

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION.

NHCC continues to appreciate the variety of responses we are receiving from our communities of interest in efforts to continually improve our program. Please send feedback or questions to Margaret Kotek, Associate Dean, mkotek@nhcc.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NURSING AT NHCC?

- Fall semester classes started August 26th with 254 students, 3 new full-time faculty and 3 clinical adjunct faculty.
- Building of the new Bioscience and Health Careers Center (BHCC) remains on schedule. Date of occupancy is still planned for fall 2014.
- This is the department's second year of utilizing Sim Chart, an educational electronic health record, with gratitude to the Perkins Funds for funding this technological teaching tool for our students. Many students have commented how this tool has been beneficial to their learning.
- NHCC continues their partnership with the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) in an effort to increase the number of baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses. The proposed MANE curriculum will start on area campuses in fall 2014.
- NHCC continues to reach out to current nursing students, graduates and employers seeking their insight to determine if NHCC is meeting their nursing educational and clinical site needs and requests input on ways the program can improve. Responses to these anonymous surveys are highly appreciated; benefit our program and assists with accreditation.
- Students perform 40 hours of service learning each year not only benefitting the individuals and community they serve, but also supporting NHCC's strategic goal to expand partnerships and community involvement.



NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NEW CLINICAL CARE COORDINATOR POSITION

In August 2013, this position was created to meet the needs of student clinical education in a changing health care environment. The focus is on creating clinical partners as we move into the MANE baccalaureate program. During their first year, students will experience clinical at long term and transitional care units and in the community. Second year students will have clinical rotations in acute care settings.

We have five new TCU partners and are looking for more. The Homestead at Anoka, Crest View Lutheran Home, Good Samaritan Robbinsdale, Maranatha PHS and Robbinsdale Rehabilitation have all begun to develop partnerships with us that will benefit the first year nursing students, those receiving care, and the facilities themselves.

We are equally pleased to continue with our partners at MN Masonic Home Northridge, St. Therese New Hope, BHC Innsbruck, St. Cloud Hospital, Unity Hospital, Hennepin County Medical Center and North Memorial Medical Center. These experiences provide students valuable opportunities to develop clinical decision making skills, while offering patients and families individualized care and education.

MEET THE FACULTY

This issue highlights a veteran and a new faculty member.

Pam Bowden, MS, RN

Faculty Member

I received my BSN from Mankato State and a master's degree and PNP certification from the U of M. My calling as a nurse stemmed from my own hospitalization at age seven when a nurse would not give me an extra blanket when I was cold; the nurse said "it was June and that I should be warm enough." I decided then that I was going to be the "nice" nurse and provide all of my patients' warm blankets; this remains one of my most favorite nursing interventions. I have a special interest in Labor & Delivery as every birth is a miracle to me! As an educator, seeing the light in students' eyes when they "get it" is irreplaceable. I enjoy running, reading and spending time with my family skiing and sailing.



PAM BOWDEN, MS, RN

Julie Woessner, MSN, RN

New Faculty Member

I graduated from the NHCC Nursing Program and then went on to earn a master's degree from Walden University. My clinical experience and special interest is in the areas of Neuroscience/Spine, GI and Geriatric Nursing. I believe nursing is a calling, and not just a career. Further, I believe in transformative learning and the impact of teaching is where content meets communication. I enjoy spending time with my three teenage children, especially watching my daughter play girls travel basketball.



JULIE WOESSNER, MSN, RN



REGISTERED NURSE

REVIEW OF NHCC NURSING PROGRAM OUTCOMES AS OF FALL 2013

Program Completion Rate

Benchmark: 75% of graduates will graduate within 1.5 times the program length (3 years).

Results: 80% of Spring 2013 students graduated.

NCLEX-RN First-Time Pass Rate

Benchmark: above the national mean (89% for the 2012 graduates).

Results: 97% for the 2012 graduates.

Results pending for the 2013 graduates.

Job Placement Rate

Benchmark: 90% of graduates will be employed within 6-12 months of graduation.

Results: 100% of the Spring 2012 graduates responding to a survey item.

Graduate Satisfaction

Benchmark: 80% of graduates will report satisfaction with the nursing program.

NHCC: 100% of the Spring 2012 graduates responding to a survey item.

Employer Satisfaction

Benchmark: 80% of employers will report satisfaction with NHCC graduates.

Results: 100% of employers responding to a survey item.

Service Learning (SL) Opportunities.

Service Learning integrates academic study with community service advocating for volunteerism toward meaningful social causes. Do you know of service learning opportunities that would interest nursing students? Please contact Troy Nellis, Director of SL at tnellis@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).

So never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself.

Florence Nightingale

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NURSING PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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NHCC NURSING PROGRAM MISSION

To prepare associate degree nurses that are committed to lifelong learning who value and provide competent, safe, patient-centered care within a variety of health care settings.

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN NURSING!

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I think one's feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions which bring results.
Florence Nightingale

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