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Welcome to the Spring 2010 issue of **Nursing Notes**, the E-Newsletter for alumni, friends and family of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Department of Nursing. To learn more about the Nursing Program at UNC Pembroke, visit our Web site at [www.uncp.edu/nursing/](http://www.uncp.edu/nursing/)

## NOTICEABLY NEWSWORTHY

### RN-BSN December Graduates



Nursing grads – From left: Paula Blackburn of Scotland County, Beverly Hill of Columbus, Amy Locklear of Robeson, and Jennifer Rich of Cumberland

In December 2009, the Department graduated 4 RN-BSN students. The graduates are shown above after having just walked across the stage. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

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This newsletter is published twice a year, in the spring and fall. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed via email to [nursing@uncp.edu](mailto:nursing@uncp.edu) or via phone at 521-6522.

## Collaboration with SRMC

The Department of Nursing partnered with the Education Department at Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) for a catheterization blitz. A statement below was released by the Infection Control Department of Southeastern Regional Medical Center:

Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CA UTI) rate was 0.71 per 1000 patient days in 2009. The Duke Infection Control Network (DICON) CA UTI Prevention Initiative was implemented at SRMC. One measure of the initiative was to re-verify competency catheter insertion by each nurse and catheter care by each nurse and nursing assistant. The University of North Carolina- Pembroke (UNC-P) graciously allowed SRMC to use their Nursing learning lab and equipment to comply with this measure. The first quarter of 2010, SRMC saw a reduction of CA UTI rate to 0.20. SRMC appreciated UNC-P collaboration with the use of their Nursing lab and equipment.

## Nursing Opportunities

Students from Public Schools of Robeson County came to tour UNCP lab facilities as part of considering “Health Careers Opportunities”, a partnership with Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) where students can learn about nursing and allied health careers. This particular group of students is interested in the Nursing Opportunities, which is led by Natalie Russ who is SRMC's Nursing Recruiter. The students met every two weeks from November through May. The tour and presentation were conducted by Mrs. Donna Cutrell, Clinical Learning Center Coordinator. The tour took place on December 8, 2009. Pictured below are students who participated, along with Ms. Russ at right.



## Korean Students Visit Nursing Department

We once again welcome nursing students from Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. This is the third year we have been honored to have these students visit our department as part of their English as a Second Language experience. Members of the Association of Nursing Students and faculty attended a welcome luncheon for the visiting students on Friday, January 15, 2010. The welcome reception is pictured at right.



The visiting students attended a health assessment session conducted by Donna Cutrell, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Learning Center Coordinator on Friday, January 22, 2010. The students enjoyed the lecture as well as practicing with some of the equipment in our Health Assessment Lab. Additional members of the faculty provided lectures for the Korean students as well including Dr. Cherry Beasley on the topic of “Nursing in America”; Mrs. Joyce Stanley on “Military Nursing – Deploying with a Combat Support Hospital”; and Mrs. Jennifer Twaddell regarding “Health Disparities in the Infant Population: United States and North Carolina”. The student group is pictured below with Mrs. Donna Cutrell, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Learning Center Coordinator; Dr. Barbara Synowiez, Professor and Department Chair; and Mr. Matthew Kroll, English as a Second Language Instructor, in the department Health Assessment lab.



## Haitian Relief

With less than 24 hours notice, members of the UNCP Association of Nursing Students (ANS) answered a call for help. They donated supplies such as cereal, peanut butter, blankets, towels, and first aid kits to Missionary Flights International for the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Pictured below are Mrs. Donna Cutrell, Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Learning Center Coordinator, and ANS Advisor delivering Haitian Relief supplies on behalf of the ANS on Monday, January 18, 2010 to workers accepting donations for Missionary Flights International.



## Department offers Admission to the Class of 2012

Our sixth pre-licensure BSN class was offered admission in March. Admission to the upper-division pre-licensure BSN option is highly competitive. A total of 57 students were chosen from approximately 135 qualified applicants. A welcome was held April 23, 2010. Door prizes and decorations were donated by the UNCP bookstore for the welcome event. Support persons of the students were also invited to attend.

All members of the class will be involved in new nursing student orientation June 7-11, 2010. A family night will be held where students can bring their family and friends to meet faculty, see classrooms, and tour labs. The class will formally begin classes on June 30, 2010.

## Junior Class Received Vision Screening Certification

Students taking Nursing 3500, Family Nursing II, participated in the Kenneth Royall Children's Vision Screening Program on April 9, 2010. All students attending met the requirements and received certification as a vision screener which is valid for two school years. Faculty members

Ms. Joyce Beard and Ms. Donna Cutrell also attended and received the same certification. The trainer for the session was Mr. Duane McCartney of Prevent Blindness North Carolina. Pictured below are students as they receive training.



### **Junior Class Wins Award for Relay Participation**

Junior class representatives from the Association of Nursing Students from UNCP won the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Best Campsite award during the relay April 16-17, 2010. The theme for UNCP's Relay this year was TV shows and the junior class chose to depict the show M.A.S.H.



## Junior Students Make Donation to Pediatric Units

The junior class took Nursing 3500, Family Nursing II, a course focusing on the pediatric population this spring. In order to thank the nursing staff of 5th South, the pediatric unit, at Southeastern Regional Medical Center, several toys and books we donated for the Playroom by Ms. Cutrell's clinical group, pictured at right. Ms. Twaddell's clinical groups made a similar donation to patients at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center's pediatric floor.



## WORTH NOTING

### Welcome New Faculty

**Dr. Margaret (Peg) Trueman**, Assistant Professor, joined the faculty in August 2009. She received her Diploma from Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing; BSN from Queens College; MSN from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and EdD in Career and Technology Education from Clemson University. Dr. Trueman comes to us with 20 years experience in the community college system, most recently from Gaston College. Her clinical specialty is medical/surgical critical care.

### Faculty and Staff Notations

**Dr. Cherry Beasley**, Assistant Professor, was awarded the Outstanding PhD Graduate Award by faculty teachers, advisors, and committee members at East Carolina University School of Nursing for 2009-2010. Congratulations, Dr. Beasley!

**Dr. Dena Evans**, Assistant Professor, successfully defended her dissertation titled "Non-cognitive Factors Influencing the Retention of Minority Baccalaureate Nursing Students in the North Carolina University System" on February 22, 2010. Graduation is scheduled for May 15, 2010 in Tally Center Ballroom, North Carolina State University. Congratulations, Dr. Evans!

**Mrs. Janice Floyd**, Assistant Professor, and **Mrs. Jennifer Twaddell**, Assistant Professor, attended the Southern Nurses Research Conference in Austin, TX in February 2010. Mrs. Floyd presented a poster at the conference.

**Mrs. Jennifer Twaddell**, Assistant Professor, published an article in the American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing on Should social media be used to communicate with patients? Mrs. Twaddell was also elected to the Board of Trustees of Cape Fear Valley Health System for a three year term beginning February 2010.

## CLASS NOTES AND NEWS

### Noteworthy Students

The following student made the Chancellor's List: **Jennifer Herndon**. In order to qualify for the Chancellor's List, a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.7 (out of 4.0) while taking at least 15 semester hours. The following students made the **Honors List: Shannon Hall, Denise O'Toole, Jessica Trost, and Meiyang (Diana) Zhang**. To qualify for the Honors List, a student must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 while taking at least 12 semester hours. ([http://www.uncp.edu/news/2010/honors\\_list\\_dec\\_2009.htm](http://www.uncp.edu/news/2010/honors_list_dec_2009.htm))

### Noteworthy Alumni

Ann Marie Bell, prelicensure Class of 2008, delivered the first baby born at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in 2010. Welcome to Kylene Grace Bell, born 01-01-10, pictured right.



Kathy Locklear, RN-BSN Class of 1999, was designated as the coordinator for the Center for Learning Excellence in Nursing at Robeson Community College. Congratulations!!

Pam Odum, RN-BSN Class of 2008, passed her case management certification exam. Ms. Odum is currently employed by Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a Case Management Coordinator.

Emily Parnell, RN-BSN Class of 2009, completed her certification for IV therapy, CRN I. Congratulations!!

Barbara Pridgen, RN-BSN Class of 2006, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society in academics and Sigma Theta Tau, international nursing honor society, at The University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Amy Purser, RN-BSN Class of 2004, completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education in December 2009 from East Carolina University. Congratulations!!

The next Alumni Association meeting will be held July 26, 2010. Please contact Ms. Meki Graham for more information.

***Calling all alumnae!!*** We want to hear from you. Please send your personal and career updates so that we might highlight you in the next issue of Nursing Notes. We are interested in marriages, births, professional development, school activities, work related activities, etc. This information may be submitted via email to nursing@uncp.edu or via phone at 521-6522.

**EVENTS AND LINKS – TAKE NOTE!**

**Dates to Remember**

May 6, 2010 – Spring Introduction to Professional Nursing Ceremony

May 8, 2010 – Spring Commencement

June 7-11, 2010 – New Pre-licensure BSN Student Orientation

June 30, 2010 – Classes begin for Pre-licensure BSN Class of 2012