Our Programs:
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Early Admissions BSN
- Accelerated BSN
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to BSN
- Mobile Intensive Care Technician (MICT) to BSN
- Registered Nurse to BSN
- Registered Nurse to MSN

The MSN program now has two concentrations. Students may select one of the following:
- Nursing Education - Direct Care
- Nursing Leadership and Administration

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) has two program entry points:
- Post baccalaureate
- Post master

The post baccalaureate program offers Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) & Nurse Practitioner (NP) specializations in the areas of Acute Care, Family & Psychiatric/Mental Health as well as the DNP advanced curriculum.

From the Chair

We didn’t know we were holding our breath until the accreditation/CCNE team leader started her verbal report to faculty and staff, stating the School of Nursing met all professional program standards! - and then a collective sigh of relief/joy. As with all program assessments, in our own review we found areas we hope to improve and a few areas were also noted by the accreditation evaluators. On the whole – very positive comments were made about the quality of our programs, our students and faculty. We also received positive comments from the Board of Nursing reviewers.

This is the first major step in the re-accreditation process – but a very positive one. A final decision will not be made until March/April. The faculty and staff did an awesome job in preparing for the visit and were also supported by the College and University (esp. the tech staff and web development team). SON students and advisory committee are to be commended on their willingness to take time from their very busy schedules to meet with the accreditors. Support was received from Provost Pickus and his staff in academic affairs.

The accreditation evaluators also gave high marks to the President and his support of the School of Nursing.

A couple of weeks after the accreditation visit, faculty and staff met with President John Bardo to share our vision and mission for the School. We were able to highlight the growth of our programs, including students admitted this semester to the new MSN Education and Leadership/Administration concentrations. We demonstrated our reputation for success with student and faculty highlights and a plan on how we will continue that proud tradition.

Review of our programs requires enormous effort & financial resources. We can take pride as faculty, alumni, students and community partners in the outstanding education Wichita State University students receive.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the School of Nursing and I look forward to even greater success and growth this coming year.

Betty Smith-Campbell, PhD, APRN-CNS
Chair and Professor

Wichita State University School of Nursing Mission
To improve the health of the community by inspiring change in health care through Innovation and excellence in nursing education, scholarship, practice, and service.
Third and fourth semester WSU Nursing students learn how to respond in situations they may encounter on the job through simulation experiences. The interprofessional education simulation brought together WSU nursing students, KU School of Medicine, Wichita medical and pharmacy students and respiratory therapy students from Newman University.

Students practiced a simulation scenario of a man (mannequin) who had recently suffered a heart attack and was experiencing unusual behavior. Students in Stephanie Nicks’ class, N410 Nursing Care of Adults, worked together with the other students to determine the man was experiencing internal bleeding.

Madison Hirt, a third semester student said, “I learned to have more confidence in myself. I knew what the team was doing and was able to explain what they were doing and why to the ‘family member.’”
Elaine Steinke, PhD, APRN, CNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN

Inducted as Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing

Induction into the American Academy of Nursing is a distinct honor that is conferred based on significant contributions to the profession of nursing and healthcare in general. “Selection for membership in the Academy is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing,” said Academy President Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN.

The Academy is composed of more than 1,800 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy, and research. Applicants are reviewed by a panel comprised of elected and appointed Fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees’ nursing careers influence health policies and the health and well-being of all.

Dr. Steinke says, “My goal in nursing and education is to make a difference in the lives of others each and every day – individuals, patients, students, researchers and other colleagues.” In doing so, she has earned the distinct honor of being inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

She was nominated by Dr. Diana Guthrie, a nationally known adjunct faculty member and Dr. Terry Lennie, Professor, College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Lexington.

The induction ceremony for New Fellows was held in October on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. Dr. Steinke said she was very excited to receive the honor as it is not easily achieved and because relatively few nurses are afforded the honor. “I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award,” she said.

Barbara Morrison, PhD, RN, CNM: Janice M. Riordan

Distinguished Professorship in Maternal & Child Health

Dr. Barbara Morrison says she finds her enthusiasm “from the miracle of birth and newborns.” She also says, “I thrive on sharing my knowledge and understanding of birth, newborns, breastfeeding, Kangaroo Care, bonding, newborn and family adaptation and changing health care practices to provide optimal care to newborns and their families.”

As she learned about newborns at Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden, KY, Dr. Morrison realized she wanted to know more. So she returned to the University of Washington to get her master’s in nursing. After starting her teaching career, Dr. Morrison continued her education completing a post-master’s certificate in nurse-midwifery and earning a PhD in Midwifery & Maternal-Child Health at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Seeking new challenges, Dr. Morrison moved to Case Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing. There she joined forces with Drs. Susan Ludington & Gene Anderson to explore and promote Kangaroo (skin-to-skin) Care. Working with Ludington & Anderson led to the development of the Kangaroo Care Certification Course and Skin-to-Skin Learner’s Manual, both sponsored by the United States Institute of Kangaroo Care.

With excitement and zeal she is committed to expanding her research in breastfeeding and Kangaroo care, as well as educational offerings in human lactation. Dr. Morrison says she is honored to fill the Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship in Maternal & Child Health with an emphasis in human lactation.
On the last day of classes for the spring 2012 semester Kaitlyn Short’s entire class surprised her with a farewell party, cake, cards and a Wu Shock flag.

Says Short, “The flag is very special. It was given to me by Mark Elliot.” Elliott, a classmate, took it with him overseas on his deployment and took pictures with the flag and various places and people in the desert. Short said, “He gave it to me and told me to take it with me so that I can do the same.”

Currently, Short is enrolled in the 4-year BSN program at the School of Nursing. Besides being a student, she also serves in the Kansas Air National Guard with the 184th Intelligence Wing at McConnell Air Force Base.

While overseas many of her classmates have kept in contact and sent words of encouragement. They make sure she has everything she needs and that she does not go without. They have kept her updated with social events and the accomplishments of everyone.

Short says she was not surprised at how supportive everyone was. “As soon as I met the people in my class I knew they were a very caring and close-knit bunch. We all bonded well and grew close in our first two semesters together and I was sad when I left knowing that I would be returning to a different class to graduate with.”

She uses many aspects of her nursing school training in her job during deployment. She gives immunizations, takes vital signs, and says a good bedside manner is always a must.

The entire class signed their names on the flag so that she could remember them and her class while being overseas. Short said, “I am proud to have carried on this tradition and brought myself and others a few smiles along the way.”
WSU nursing students have winning down to an art. At the 13th annual convocation, nursing students took 1st place with their banner. Nursing students previously took first place in 2010 and have placed in the competition in previous years.

Students Elizabeth Boyarski, Alex Leach and Alisa Smith put in a lot of time and effort in creating the banner. Smith said winning was worth the effort of “A lot of hot glue and burnt fingertips.” A significant amount of that time was spent designing the banner and picking out material.

For their efforts the students received $150 from the College of Health Professions presented by Dean Cohen. Boyarski, Leach and Smith said they based their banner on the election, the Olympics and everything patriotic.

The students admitted they didn’t expect to win. Although none of the three were able to attend convocation as they were at clinicals, they were extremely grateful for the support they received from the College of Health Professions.
Governor Brownback signed the proclamation to recognize National Nurse Practitioner Week (Nov. 11-17). Pictured: Dorothy Ochs (Ft Hays); Diane Ebbert (KU) Merilyn Douglas; Karen K. Trees; Betty Smith-Campbell (WSU); Serena Stutzman; Michelle Knowles; Jane Peterson (UMKC; KC).

Pamela O’Neal, SON Academic Writing Specialist & Dawn Bleuel, Applications Training Specialist teamed up to create a written & an electronic version of the WSU SON Accreditation self-study creatively using Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat X Professional.

Brandy Jackson president of Epsilon Chapter-at-Large, presents at the Fall Scholarly Event & General Membership Meeting.

Faculty and staff celebrated Mary Lynn Burnett’s retirement and Dee Morris’ moving on with her business.

SON faculty and staff met with President Bardo to share SON highlights and discuss opportunities for growth.

Faculty met for the SON Clinical Agency Breakfast which enhances partnership with clinical agencies and shares information with clinical partners about SON Programs.

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The SON was awarded a grant of $346,288.00 (for first year), benefitting approximately twenty full and part-time NP students. Alicia Huckstadt, Director, DNP Program and Professor and Amy McClintock, Office Specialist to Director, Graduate Program, wrote the grant. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA) is a grant for primary care Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Midwifery students willing to work in underserved areas during and after their graduate studies.

Jacquelyn McClendon and Anderson, K., Interprofessional National Oral Health Agenda Curricular Innovation Award, Oral Health Nursing Education Program and Practice Grant, August 2012, $2000


Poster Presentation: Parsons, S., Lee, C., Trumpp, M. “Evidence-Based Practice: Ventilator Bundle to Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia”, Kansas State Nurses Association, Exhibit Session.

“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”
Margaret Mead (1902-1978)
Students honored at CHP Scholarship Reception

Due to donors, students can be awarded for their accomplishments and have the opportunity to pursue their dreams of a college education. Contributions from alumni and friends ensure quality education for current and future student nurses by providing scholarship support, and service learning opportunities.

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CHP Dean Steps Down

Dean Peter Cohen recently announced he was stepping down as Dean of the College of Health Professions.

In an email sent to the College, Dean Cohen wrote, “After nearly 15 years, I will be stepping down as dean of the College of Health Professions, effective June 30, 2013. I will remain at the university in a faculty role.”

President Bardo is committed to having a new dean in place by July 1, 2013.