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 BSN-DNP 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

As the Chair of the School of Nursing, I am delighted to share this issue of the School of Nursing Newsletter with you. It highlights our outstanding students and faculty and gives you an inside look at what the School is doing to ensure that our mission and vision statements are being met.

The 2012-2013 academic school year promises to be an exciting year with:
- New MSN concentrations
- Phasing out of APRN MSN program (students will continue to be in the program until 2014/2015)
- A new cohort of BSN-DNP students
- And the big event – our accreditation visit November 7th – 9th

The modified Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents and we began accepting applications for the Nursing Education and Nursing & Leadership Administration programs this fall.

We are currently in the re-accreditation process and everyone is getting ready for the visit. Preparation has included: implementation of new bylaws, mapping of AACN education courses to the essentials, faculty & staff gathering data, committees & councils discussing & approving changes to move our curriculum forward and so much more!

This summer a task force used the information provided by the faculty to develop the written self-study. The report was approved by the faculty at their August retreat. Everyone has been doing an amazing job in moving the School of Nursing forward with the accreditation process. The report verifies WSU School of Nursing has a highly qualified faculty, offering quality programs, that prepare graduates for current and future health care needs.

It is going to be a great year!

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

Wichita State University School of Nursing Mission:
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Twenty-five Nurses Pinned

The pinning ceremony held at the Eugene M. Hughes metropolitan Complex celebrated the accomplishments of 25 WSU School of Nursing (SON) students.

South Central Kansas' only accelerated nursing program held their pinning ceremony for their accelerated nursing class on July 06, 2012.

Betty Smith-Campbell, PhD, APRN-CNS, Chairperson, SON and moderator for the event told students, “I know it may not seem like it because of what you have heard or are experiencing in looking for a job, but we have a looming nursing shortage.

The growing aging population will increase the need for care. The government predicts a 29% nursing vacancy rate at hospitals by 2020.”

She also reminded them of the rich history nurses offered to humanity. Smith-Campbell said, “Florence Nightingale, because of her work and the work of her fellow nurses in the Crimea war decreased mortality rates from 42% to just 2%.”

She also told students how their education would improve their patients’ lives, “Not only do nurse staff levels make a difference in patient outcomes, but educational level also makes a difference.

Nurses prepared at the baccalaureate-level are linked with lower mortality and failure-to-rescue rates.” Smith-Campbell added that a nurse researcher, Dr. Aiken “found that for every 10% increase in the proportion of BSN nurses on the hospital staff was associated with a 4% decrease in the risk of death.”

Dr. Smith-Campbell concluded by saying, “Today as graduates and future registered nurses you are called to improve the lives of your patients, families and our community.”

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Faculty Presentations and Publications
Inspire, Innovate, Excel

Sampling of Presentations & Publications

Carol Bett, PhDc presented a poster at Western Institute of Nursing: “Community Based Health Care and Social Capital In Papua New Guinea”

Dr. Karen Hayes & Dr. Alicia Huckstadt presented “The DNP: Continuing the Momentum” at the 27th National Conference of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Dr. Peggy Hernandez presented a poster at Quality & Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) National Forum in Tucson, AZ “Using QSEN Competencies, Collaborative Learning, & Adult Education Principles in an Undergraduate Nursing Research Course”

Dr. Susan Parsons presented at Kansas Public Health Association “Pain and Suffering Do Not have to Be an Option”. She also presented a poster at Via Christi Health Research Day, “Collaborative Oral Health Education for Caregivers in an Assisted Living Facility”

Dr. Debra Pile had an article published “Emerging Therapies in Pediatric Pain Management” with Dr. Wendy Mosiman in the Journal of Infusion Nursing. She also had an article published, “Does Using an Asthma Prompting Form Improve Asthma Care in a Pediatric Office?” in the Journal of Pediatric Nursing

Dr. Elaine Steinke & Dr. Victoria Mosack had an article published, “Progress in sexual counseling of cardiac nurses, 1994 to 2004” in Heart and Lung. Together they also had “Comparison of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Acute Care Nurses’ Perceptions of Providing Sexual Counseling for Cardiac Patients” in the Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation. Dr. Steinke was also invited to present “Sexual Activity in Men and Women with Heart Disease: What do We Know?” at the European Society of Cardiology 2011 Congress in Paris, France

Kellie Thiessen, PhDc presented at Western Institute of Nursing: “A Case Study of Midwifery in Manitoba” She also had her abstract accepted for poster presentation at Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex & Health Research Conference

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Congratulations to BSN Students, Grad Students and Faculty:
BSN Students had a 92.5% NCLEX pass rate for 2011 first-time candidates
(National Average 85.88%)
Grad Students who took the national certification exam had a 95% AANP pass rate for 2011
(Exceeds National Average)

Sampling of Awards

Dr. Betty Elder, Dr. Victoria Mosack & Ms. Mary Faragher
Received funding based on their outstanding laptop/Ipadmin Innovation grant proposals

Dr. Alicia Huckstadt
Inducted in June as a 2012 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Dr. Janell Mayer
Winner of the Harley Sutton Award Given by the Wichita Academy of Pharmacists

Dr. Barbara Morrison
Awarded the Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship in Maternal & Child Health

Dr. Betty Smith-Campbell
Inducted in May 2012 as a Fellow of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute

Dr. Elaine Steinke
Inducted in October as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Dr. Debra Pile  Dr. Elaine Steinke  Dr. Betty Smith-Campbell  Kellie Theissen, PhDc
It’s not every class that gives students the potential to win $10,000. Rae Lyn Mefford, DNP, APRN-FNC took a practice management course because she had to. It was a required class, one she didn’t want to take and even tried to get out of it. Already owning a business, Mefford did not see the necessity of it.

As part of Dr. Karen Hayes’ class, students were required to write a business plan and enter the 2011 Shocker Business Plan Competition. Mefford wanted to use her existing business as a plan, but had to change it to a new business opportunity that didn’t exist.

Once she wrote the plan, she did not expect to go anywhere with it. “The judges didn’t understand healthcare,” Mefford said. She also noted that none of the nursing students in the past had done too well. Many of the students in the competition were business students and had studied the field for years.

Despite her concerns, Mefford entered the competition. Making it past the first round, she wanted to earn back the few hundred dollars she had invested, with the help of her father, in her poster and booth. After making it past the second round she said she knew if she didn’t win anything, it would be a huge letdown.

At the banquet, Mefford and her parents were seated in the middle of the room. “My dad said he knew I had won by where the table was placed.” Mefford herself wasn’t quite convinced, “When they pulled that blanket off that check, I thought I was going to faint!”

Mefford says winning “was right there at the top days of my life. It’s ranked up there with childbirth.”
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You can make a tax-deductible contribution by going to www.wichita.edu/give and on the first page, select “Please direct my gift to:” and then type in School of Nursing. Then, select a pre-determined amount or type one in.

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In our next issue

- Meet our new faculty member, Dr. Barbara Morrison, associate professor in the Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship in Maternal & Child Health.
- Dr. Elaine Steinke receives a prestigious award as she is inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing for her excellence in nursing education.
- Nursing students take first place in the banner competition at convocation.

From your newsletter editor:
As a WSU alumnus, I am thrilled to be working at the university from which I graduated. I received my undergraduate and master’s degrees from the Elliott School of Communication and I am currently pursuing my master’s in public health.

I am excited to be working at the School of Nursing and I love hearing all the wonderful things WSU nurses are doing. If you have any ideas for stories, I would love to hear them. Please feel free to contact me. I am located in room 534, Ahlberg Hall.

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