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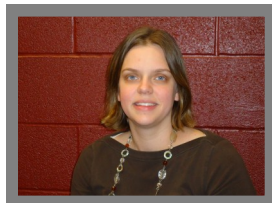
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NAHP Welcomes New Faculty

The Department of Nursing and Allied Health is excited to share the arrival of two new faculty to its tenured-track rank here at IUP. Dr. Riah Hoffman joins after recently completing her dissertation entitled: "*Differences in Student Perceptions of Student and Faculty Incivility Among Nursing Program Types.*" Her expertise lies in adult nursing care, care of the aged patient,



Dr. Riah Hoffman

and emergency room nursing. She will be working with the senior level students.

Dr. Donna Caruthers, PhD, RN will be joining the IUP nursing faculty this term as well. She received her PhD in 2005 after completing her dissertation entitled: "*Enhancing Tobacco Abstinence Following Hospitalization,*" from the University of Pittsburgh. She brings a wealth of experience to the department as she has been involved with education, research, and administrative oversight for the past few years within higher education. She will be working primarily with the sopho-

more level students. The department is pleased to have these two accomplished individuals join us in continuing to deliver an exemplary nursing program here in Indiana, Pennsylvania! Please help us in making them feel welcome!



Dr. Donna Caruthers

Welcome Back From the Chair!

Welcome back to all students in our department! I had the pleasure of seeing many of you already at the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. This summer's packet submission process was the most expedient process I have had since assuming the role of department chairperson. Thank you all for your attentiveness to email reminders, section switches, and last minute urine drug screen details as we got the semester off and running. As many of you know, we

lost a senior nursing student, Tim Zahumensky on August 31, 2012. Please keep your peers and Tim's family in your thoughts this year as many students are shaken by the loss of such a respected peer and friend. The senior class is currently working on plans to remember Tim in some tangible way. Watch for updates on this throughout the fall semester. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved in the department in some way. We have several nursing organizations you can belong to and each of

these student groups is always in need of some assistance. Membership in nursing groups is an excellent addition to your resume! Get to know your class officers and Student Advisory Board members by stopping through Johnson Hall display cases and bulletin boards to familiarize yourself with these important representatives. They are your representatives and they are important links between your class and our department. (Continued on page #2)

Doctoral Level News and Events



Dr. Theresa Shellenbarger
Doctoral Level Coordinator

Welcome to the latest cohort of PhD students who began classes Fall 2012. That brings our total of doctoral students to 30. Congratulations to Dr. Riah Hoffman. She successfully defended her dissertation in August 2012. Her study investigated *Differences in Student Perceptions of Student and Faculty Incivility Among*

Nursing Program Types. Numerous doctoral students presented at national conferences during the Summer 2012. Anna Vioral presented at the Sigma Theta Tau/National League for Nursing, Nursing Education Research Conference in Indianapolis in June 2012. Her oral presentation was entitled: Standardizing

Standardizing Chemotherapy Administration: A Multidisciplinary Process Using E-Learning Vignettes. Also presenting at that conference was Meigan Robb. She presented a poster entitled: *Self-efficacy and Integration of Technology into the Teaching Role; A Case Study*. Two Ooher students, Darlene Arduary and Camille Wendekier presented a

poster about Stress and Nursing Students at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Savannah, GA. Elaine Little also presented at this conference with faculty colleagues from IUP. The PhD pathway for DNP students will soon be accepting applications and students can begin their classes in Fall 2013. More info soon!

Master's Level News and Events



Dr. Kristy Chunta
Masters Level Coordinator

Welcome back to all faculty and students! The Master's in Graduate Nursing Program at IUP currently has five cohorts comprised of students from the Administrative and Education tracks. Students from each track complete 24 credits of core courses and 12 credits in their specialty area, and typically graduate within six to seven semesters. Our program continues to transition to an online delivery option,

and the majority of our courses are being taught via a hybrid or completely online format. A new education cohort started this fall at the Monroeville campus so we have approximately 45 graduate students. We are recruiting for an education cohort to begin at the Indiana campus in spring, 2013 and will continue to accept administrative track students on an ongoing basis.

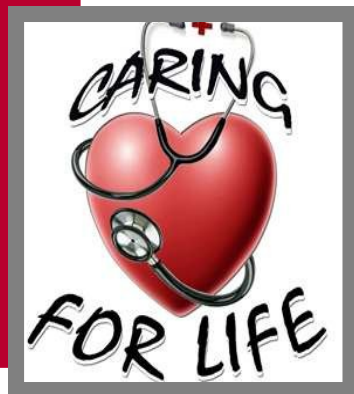
We are pleased to welcome a new secretary to the Graduate Program, Ms. Sherry Kelly. We are also thrilled to have four nursing graduate assistants within the department this fall. They are: Tara Birt, Marcy Sunday, Mildred Estochin, and Cristen Carson. Please join me in welcoming these individuals to the department.

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Finally, I want to share some exciting additions to the simulation labs. We will be putting COW's in the sim lab- Computers on Wheels-that will allow you to document in the electronic health record and begin practicing electronic bar code scanner medication administration. Introduce yourself to our new lab faculty Mrs. Valerie Vanderhoff! She

has some exciting ideas to make your simulation experiences even better during your clinical visits to the sim lab. Mrs. Taylor Edwards is not working full-time in the lab this year and we were lucky enough to hire Mrs. Vanderhoff to fill in to maintain coverage in our lab. I wish you continued academic success this fall semester!

Dr. Lisa Palmer, Chair



Allied Health News and Events

Welcome to our Freshman Allied Health Students and welcome back Returning Students!!

The Allied Health Professions consists of 3 different majors: Clinical Laboratory Science, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Respiratory Care. I wanted to share with you some great news about our programs.

This year we have 4 Clinical Laboratory Science students in the clinical portion of the program, 18 Nuclear Medicine Technology

Students in the clinical portion of their program and 44 Respiratory Care students at West Penn Hospital. This fall we had all 30 junior level seats filled at West Penn!

Advising for the Allied Health majors will begin this week. Students are asked to sign up for an advising appointment during one of the dates/times posted on the bulletin board outside Johnson 244.

Best wishes to all of you as you embark on your academic journey this year!



Dr. Joyce Shanty
Allied Health Coordinator

Lab Coordinator: News and Events

Welcome Back to Everyone!

This year looks to be an exciting time to be in nursing and in education. Your lab staff is here to help you move along and become acquainted with some of the latest technologies now available in the workforce.

We have a staff of many working hard to bring you technologies, and experiences to equip you to be successful in providing safe, efficient nursing care to those patients of yours.

I would like to have you help me welcome our latest assistants to the lab:

Mrs. Valerie Vanderhoff-Sim Specialist

Mrs. Taylor Edwards-Sim Specialist

Dr. Terri Calderone-Technology Coordinator

Christine Carlson-Lab GA

Marcy Sunday-Lab GA

Mildred Estochin-Lab GA

As soon as we have schedules we will be posting OPEN LAB HOURS. We know that you all have competencies to master, and confidence levels to bolster. As soon as possible we will be posting OPEN LAB TIMES for all. We will send word via your faculty, so stay tuned for times. Look for it in early October.

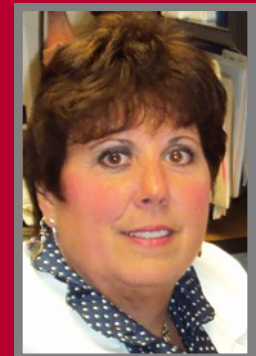
In addition, we hope you all have had an

opportunity to purchase your LAB KIT through SNAP. This is a new mechanism and we hope you find them handy and helpful as you master your skills necessary for professional practice.

This semester as you work to become proficient in your delivery of care, you may see new technologies that unfold into your scenarios. We are hoping to expose all of you to electronic health records via our own Academic Electronic Health System (AES) that is now down in Putt. This is a new mandate in practice known as the HITECH Act and it states that all healthcare facilities will have electronic health records by 2014. In an effort to serve you and the public we will be infusing this into your simulation and lab experiences.

Again, welcome back and welcome to the lab. We are here to serve and provide opportunities for practice and skill development!

Dr. Julie Greenawalt
Lab Coordinator and
Assistant Chair



Dr. Julia A. Greenawalt
Lab Coordinator and
Assistant Chair



Nurse's Christian Fellowship: "The Fruits of Spiritual Maturity"

Jesus Christ is good news for nursing. Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF) helps nurses know God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to live out this relationship in nursing, bringing God's love and justice to nursing education and practice. Begun in 1948 as a ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, NCF is both a professional organization and a ministry of and for nurses and nursing students. For more information about NCF, contact Dr. Edith West, the chapter advisor at: edie.west@iup.edu.



All nursing students are invited to attend the first meeting for NCF, Nurses Christian Fellowship for the AY 2012-2013. The meeting will be

held in room #208, SJH on



Wednesday, 09.26.2012 from 12 pm-1 p.m. Pizza, pop and cookies will be available for all!

Please, if interested in attending, RSVP to edie.west@iup.edu, so that enough food will be available for all the attendees.

Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania



The local chapter of the Student Nurse's Association of Pennsylvania, commonly referred to as "SNAP" is starting to crank up for an exciting year filled with opportunities for all nursing students! The organization is a student led group under the advisement of:
Dr. Theresa Gropelli.

The purpose of the Student Nurses' Association is:

- To contribute to nursing education
 - To keep the members informed of current nursing issues and concerns
 - To help the student develop as a person and a professional
- The functions of this organization include the following:
- To have input into nursing education standards at the university, state, and national level.

To involve nursing students in community activities and other activities that promotes health or health care and address social issues.

- To provide members with a system of support, communication, and a forum for discussion.
- To provide members interactions with other disciplines, peers, and faculty.
- To carry out recruitment efforts for IUP Student Nurses' Association, to encourage participation in

student activities, and promote a positive image of nursing at all times.

- To promote and encourage collaborative relationships with nursing and related health organizations.

Sigma Zeta Lambda Chapter

The IUP Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing's Zeta Lambda Chapter Proudly Presents our Fall 2012's Annual Research-Education Program. This year's theme is "Crisis Care: Prevention, Intervention & Management of the Client, Population, Community or Environment" Come early to attend a Zeta

Lambda General Meeting and a Research Poster Session, followed by Outstanding Educational Presentations by our featured speaker: ZL Secretary, Lori Jo Bell, MSN, MEd, RN-BC, PN, NCC entitled "Ground Zero' & Shanksville: A Red Cross Nurse's Care Experiences post Terrorist Attack" ... and Daniel Sacco, Director of

Safety at IRMC entitled "Institutional Disaster Preparedness: Planning & Care" Light refreshments served.

Date: Wednesday, 10. 24, 2012, IUP's Ohio Room at HUB
 When: 4:30 p.m. , ZL General Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Poster Session
 5:30 p.m. Educational Presentations
 Cost: Free !



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If you are planning to graduate this upcoming May, it is time to apply. To apply for Graduation in May of 2013, go to: <http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=17023>
 You may find the web site by logging into URSA, go to Student Services and Financial Aid, then Academic Records, then Apply for Graduation.
 Deadline is NOVEMBER 15, 2012. Apply NOW!



Save the Date!

8.27.2012 Classes begin-Fall 2012	11.9.2012 Total Semester Withdrawal Deadline.
9.1.2012 Deadline to Drop Classes	11.19.2012 Thanksgiving Recess!
9.2.2012 Deadline to Add Classes	11.26.2012 Classes Resume from Thanksgiving Break.
9.3.2012 Labor Day Holiday-No Class!	12.10.2012 Classes End for Fall
9.21.2012 D/F Repeat Forms Due	12.11.2012 Finals Begin
9.28.2012 Withdrawal Deadline for Courses Ending Mid-Semester	12.14.2012 Finals End
10.1.2012 Application for December Graduate Students due to Registrar.	12.15.2012 Commencement!
10.23.2012 Students able to view Mid-term grades, 0800 am.	12.21.2012 Grades available for viewing.
11.5.2012 Individual Course Withdrawal Deadline.	01.02.2013 Winter session begins.
	01.25.2013 Winter session ends.
	01.28.2013 Spring 2013 classes begin.



Important Dates for Nursing Students!

The Newsletter is a bi-monthly publication dedicated to informing nursing students, faculty and staff of critical information as relates to nursing activities, organizations, and happenings within the department. If you have anything that you would like posted please contact Dr. Julie Greenawalt, Asst. Chair, at jgreen@iup.edu.