

2014-2015

Name of School of Nursing: Centre for Nursing Studies

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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)

Some of our Faculty also continue to teach in the Master of Nursing Program (NP) offered by Memorial University.

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

- BN (Collaborative) Program: 120 graduates (May 2015)
- PN program: 39 graduates (January 2015)
- Continuing Nursing Studies currently has 26 programs and modules available to address provincial demands for continuing education for RNs and LPNs. The total intake for these programs is ongoing and graduation numbers depend on the program. Some of these programs include a Post-Basic Mental Health program, Post-Basic Gerontology programs, Perioperative Nursing Programs and an IEN Bridging /Re-Entry program.

Accreditation and Approval

The BN (Collaborative) Program and the LPN Bridging option were reviewed by the CASN accreditation team with a site visit Feb. 2015 and expected date of final results is June, 2015. After this information we will hear our ARNNL approval results.

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.

Special Projects (e.g. international nursing education, NCLEX-RN)

A committee was formed of representatives from the three sites of the BN (Collaborative) Program in NL in 2014 to review additional resources for the fourth year students who are writing the NCLEX-RN June 1-9 and June 18-July 11, 2015 in NL. Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) was chosen as the one of the resources to assist students in the computer adapted testing format of the NCLEX- RN exam. Members of the CNS Faculty Evaluation Resource Committee and the Director of the CNS attended the NCLEX Regional Seminar for Canadian Educators conducted by NCSBN in Halifax in Sept 2014.

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.

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

New Programs

The continuing education course Advanced Foot Care was revised and the new method of delivery has received positive feedback.

Anatomy and Physiology for the practical nursing students is being offered via two modes of delivery of online or as face to face.

Full Time New Employees or New positions

Dr. Kathy Watkins assumed the directorship of the CNS as of June 1, 2014. Denise English, MN, has assume the position of Associate Director, Non- Degree Programs.

One fulltime faculty has moved to the Memorial University site for the BN (Collaborative) Program. Two fulltime faculty have retired and one other fulltime faculty assumed a position with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of NL (CLPNNL).

Research contributions: (Including areas of Interest& output e.g. types of research being conducted & funding resources. In the past we tried to include articles and dissemination strategies: However we acknowledge the difficulty capturing the full breadth of the research activities by each of the school's members during the Year)

Research interests can be found at <http://www.centrefornursingstudies.ca>

A lengthy scholarship inventory is available on this website.

Other News

The Centre for Nursing Studies and Memorial University School of Nursing held their 17th Annual Nursing Charity Ball on March 28, 2015. The Charity that was supported this year was the YWCA and \$9000 was raised.

At the second "Welcome to Nursing Ceremony" on April 13, 2015, **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, families and friends.

Eight Faculty are Faculty Associates with the Centre for Collaborative Health Professional Education. The CNS students continue to participate in three (3) IPE modules.

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Faculty have been chairing, planning and presenting in a number of educational conferences over the past year. Most recently 28 faculty presented at Eastern Health Research Symposium in May 2015. Faculty will also be participating and presenting at the Nursing Research Day with Dr. Janice Morse on June 9, 2015. Six faculty are scheduled to present at the ARCASN conference June 11-13, 2015.

Two faculty members have successfully completed their oral and written comprehensive exams as required in their PhD program.

Two other faculty members are completing course work in a PhD program.

Respectfully submitted

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