

## **ARCASN Annual School Report 2014-2015**

**Name of School:** Memorial University of Newfoundland School of Nursing

**School Representative to ARCASN:** Judith Moody MN RN

### **Number of new graduates from all programs:**

#### **Fall 2014**

BN (Collaborative Program) Fast Track Option - 30 graduates

BN (Post-RN) Program - 4 graduates

#### **Spring 2015**

BN (Collaborative Program) 4 year Option- 41 graduates

BN (Post-RN) Program - 5 graduates

### **Graduate Program:**

#### **Fall 2014**

Practicum - 6 graduates

Nurse Practitioner - 6 graduates

Post Master's Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma - 2 graduates

#### **Spring 2015**

Practicum – 7 graduates

Thesis - 6 graduates

Nurse Practitioner – 2 graduates

Post Master's Nurse Practitioner Graduate Diploma – 3 graduates

### **Accreditation Information:**

The School was very busy preparing for reviews for accreditation (CASN) and approval (ARNNL) through the first half of 2014-2015. The two reviews were done in tandem. The review visit by CASN occurred from February 23-27, 2015. We are eagerly awaiting the decision of each association.

### **Full Time New Employees:**

A search was held for tenure track faculty and we anticipate announcing the names of successful candidate(s) shortly. As well there will be a search for tenure track faculty members next year.

## **Research Contributions:**

Faculty members' recent research interests and publications are available on the SON website. This website is continually being updated. Previous publications and interests can be found on the SON website: [http://www.mun.ca/nursing/about\\_us/](http://www.mun.ca/nursing/about_us/)

## **Other News:**

### **PhD Program**

Our three (3) current PhD students have completed all their course work and are busy with their comprehensive exams prior to starting on their research studies.

PhD admissions for fall 2015 are finalized and we have offered admission to 6 applicants. Three of the new students are international students from Jordan and Sudan; the other three students are from Newfoundland. All of the students are very excited to begin their PhD studies.

### **Dean**

Dr. Alice Gaudine, PhD, RN Professor was appointed to the position of Dean of the School of Nursing in December 2014.

### **Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs**

Andrea Brennan-Hunter, BScN, MN Assistant Professor was appointed to the position of Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs in September 2014.

### **Associate Dean Research**

Dr. Karen Parsons, PhD, RN Associate Professor has been appointed to the position of Associate Dean (Research) in the School of Nursing for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2018.

### **Faculty Chair in Teaching and Learning**

Dr. Caroline Porr, PhD, RN Assistant Professor has been appointed as Faculty Chair in Teaching and Learning in the School of Nursing for the period starting July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

### **Nursing Research Day 2015**

Nursing Research Day 2015 "Research and Practice: Bridging the Gap" is being held on June 8 with a Pre-Conference Workshop and a full day conference on June 9, 2015.

### **Awards**

Dr. Karen Parsons, PhD, RN Associate Professor was a recipient of a President's Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2014.

Dr. Donna Moralejo, PhD, RN Professor of Memorial University School of Nursing is the recipient of the 2015 Moira Walker Memorial Award for International Service.

Dr. Caroline Porr, PhD, RN Assistant Professor is a recipient of 2014-2015 grant in Health Aging Research, Developing and Testing a Dialect-Sensitive and Culturally Appropriate Diabetes Educational Tool for Older Adults of Rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dr. Sandra Small, PhD, RN Associate Professor is a recipient of the Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals Distinction Award for contributions to Respiratory Health.

### **Retirees**

Five (5) School of Nursing faculty members retired in December 2014. They were Dr. S. Lefort, PhD, RN Professor; Dr. S. Solberg, PhD, RN Professor; K. Webber BScN, MN Professor; D. Westera, BN, MEd, MScN, Associate Professor; and C. Morgan, B.N. Clinical Placement Coordinator.

### **50th Anniversary Celebration**

The School of Nursing will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. A dinner/event is being planned for October 2016. The committee working on this event is very busy. We all look forward to this special time.

Submitted by

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