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Feeling Stressed Out?? Are you a Little Overwhelmed??

Well if you are, take a deep breath and relax! You are already a quarter of the way through the semester. If you need some extra help or someone to talk to IUP offers a variety of ways that should help.

The Counseling Center

The IUP Counseling Center assists students in recognizing and completing life tasks essential to their development as individuals and growth as IUP students. The counseling center can help with stress, depression and so much more. For more information visit http://www.iup.edu/counselingcenter/default.aspx

Academic Support

There are many courses that offer tutoring sessions. To learn more visit: http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=40067

Talk to Your Professors

Your professors want you to succeed. Learn your professors office hours and go ask questions and learn what you can do to better succeed in class.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center offers a variety of free services and resources to help students develop their writing skills as well as a quiet, comfortable environment to get creative juices flowing. For more information visit http://www.iup.edu/writingcenter/

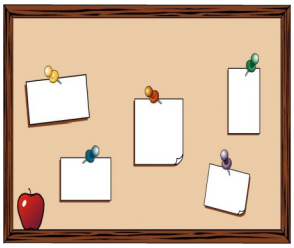
Relax, Have Some Fun!!!

Celebrate Mardi Gras

Tuesday February 21, 2012

Scholarship Information

Various scholarship opportunities are made available to IUP nursing students. These opportunities are shared with you as the department becomes informed. Please take the opportunity to browse the bulletin board between the offices of 228 and 229 Johnson Hall.



Mary Agnus Powers Scholarship Fund and South-western PA Registered Nurse Club Scholarships
Deadline: March 31, 2012

The Pocket Nurse Scholarship Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation
Deadline: April 15, 2012

Ella B. Seanor Leadership in Nursing Award
Deadline: February 27, 2012

After College/AACN Scholarship Fund

Nightingale Scholarship Grants nightingaleawards.com.

Washington Metropolitan Area Navy Nurse Corps Association Scholarships
Deadline: April 21, 2012

CLA Study Abroad Scholarships
More information available online at www.clascholars.org

Hazing Awareness Scholarship
Deadline: March 6, 2012

American Trauma Society, PA Division Annual Conference Scholarships
Deadline: March 2, 2012

Kuzneski Family Endowment Fund Nursing Scholarship
Deadline: March 2, 2012

Michelle Campbell Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Deadline: April 1, 2012

Kay Staszkiewicz Memorial Scholarship
Deadline: February 27, 2012

Cherokee Uniforms Scholarships
Deadline: March 1, 2012

The Passion4Nursing Scholarship
To find out more, or to apply for the scholarship, please visit Ed4StudentNurses.com or call (800) 990-2629.

The Jack E. Barger, Sr. Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund-
Deadline: April 30, 2012

Funding Available to Prepare Nursing Faculty

Funding for baccalaureate prepared RNs who are studying to become nurse educators is available through the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association in the **Promise of Nursing Faculty Fellowship Program**.

The Faculty Fellowships support tuition, academic fees, and books (up to $7,500 awarded per student annually) for RNs who are matriculated in Master's in Education and doctoral programs.

Criteria include, but is not limited to:

- Documented academic excellence;
- Financial need;
- Commitment to the nurse educator role and a plan to serve in this capacity upon completion of the program (the student must be enrolled in a program that prepares them to be a member of nursing school faculty).

Details are available at: http://www.nsna.org/FoundationScholarships/FNSNAScholarships/PONFellowship.aspx

The deadline is Friday, March 9, 2012 for the 2012-13 academic year. Funding available varies according to state/location.

If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Melendez, Scholarship and Grants Administrator, at jasmine@nsna.org or call her at: (718) 210-0705 ext. 118.

Focus on the Faculty

Taylor Edwards

Taylor Edwards graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 with a bachelors degree in nursing. She attended IUP and earned her masters degree in summer 2008. Mrs. Edwards is happily married and has two amazing children. Brock is 7 months old and Macey is 2 1/2 years old.

What brought you to IUP?

"I graduated from University of Pittsburgh in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in nursing, moved to Savannah, GA to work as an OB nurse and to live by the beach. After a year, I moved back to Pittsburgh and worked for WPH and enrolled into IUP's Master's in Nursing Education program. I graduated with a master's degree summer of 2008 and was hired as the simulation specialist and have remained in this position since Fall of 2008.

What are some of your long and short term goals?

My primary goal is to pursue a PhD in nursing. Another goal is to help nursing students recognize the importance and quality of simulation.

What are some of the strengths to IUP's program? How can you contribute to that?

There are several strengths to IUP's nursing program. In my current position, I get to see nursing students from sophomore to senior level. As students grow throughout the program, they develop the skills and confidence needed in becoming a nurse. I also
think other strengths include quality faculty that teach in the Nursing Department and the resources available to the students.

Induction Luncheon Meeting

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When? Saturday April 14, 2012
11:30 AM Social
12:15 PM Luncheon
1:00 PM Induction Ceremony

Where? Rustic Lodge
2199 Oakland Avenue
Indiana, PA 15705

Interested? Contact Dr. West at edie.west@iup.edu for more information

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Adele M. Spegman, Director of Nursing Research at Geisinger Health System. Dr. Spegman will be speaking on 'Evidence Based Practice-Research & Quality Improvement.'

Indiana Regional Medical Center Externships

Indiana Regional Medical Center will be hosting 2012 summer externships. You are welcome to apply online at www.indianarmc.org under the career section.

The nurse externship program consists of a 10-week paid work experience with a registered nurse preceptor. Nursing students must be entering their senior year of a bachelors of science in nursing program or the third semester of a diploma or associate degree program to apply.

The deadline to apply is March 15.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the online IRMC nurse externship application.
2. Provide two letters of reference.
3. Provide copies of your transcripts.
4. Provide a copy of your criminal background check.
5. Request two clinical instructors to complete an evaluation form (PDF).

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2.23.12 *Withdrawal deadline for courses ending by mid semester*

3.1.12 *May 2012 application for graduation deadline for graduate students*

3.5.12 *Pass/fail forms due*

3.12.12-3.18.12 *Spring break, No classes*

3.19.12 *Classes resume*

3.26.12 *Students can begin to view midterm grades at 8:00am*

4.6.12 *Individual course withdrawal deadline*

4.13.12 *Total semester withdrawal deadline*

4.14.12 *Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing's Zeta Lambda Chapter induction luncheon meeting*

5.4.12 *Classes end for semester*

5.7.12-5.10.12 *Final exams*

5.12.12 *Spring Commencement*

5.21.12 Start of summer session Classes within the nursing dept.

Summer School Information!!

Course Eligibility Guidelines:

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 at time of registration to meet summer nursing requirement. **Students registering for 4 credits or less do not need to meet the 3.00 cumulative GPA guideline, but do need to meet the course (s) prerequisites and co-requisites.
- When students have earned less than a "C" grade in a nursing course and are registering to repeat the course, they are not guaranteed a seat in the class until all students who are taking the course for the first time have enrolled/registered and an opening still exists.
- All necessary prerequisite courses must have been completed successfully prior to taking a summer nursing course (s) and all co requisites courses must be scheduled and taken during the same summer as the nursing course (s).
- Students wanting to take a summer course must "preregister" in the NAHP Department office by April 15th.
- Each summer nursing course will have a set limit for minimum and/or maximum enrollment size. No class seats are reserved or held for any student.
- The cumulative GPA will be used to prioritize students for placement in the course; (highest cumulative GPA gets priority seating).

Masters Courses Offered

- NURS 610
- NURS 619
- NURS 781
- NURS 723

Undergraduate Courses Offered

- NURS 143
- NURS 330
- NURS 331
- NURS 332
- NURS 333
- NURS 312
- NURS 412
- NURS 436
- NURS 437