

NHCC Nursing Program Newsletter



Our First Newsletter!

This is the first issue of our new program quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform our advisory committee and others in our community of the happenings in the Nursing Program at North Hennepin Community College.

We will highlight current events in the department and items we would like your feedback.

What's happening in Nursing at NHCC?

- Classes started August 27th with 268 students and 4 new faculty members.
- The concept-based curriculum is fully implemented.
- The state legislature approved funding for a new Health Sciences building to break ground in March, 2013 with move in sometime in 2014. It promises to be a beautiful building that better meets our needs as we grow in students, faculty and technology.
- The nursing department has implemented a new computerized testing system, ExamSoft, due to discontinuation of the previously used system.
- All lecture classes are presented with Classroom Capture, which allows students to participate from home while lecture occurs and/or watch the presentation at a later date and time. This helps students who are unable to attend class due to life circumstances and for later studying.
- NHCC is working with other area community colleges and universities to develop a new baccalaureate nursing education (MANE—Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education) to increase the IOM goal of 80% BSN and 20% ADN nurses.

Areas we would like feedback (to discuss at advisory meeting 11/1 or send feedback to Mkotek@nhcc.edu):

The concept curriculum is totally implemented and we'd like your feedback about our concepts and exemplars and whether you feel they are current and best meet student learning needs. Click here to view Professional Concepts and Exemplars: <http://www.nhcc.edu/main/StudentResources/~//media/DepartmentSpecific/HealthMathNursingPE/NursingConceptswithExemplars.ashx>

- Last year we updated our program outcomes to be consistent with the college's essential learner outcomes. We would like your feedback on the appropriateness of the nursing program outcomes. Click here to view learner outcomes: <http://www.nhcc.edu/main/StudentResources/~//media/DepartmentSpecific/HealthMathNursingPE/NHCCNursingProgramFramework8-22-12.ashx>
- Our current graduation rate is 79%. The goal is 80+%. What ideas do you have to help us increase the grad rate?
- Service ideas see page 3 of the newsletter.

Fall 2012 student demographics:

Total students: 268, where 131 are first year, 24 are LPN transition and 113 are second year students.

Of the 268 student, 44% are first generation college students (first generation in family to attend college), 63% are responsible for the care of others, and 36% work 30+ hours/week outside the home.

Graduates: 118 with a graduation rate of 79% within 3 years of admission.

The NCLEX pass rate of 98% as of June 2012.

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Cynthia Pins

Meet Cynthia Pins, faculty member:

I received an AA from Ottumwa Heights Junior College in Ottumwa, Iowa, followed by a BS from Upper Iowa University with a major in Biology & History, and a minor in Chemistry, then a BSN and MSN from the University of Minnesota. Each time I graduated with highest honors.

I have been involved in teaching of many sorts since my first degree. It is rewarding to see others learn and grow. I want our profession to continue to be the most respected of the health professions. Additionally, as our population ages and health care needs become more complex and demanding, we will need well educated professionals who can think. I have a desire to assist our future nursing colleagues in developing the skills necessary to care for these individuals. My interest centers on curriculum development; the latest endeavor being the development of a concept based curriculum.

Meet Dorthey Ikegwuani, new faculty member:

I received my BSN and my Master's degree in nursing education and nursing leadership at Bethel University.

I was inspired by two former nursing instructors and a clinical educator who taught me dedication and patience, and a love for teaching. One told me, "you are a nurse, you know this, just speak from your heart." I want to be an example of dedication and inspiration to future nurses so they can experience the honor and joy that I have experienced and continue to experience as a nurse. I also have my cheering team—my family. My teaching interest involves my love of teaching clinical and doing hands-on with students and engaging students in class discussions. I believe knowledge is growth, so I am interested in learning all I can and being the best nursing instructor that I can be.



Dorthey Ikegwuani

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ADVISORY MEETING UPDATE

The next NHCC Nursing Program Advisory Committee **breakfast** meeting will take place on November 1st, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the CBT (Center for Business and Technology) building in room 210. Map attached.

Minutes from the October 13, 2011 meeting are attached.

Advisory Meeting Agenda

- Call to order and introductions, breakfast
- Old Business
 - NLNAC re-accreditation
 - Curriculum revision process
- New Business
 - Work on appropriate concepts and exemplars in the curriculum
 - Work on Student Learner Outcomes
 - Work on NHCC Nursing Program outcomes
 - Service opportunities for advisory members in the nursing department at NHCC.
 - Simulation update
 - Service learning update
 - Update to nursing program website
- Meeting adjournment

Service Opportunities with the Nursing Program at NHCC

- Become a standardized patient. Show off your acting abilities! First year students are learning how to assess vital signs & use therapeutic communication techniques. It's a fun way to help nursing students learn new techniques! The next testing dates are: **10/3** from 5-9 pm, **10/4** from 8 am-5 pm, **10/10** from 7:30-9 pm and **10/11** from 10 am- 12 pm & 2-3 pm. Please contact Cindy Pins or Mary Sladek at mssladek@nhcc.edu (763-424-0976) or cpins@nhcc.edu (763-424-0760)
- Mentor senior nursing students to help them prepare to enter the workforce. Please contact Dana Botz at dbotz@nhcc.edu (763-488-0472).
- Mentor disadvantaged students. Please contact Dana Botz at dbotz@nhcc.edu (763-488-0472).
- Service learning opportunities. Do you know of service learning opportunities that would interest nursing students? Please contact Lori Versaguis (lversaguis@nhcc.edu) or Linda Carlyon (lcarlyon@nhcc.edu).
- Scholarships. Many students have a difficult time affording tuition with their other responsibilities. Do you know of potential scholarship opportunities for nursing students? If so, please contact Denise Dumas (ddumas@nhcc.edu).

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**NHCC Nursing Program
Mission: To prepare
associate degree nurses
that are committed to
lifelong learning who value
and provide service as
competent, safe, and
patient-centered care within
a variety of health care
settings.**

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