

ARCASN 2015

Report from the University of Prince Edward Island School of Nursing

The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) School of Nursing had a total of 63 graduates in May 2015, 51 from the four year program and 12 from the Accelerated two year program. We increased our intake from 60 to 65 students in the fall semester 2013 for the four year program and to 16 students for the two year program. UPEI is in the 4th year of a seven year Accreditation from the Canadian Association Schools of Nursing and faculty met to review our Strategic Plan earlier this year. The UPEI School of Nursing hired two tenure-track faculty in 2014, Janis MacLennan-Peters and Janet MacIntyre.

At May Convocation 2014, our first three students graduated with their Masters of Nursing Degree. The University of Prince Edward Island introduced the two-year Master of Nursing program in September 2011, with two streams: the Thesis Stream and the Nurse Practitioner Stream. The first thesis student recently graduated from the program and a second cohort of 3 NP students has graduated. We currently have 10 students in program at various stages and admitted a new cohort of 4 NP students and 6 thesis students who will begin in July 2015.

Our International Community placements increased in 2014 to include: Sweden, England, Costa Rica, Honduras and St Lucia in 2014 with 10 students participating. During May-June, 2015, we have fifteen students (23% of 3rd year class) completing their Community placements in Haiti, England, Cayman Islands, St. Lucia, Costa Rica, Malta, and Honduras. For 2016, we are exploring additional placements in Germany as well as exchanges with some of our partner universities in the US. In turn, we have welcomed one inbound student from the University of Leeds, England this winter.

Faculty attended several educational sessions to help our students prepare for the NCLEX RN exam and our fourth year students completed the HESI Live Review in preparation for the exam.

In May 2014, the 2014 ARCASN Conference and Annual General Meeting were hosted at UPEI.

Respectfully submitted,
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