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Fall 2012 in the Department!



Dr. Lynn C. Parsons

Welcome from the Chair!

The Fall 2012 semester was a busy one for the Department of Nursing. We have close to

900 declared majors in our four programs; land-based Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Paramedic to Associate of Applied Science Nursing, land-based Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Registered Nurse (RN to BSN) to BSN degree program which is fully online. The RN to BSN program increased enrollment may be attributed to Magnet status hospitals requiring the BSN degree for entry level staff RN positions.

Two of our colleagues completed work in their doctoral programs. Dr. Lucy Mays graduated from the University of Alabama at Tusca-

loosa with a Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) degree and Dr. Teresa James had her DNP conferred by the University of Kentucky in August. They join six colleagues in the Department of Nursing who hold terminal degrees. Having a strong cadre of doctoral faculty will be important as we build new programs in the Department of Nursing.

The proposed Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) program with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track has passed through all Morehead State University level committees. The program was approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) in November of 2012 and went to the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) immediately after KBN approval. We anticipate putting the DNP program before the Kentucky Board this summer.

The BSN to DNP program will be 84 credit hours and the student at-

tending full-time could complete coursework in three (3) years. Some of the requirements for entry into the program include completing the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), three (3) reference letters on Department of Nursing form, and completion of 3-credit hour undergraduate courses in Health Assessment, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology. Be watching the Department of Nursing web site for program information.

This is my second year for serving as the Department Chair and I have to acknowledge the help of all faculty and staff colleagues that help move our programs forward!



ADNP Secretary Specialist

The Department of Nursing would like to congratulate Amanda Jewell. Amanda assumed the role of Secretary Specialist for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program in November.



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ADNP Coordinators' Report

Greetings from the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP)!

Greetings from the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP)! We are happy to announce that the NCLEX-RN pass rate for the 2012 calendar year thus far is 91% at the Morehead Campus and 87% at the Mt. Sterling Campus. We are very proud of our excellent graduates. The ADNP currently has 26 students at the Morehead Campus and 14 students at the Mt. Sterling Campus who are scheduled to complete the program in December. There are a total of 200 students currently enrolled in the ADNP, with 125 enrolled at the Morehead Campus and 75 enrolled at the Morehead Campus. This semester, we have 10 students enrolled in NURA 111: Paramedic to ADN Track Transition. These students are expected to transition into the third semester of the program next spring. We are very proud of this group of students and look forward to admitting additional students into the Paramedic to ADN Track in the future.



Dr. Lucy Mays,
Morehead Campus



Dr. Michele Walters,
Mt. Sterling Campus

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The ADNP underwent a re-accreditation site visit from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), October 16-18, 2012. The NLNAC site visitors have recommended reaccreditation through 2017, with conditions. A follow up report regarding progress of utilizing more graduate prepared clinical faculty and lab coordinators, will be due in two years. Obtaining graduate prepared faculty for programs of nursing is a nationwide problem which is not unique to MSU. The ADNP faculty will be working diligently with the MSU Administration to address faculty credential issues.

BNP Coordinator's Report

Greetings from the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP)!

The BNP faculty would like to congratulate the May 2012 graduates on their 94% NCLEX passage rate!

We are very proud of our graduates and our faculty who are dedicated to the education and success of our students.

The BNP faculty would also like to congratulate our new May 2012 and December 2012 RN-BSN graduates.

For more information on our Pre-licensure Nursing Program and Post-licensure RN-BSN program please visit our website at www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing.

The BNP faculty have been very busy during the 2012-2013 academic year. In addition to the faculty role, all faculty have taken part in professional development and many have been busy presenting at conferences at the state, the national, and the international level.

We appreciate all of our BNP faculty and their dedication to providing a top notch BSN program here at MSU!

The ADNP faculty maintains personal expertise in both didactic and clinical areas. Dr. Teresa Howell, DNP, RN, CNE completed degree requirements May 2012, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Howell's research agenda includes bereavement and grief reactions in children. Dr. Lucy Mays, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE completed degree requirements August 2012 from the University of Alabama. Dr. Mays' research agenda includes diabetes care within the indigent population. Dr. Teresa James, DNP, RN, CNE completed degree requirements August 2012 from the University of Kentucky. Dr. James' research agenda includes tobacco-free policy.

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Faculty Education Updates



Dr. Lucy Mays,
Morehead Campus

Dr. Lucy Mays, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE and ADNP Associate Professor/Morehead Campus Coordinator completed degree requirements August 2012, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from the University of Alabama. Dr. Mays' research agenda includes diabetes care within the indigent population.



Dr. Michele Walters,
Mt. Sterling Campus

Dr. Michele Walters, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE and ADNP Associate Professor/Mt. Sterling Campus Coordinator completed degree requirements December 2011, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from Frontier Nursing University. Dr. Walters' research agenda includes coronary artery disease prevention with a special interest in the pediatric population.



Dr. Teresa Howell

Dr. Teresa Howell, DNP, RN, CNE and ADNP Associate Professor completed degree requirements May 2012, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Howell's research agenda includes "Bereavement Reactions in Children: A Retrospective Review."



Dr. Teresa James

Dr. Teresa James, DNP, RN, CNE and ADNP Associate Professor completed degree requirements August 2012, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from the University of Kentucky. Dr. James' research agenda includes "Evaluation of the Implementation Effectiveness of a Tobacco free Environment Policy in a Regional Medical Center."



Dr. Nathania Bush

Dr. Nathania Bush, DNP, APRN, BC and BSN Associate Professor completed degree requirements May 2012, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), from Chatham University. Dr. Bush's research agenda includes palliative care in LTC facilities.

Tenure Updates

The Department of Nursing would like to congratulate Amy Brown, Teresa James, and Vanessa Sammons. They were assistant professors who successfully gained tenure during the 2012-2013 academic year and have been automatically promoted to the rank of associate professor without further review by the University Promotion Committee.



Amy Brown

Dr. Teresa James

Vanessa Sammons

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The ADNP faculty also actively participates in clinical practice to maintain clinical expertise in addition to faculty responsibilities. Amy Brown, MSN, RN, PHCNS-BC serves as a staff nurse in the Emergency Room at St. Joseph at Mt. Sterling and teaches the Trauma Nurse Course for St. Joseph employees. Chad Rogers, MSN, RN provides care to juveniles through the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, where he serves as a registered nurse/medical coordinator. Dr. Lucy Mays, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE and Dr. Michele Walters, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE serve as nurse practitioners for both St. Claire Regional and NewHope Clinic to provide primary care.

Dr. Michele Walters and Amy Brown are gearing up for their 4th MSU Nursing Haiti Mission that is scheduled for May 18-25, 2013. MSU partners with Children's Lifeline International to provide medical mission experiences for nursing students. Dr. Howell continues her service efforts with Camp Smile, a bereavement camp for children. Students and faculty appreciate support that is offered by our communities to provide service learning opportunities.

Faculty Scholarship Updates



Dr. Teresa Howell

Dr. Teresa Howell, DNP, RN, CNE
ADNP Associate Professor

*Editorial reviewer for two chapters in Contemporary Maternal-Newborn Nursing Care by Ladewig, London, and Davidson and Maternal-Newborn Nursing: The Critical Components of Nursing Care, 2e.

*Abstract published in the Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Neonatal Nursing, "Innovative Instructional Design to Alleviate the Shortage of Clinical Practice Sites for Education Through the Use of a Simulated OB Experience," with Dr. Teresa James.

*Poster Presentation accepted for Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN) National Convention in Washington, D.C., "Innovative Instructional Design to Alleviate the Shortage of Clinical Practice Sites for Education Through the Use of a Simulated OB Experience," with Dr. Teresa James.

*Journal article published January 2012 in the International Journal of Childbirth Education, "Building New Programs in Women's Health: A Fiscal Perspective," with Dr. Lynn Parsons and Dr. Teresa James.



Dr. Teresa James

Dr. Teresa James, DNP, RN, CNE
ADNP Associate Professor

Dr. Teresa James was a speaker at the Kentucky Organization for Nurse Leaders Bluegrass District Meeting in November 2012. She presented the topic *Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice*.



Rebecca Purdy

Rebecca Purdy, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC
ADNP Assistant Professor

*Successfully achieved board certification as Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist from American Nurses' Credentialing Center in October 2012.

*Has been invited to join Worldwide Who's Who in Nursing as the result of an abstract entitled Concept Mapping and Clinical Reasoning: The Difference a Label Makes.

*Presents an abstract VIA podium in April at Rutgers International Inter-professional Technology Conference.



Mary Suzanne White

Mary Suzanne White, MSN, RN
ADNP Assistant Professor

*Oral presentation with poster at a local Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program Task Force meeting in January and also at the 4th International Nurse Education Conference in Baltimore, MD in June titled, "Community Cardiovascular Care: A Service Learning Project Designed to Reduce Risk for Cardiovascular Disease." It describes a service learning project implemented with Vanessa Sammons and in partnership with the Gateway Cardiovascular Coalition as a strategy developed from evidence based practice which provides additional support to nursing students as they learn to provide care for others (Stark, Manning-Walsh & Vliem, 2005). Vanessa and I co-authored an article published in *Kentucky Nurse*, in January 2012 about the service learning project.

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Fall 2012 ADNP Graduate Awards

The Department of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing Program (ADNP) hosted the annual graduate awards reception where students received special awards, recognitions, and scholarships.



From left to right - Bonnie Barnette, Elizabeth Harrison, Ivy Crace, Elizabeth Braunwart, and Ruth Ann Waugh

Highest HESI RN Exit Award for Fall 2012 at the 99.99% Conversion Score - Bonnie Barnette

Highest HESI Pharmacology at the 99.99% Conversion Score Award - Ivy Crace & Ruth Ann Waugh

Excellence in Provision of Nursing Care during Clinical Simulation Award - Elizabeth Harrison (Voted on by faculty as the student who demonstrated excellence in critical thinking, technical skills, and leadership abilities during clinical simulation.)

Student Leadership -

Elizabeth Braunwart

(Student nominated by faculty to serve in a leadership capacity to provide the student's prospective in development or enhancement of the ADN program curriculum.)

Art of Nursing Award -

Ruth Ann Waugh

(Voted on by peers and faculty as the student to provide care for them or their family, etc.)



This allows for RNs from any state to obtain their bachelor's degree from Morehead State. This high quality program can be taken in a way that accommodates your location, schedule, and lifestyle and it is one more way that MSU is much more about you.

Congratulations Fall 2012 ADNP Graduates!



The Department of Nursing would like to congratulate Dr. Erla Mowbray on being nominated by Dr. Wayne Andrews as one of the "Most Influential Eagles from the Past 125 Years" during the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of MSU. Dr. Mowbray served as the Chair of the Department of Nursing from 2005-2010 until retirement from the university.

RN-BSN Online Program

Morehead State University continues its commitment to utilizing technology to provide education and further opportunity to students with the Department of Nursing's RN-BSN Online Program.

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*Awarded a \$3,500 CRE grant in 2011 and were able to implement Project CHECK (Cholesterol Health Education Concerning Kids) to 5th graders in the Gateway District Schools in 2012 with Vanessa Sammons.

*Poster presentation titled Do As I Say...Not As I Do?: Shaping the future of nursing by modeling healthy behaviors at the 2012 Annual Conference KLN in May.

*Podium presenter at the KPHA Annual Conference: Public Health Nursing...Not for the Faint of Heart. Helping Public Health Nurses Become Heart Healthy.

Wellfest 2012



Amy Brown

Christa Bledsoe

On Wednesday October 31, 2012 the Department of Nursing hosted “Wellfest.” This is a health promotion event, where nursing students educate the campus community and local community on topics like effects of smokeless tobacco to cyber bullying. The education ranges from verbal interaction to games and activities. Over 500 participants came through the event. There were over 50 different health promotion activities for the participants to enjoy.

Camp Smile 2012



30 campers, 15 Nursing Students, 2 faculty

Remote Area Medical (RAM) Project 2012 in Pikeville, KY



Congratulations to Teresa Howell, Teresa James, Mary Suzanne White, and Vanessa Sammons for receiving the Kentucky Colonel awards for the RAM Project.

Haiti 2012



Morehead State University nursing faculty and clinical instructors traveled to Haiti again during May 2012. They spent one week at the Children’s International Lifeline Mission providing care to Haitian patients. During their stay they treated over 500 Haitians. This included traveling out in to the area to provide clinics in local “tent” cities and orphanages, as well as working at the Mission clinic. Another Medical Mission trip is planned for the summer of 2013 with seventeen MSU nursing faculty, students, and clinical instructors.





RN-BSN Face-to-Face Program MSU at Prestonsburg

Morehead State University's RN-BSN program gives RNs throughout the region a place to come to continue their education and earn their bachelor degree. The face-to-face program is located at MSU at Prestonsburg in Prestonsburg, Ky. Here, students will be put in an environment to learn and succeed with small class sizes and personal instruction from our experienced and knowledgeable faculty.



Important Dates

January 14	Spring 2013, Semester Begins
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
March 4-8	Mid-Term Week
March 8	1st Half Sem. Classes Ends
March 11	2nd Half Sem. Classes Begin
March 18-22	Spring Break
April 8-19	Advance Registration for Summer/Fall 2013
May 6-10	Final Examinations
May 10	Spring 2013, Semester Ends



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