Annual School Report
2014-2015**

Name of the School: CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY

School rep at ARCASN: Helen Fraser

1. Number of new graduates from all programs:

BScN: graduated 61 on May 11th, 2015. New student intake for September 2015 = 76

We have 297 students in all 4 years. 34 males and 263 females , # of Aboriginals= 22 with the largest intake this year of 10.

#of international students= 6

Currently 40% of our students within the program have some post-secondary education.

2. Accreditation information:

July 2014 Accreditation report for CBU: Education Unit 5 years and BScN 4 year program 7 years.

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

36 students from the 2016 BScN graduating class have signed up to participate in an international nursing experience in South America. We are looking at Ecuador as the host country and have been corresponding with United Planet to assist in organizing this experience. The students have been fundraising since March with the expected date of travel February, 2016. This experience will be part of practice hours for N4990 in forth year.

4. New programs:

No new programs this year but like the other universities in Nova Scotia, we are heavy into curriculum review changing to a concept –based curriculum.

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

None this year.

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). :

June 2015, Poster Presentation: Dr Evelyn Kennedy, San Diego ATI Nursing Summit, ‘*The Nursing Competence Self-Efficacy Scale: A Pan-Canadian Replication Study*’.

June 2015, Oral presentation: Dr Odette Griscti, San Diego ATI Nursing Summit, “*Experiences Of Chronically Ill Patients And Registered Nurses When They Negotiated Care In Hospital*”.

Both Evelyn and Odette had the opportunity to attend a luncheon with Patricia Benner.

Brennick,D., Taylor,C., Nemeth,W.& Jamieson,B. (2015, June). *An Asset-based Project to Enhance Community Wellness in a Rural Setting*. Oral presentation. Pathways to Resilience II Conference: Beyond Nature vs Nurture. Halifax, N.S. June, 2015 (Published in Conference Program).

Nemeth, W., Duff, D., MacMillan, K., Witty-Rogers, J., van Soeren, M., Cobbett, S., Taylor, C., Jamieson, B., Cormier, J.& MacDonald, J. (2015, June). *Co-creating a Transformative Nursing Curriculum For Nova Scotia: Partnership; Prism; and Prospect*. Oral Presentation ARCASN Annual Conference, Saint John ,NB.

Taylor, C., Brennick, D., & Nemeth, W. (2015, May). Building Community Capacity Engaging Individuals in Knowledge-Transfer on the Determinants of Hypertension. Poster Presentation American Society of Hypertension Conference, New York, USA.

Cruikshank,C., MacMillan,K., **Nemeth,W.** & Duff,D. (2014, June) Presentation NS Nursing Education Review Reflecting Collaborative Approach. Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Principal Nurse Advisor group; a task group of the FPT Committee of Health Workforce on June 19, Winnipeg, MN. (participated via teleconference).

Nemeth,W., Corsano,T., Kennedy,E., & MacLean,M. (2014-Nov.). \$5109.00 CBU RP Internal Grant Funding. Overtime Costs/Mitigation Strategies, CBDHA.

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

Odette Griscti received her PhD in 2014 and Claudette Taylor received their PhD this year.

We will be welcoming a new Dean on August 15 this year: Dr. Carolin Kreber

4th year Nursing students Chris Walker, Tanas Sylliboy, Kate MacEachern, Kelsey Robertson and Taylor Sibley won \$25,000 in Innovacorp's Spark competition for their highly innovative start-up business TACKK Mobile Health Solutions. The Footchek system aims to dramatically decrease the incidence of foot disease associated with diabetes with the potential for savings of tens of millions of dollars for the province.

Two Special Topics in Nursing courses:

Indigenous Perspectives on Health and Healing: Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo-Wilcox
Interprofessional Approach to end-of-life care in adults: Dr. Claudette Taylor

Respectfully,

Helen Fraser