

# Department of Nursing



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### Spring 2012 in the Department!



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**W**elcome from the Chair!

The spring semester was a busy one for the Department of Nursing! We continue to enjoy good state board pass rates on the NCLEX-RN licensure exams. I attribute this fact to the excellent faculty we have in our Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP) and the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP). The faculty holds to the standards outlined in the syllabi for individual courses and the established progression standards for our nursing program(s).

Our ADNP is busy finalizing the self-study report (SSR) document that will be submitted to the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). We anticipate an eight-year reaccreditation after the NLNAC site visit scheduled in October of this year.

Two of our colleagues completed work in their doctoral programs. Dr. Nathania Bush graduated from Chatham University in Pennsylvania with her Doctor of Nurse Practice (D.N.P.) degree. Dr. Teresa Howell completed course work required for the D.N.P. program at the University of Kentucky (UK). We are proud of these faculty and look forward to their involvement in the establishment of a D.N.P. program in the Department of Nursing at Morehead State University (MSU).

Alumni, community partners and advanced practice nurses completed a needs assessment that indicated an interest for MSU's nursing program to establish an independent graduate program in nursing with a D.N.P. focus. Several of our MSU alumni indicated a strong interest in this degree program along with a clear preference for the program to be online with an advanced practice nursing focus. MSU nursing faculty are skilled

online educators as our RN to BSN program coordinated by Dr. Kim Clevenger is 100% online using the BlackBoard course management system.

Several faculty came together to be members on the newly created D.N.P. ad hoc committee. We are proposing a B.S.N. to D.N.P. degree program. As the department chair, I appreciate that several faculty came together to work with me as members of the new D.N.P. ad hoc committee. This committee was established to work on developing a D.N.P. program with a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) focus. Committee members include Dr. Nathania Bush, Dr. Kim Clevenger, Teresa Ferguson-James, DNP (c), Dr. Teresa Howell, Lucy Mays, DNP (c), and Dr. Michele Walters.

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

**M**orehead 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, personal instruction from our experienced and knowledgeable faculty.

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## ADNP Coordinators' Report

Greetings from the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADNP)!

We are happy to announce the official NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2011 was 98% at the Morehead Campus and 86% at the Mt. Sterling Campus. Sixteen students from the Morehead Campus and 15 students from the Mt. Sterling Campus were awarded Associate of Applied Science Degrees in Nursing during the May graduation ceremony. Twenty-seven students are scheduled to graduate from the Morehead Campus in December. An additional 14 students are scheduled to graduate from the Mt. Sterling Campus in December as well. Forty students will be admitted to the Morehead Campus this fall and 20 will be admitted to the Mt. Sterling Campus.

As you can see, we are growing to meet the health care needs of the service region. The first group of students admitted to the Paramedic to ADN Track completed the program December 2011. We are very proud of that cohort of students. We also plan to offer the Paramedic to ADN Transition Course again this fall so that another cohort of students can be admitted to the Paramedic to ADN Track for Spring 2013.

Efforts to retain students admitted to the program in an ongoing process for the ADNP Retention Committee. The Retention Committee has evaluated student success in the program to determine the effectiveness of the admission criteria. New admission criteria will be proposed to the Curriculum Committee Fall 2012 to include an increase in ACT score from a 19 to 20 and an increase in pre-requisite GPA to 3.0. Implementation of the new admission criteria is expected for the Fall 2013 cohort.

The ADNP is also gearing up for a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) site review for continuing accreditation. The site visit is scheduled for October 16-18. The ADNP faculty is currently finalizing the NLNAC Self-Study in preparation for the reaccreditation visit.



Lucy Mays,  
Morehead Campus



Dr. Michele Walters,  
Mt. Sterling Campus

You are invited to meet the visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled during the site visit. The specific date, time and location are yet to be determined, but will be published soon on the ADNP website. Written comments about the ADNP are also welcome and should be submitted directly to the following address by October 10, 2012:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer  
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Or email: [sjtanner@nlac.org](mailto:sjtanner@nlac.org)

The ADNP faculty are very proud of our excellent graduates and progressive faculty. The faculty and staff are looking forward to a successful academic year and NLNAC reaccreditation visit this fall.

## BNP Coordinator's Report

Greetings from the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP)!



Dr. Kim Clevenger

The BNP faculty would like to congratulate the May 2011 graduates on their outstanding 100% NCLEX pass rate! This is the third consecutive year that the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP) has had a 100% pass 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 spring graduates for 2012. The traditional pre-licensure BNP had 50 graduates and our post-licensure RN-BSN program had 9 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](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing).

The students in the BNP have been very busy during the 2011-2012 academic year. Our undergraduates have provided multiple community health fairs, assisted with data collection regarding community assessments, presented their research, and assisted in the relief efforts in the surrounding areas that were impacted by the devastating tornado this past spring. We are proud of our student and faculty efforts and the community service they have provided.

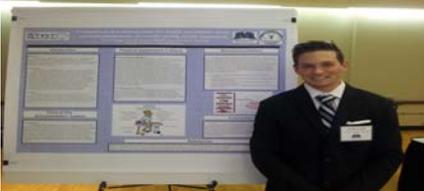
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## Celebration of Student Scholarship

Twenty seven students in the Junior BNP Introduction to Nursing Research course participated in the 2012 Morehead State University Celebration of Student Scholarship.

The students were mentored by BNP faculty, Michelle McClave, and completed group projects regarding a variety of nurse-centered healthcare indicators. (Continued on page 4)



Justin Chafin, Junior BSN mentored by Advanced Health Assessment faculty member, Christa Bledsoe, presented a poster on 'Comparison of a clinical study site health assessment versus recommendations for advanced nursing health assessment' at the 2012 Celebration of Student Scholarship here at Morehead State University.



Sylvia Hedge, Junior BSN mentored by Advanced Health Assessment faculty member, Christa Bledsoe, presented a poster on 'Examining nursing documentation in patient care' at the 2012 Celebration of Student Scholarship here at Morehead State University.



Richard Evans, Hannah Wagner, Noelle Smart, Lisa Wallace, and Justin Chafin (not pictured) presented their project, *Incidence of In-patient Falls with Injury and Methods of Prevention*.



Jeremy Bach, Audreanna Helton, Lauren Porter, Cassie Farmer, and Sylvia Hedge (not pictured) presented their project, *Comparison of Nursing Interventions for the Prevention of Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers*.



Courtney Sawyer, Sherri Brown, Brittany Short, Jordan Allard, and Amanda McDaniel presented their project, *Combating the Association between Catheterization and Urinary Tract Infections in the Hospital Setting*.

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### Spring 2012 in the Department!

We developed admission criteria, program goals, and objectives, and 84 credit-hour curriculum that include up to 1,260 clinical practice hours. Several documents have been developed that support the D.N.P. program. Prior to leaving for the summer break committee members wrote course descriptions for the 33 courses within the proposed D.N.P. curriculum. Students will have a culminating capstone course that will be taken in their last three (3) semester of the curriculum and will be able to choose a three (3) credit-hour elective from the following courses: Appalachian Health Disparities, Ethics in Advanced Practice, Issues in Advanced Clinical Practice, Advanced Clinical Specialty Practice (clinical course), and Teaching and Learning Strategies.

Several nurse executives in academic and clinical settings have written support letters for the D.N.P. program to be offered from Morehead State University's Department of Nursing. Clearly there is a need in underserved communities to have a greater number of primary care providers. We anticipate that the D.N.P. program will start in 2014 and we will have greater than 50% of the nursing faculty prepared at the doctoral-level.

The faculty will be busy this summer greeting several students at SOAR sessions scheduled, teaching online courses, preparing for the NLNAC reaccreditation site visit, and working on the D.N.P. program. Have a restful summer and safe travels!

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## Celebration of Student Scholarship



Amber Miller, Megan Smith, Cairee Fannin, Kelsie Witham, Ashley Peterson, and Chelsea Wagner presented their project, *Best Evidence-based Techniques for Smoking Cessation*.



Christopher Hunt, Joshua Neace, Cody Plank, Savanna Keeton, Tomi-Jo Liles, and Erin Hughes presented their project, *Prevalence of Restraint Use*.

## Fall 2011 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.



**Art of Nursing Award - Charity Adkins**  
(Voted on by peers and faculty as the student to provide care for them or their family, etc.)



**Highest HESI Pharmacology at the 99.99% Conversion Score Award - Connie Miller**



**Student Leadership - Maranda Watson**  
(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.)



**Congratulations Class of 2011!**



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



**Highest HESI RN Exit Award for May Class 2012 at the 99.99% Conversion Score - Kara Martin**

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Art of Nursing.....	Kyle Nauert
Research Award.....	Hillary Boesch
HESI Exit Exam Award.....	Alexandria Fisher
HESI Pharmacology Award.....	Steven Cornett
Outstanding Senior BNP Student and Outstanding Department of Nursing Student.....	Sarah Whisman
Service Award.....	Morgan Oetken and Sarah Whisman
Leadership Award (St. Claire RMC).....	Tabbetta Loan

# Spring 2012 ADNP Graduate Awards



**Art of Nursing Award - Joelle Shultz**  
(Voted on by peers and faculty as the student to provide care for them or their family, etc.)



**Excellence in Nursing Award - Whitney Joseph**  
(Selected by faculty as the ADN graduate who has demonstrated superior bedside nursing skills. This award was presented by St. Claire RMC Representative Courtney Hollingsworth.)



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



**Highest HESI Pharmacology at the 99.99% Conversion Score Award - Nathan Benningfield, Stacy Hasty, & Deirdre Ice (Not Pictured)**



**Highest HESI RN Exit Award for May Class 2012 at the 99.99% Conversion Score - Michael Curran**



**Honors Award - Outstanding ADN Second Level - Stacy Hasty**

## Spring 2012 Academic Honors Banquet

The College of Science and Technology hosted the annual academic honors banquet where students received special awards, recognitions, and scholarships. The students were also recognized by their respective departments for their student presentations and publications.



### ADNP

- Outstanding ADNP Second Level Student.....Stacy Hasty
- Outstanding ADNP First Level Student.....Anita Wells

### BNP

- Outstanding BNP Senior Student.....Sarah Whisman
- Outstanding Department of Nursing Student & Outstanding BNP Junior Student.....Erin Hughes
- Outstanding BNP Sophomore Student.....Kelsey Hill

## Student Nurses Association (SNA)

SNA hosted a Halloween Dance for all nursing students on October 28 in appreciation for everyone's hard work with fundraising. The dance was held in the ADUC Crager Room. Tickets were sold for \$1 and a canned item was also required to enter. The money and canned items received were donated to Morehead's Community Soup Kitchen.



This past spring the Student Nurses Association focused on filling officer positions and planning ways to help tornado victims in our area. We held elections for vice president and secretary. We would like to welcome Justin Chafin our new secretary. There were also various opportunities for our members to volunteer with the Community Soup Kitchen and with MSUCARES to help with tornado disaster relief in the area. Coming up this fall 2012 we will be electing a Vice President, fundraising, and will be having a Back to School Picnic!



## 6 Rowan Co. Community Baby Shower



(L-R) Greg Walters, Elice Stockdale, & Josh Snowden representing the Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma information booth.

The Northeast AHEC hosted the 11th annual “OH BABY ! It’s a Baby Shower” on Saturday, April 7 at the Morehead Conference Center.

Morehead State University Associate Degree Nursing students registered for NURA 107 during the spring 2012 semester participated in this event.

There were various information booths covering many topics, such as Back to Sleep, Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma, Skin Care at Home, etc.

## FreshFest

On Wednesday March 28, 2012 Department of Nursing BNP and ADNP nursing students from NURB 264/266 and NURA 103 participated in FreshFest at Rowan County Senior High School.

This is a health promotion event, where nursing students educate the freshmen on topics like effects of smokeless tobacco to cyber bullying. The education ranges from verbal interaction to games and activities to engage the freshman learner.

Over 175 children came through the event. There were over 25 different health promotion activities for the students to enjoy.

Carol Turner Family Resource Center Director for Rowan County High School stated, “This has been the biggest and best FreshFest we have ever had! Our students loved it. This is such a success and we cannot wait to participate next year!”

## 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. 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.

## WellFest



On Wednesday, October, 26th, 2011 the Department of Nursing hosted the annual WellFest event. Faculty members Christa Bledsoe and Amy Brown coordinated the event which included over 60+ exhibitors and over 500+ participants.

Participants included community members, students, and MSU employees. WellFest 2012 will be held on October 31, 2012.



(L-R) Paxton Gregory, Elanje Flowers, Travis Adkins, Judy Elam (clinical instructor), Angela Gillispie, & Lindsay Brown



(L-R) Jason Wallace & Bernadette Kennedy



# I.V. League Softball Tournament

Department of Nursing Spring 2012 I.V. League Softball Tournament was held on April 29, which included nursing students from variety of levels in each of the nursing programs and faculty/staff.

Over 80 people participated in the event organized by Christa Bledsoe and student volunteers. Another tournament is planned for Spring 2013 and will include a nursing alumni team.

Any alumni interested in playing then contact Christa Bledsoe at [cj.bledsoe@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cj.bledsoe@moreheadstate.edu).



Spring 2012 Softball Team Champions



## Important Dates

August 20	Fall 2012, Semester Begins
September 3	Labor Day
October 10	1st Half Sem. Classes Ends
October 11	2nd Half Sem. Classes Begin
October 12 & 15	Fall Break
October 16	Mid-Term Grades
November 6	Presidential Election
November 7-20	Advance Registration for Spring 2013
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
December 10-14	Final Examinations
December 14	Fall 2012, Semester Ends

## Where Are You Now?

Please take a moment to tell us where you are in your personal and professional life. Detach and mail the information card below to

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