



SUU Nursing Welcomes CCNE Accreditation

By: Elizabeth Carter

The topic of an accreditation review has been circulating the classrooms of SUU Department of Nursing for the last couple months now. We are excited to be hosting an evaluation team from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) November 10 through November 12, 2010. We are one of five nursing schools in Utah with a CCNE Accredited Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Program. People may be wondering, "What is CCNE Accreditation and why do we want it?" American Association of

Colleges of Nursing explain, "The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. CCNE serves the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. As a voluntary, self regulatory process, CCNE

accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional education and post-baccalaureate nurse residency programs." Accreditation of the SUU Nursing program essentially gives a stamp of approval that the program meets all of the standards of nursing education. It gives us, as graduates, an advantage when we apply to graduate school or for employment.

CCNE Accreditation. (2010).
American Association of Colleges
of Nursing, Retrieved from
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/accreditation/>

NCLEX-RN® Update

By: Elizabeth Carter

Congratulations to the Class of Spring 2010! We are excited to announce that of the twenty graduates nineteen have taken the NCLEX-RN® and passed. SUU is so proud of their accomplishments and wish them luck in their careers.

Blood Drive!

Just a reminder that the Level 3 class is doing two blood drives this semester! The first one will be Friday, October 22nd from 9am to 3pm in the Ballroom of the Sharwan Smith Center. The second drive will be held Friday, November 19th from 9am to 5pm. Spots are going quick, so call Katie Ward at (801)712-9827 or email her at wardkatie25@gmail.com to reserve your spot today!

USNA Update

By: Ashley Felsted

Utah Student Nurses Association is excited to announce that the annual conference will be held at SUU for the first time! The conference is scheduled for February 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the R. Haze Hunter Conference Center. Registration will be coming soon on the USNA website www.utahstudentnurses.org. There will be several guest speakers, various graduate schools, and an NCLEX review.

2011 Officers:

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Spotlight: **Cristeen Kunz**

Biography by: Cristeen Kunz Complied by: April Monroe

Cris is a single mom with five children and three beautiful granddaughters. She has one daughter who is a nurse educator on an OB unit, one daughter who is a licensed certified social worker, another daughter attending the University of Utah and will be applying to their nursing school, and one daughter attending high school. Her one and only son fights fires for the forest service and attends SUU on the off season.

Cris grew up in southern California where she dispatched ambulances in high school and worked as a candy striper in an extended care facility. Later she became an EMT which led her to want to become an E.R. nurse. The funny thing is, she never made it to the E.R.! While in nursing school, she became friends with some nurses that were surgical technicians who convinced her to work with them in the O.R. during summer break. She loved it SO MUCH, she never left!

Two of the many things she loves about nursing are: in 32 years she has never been bored- the patients, profession, and work is always changing, but most importantly, it is a privilege to be allowed to make a difference in peoples' lives. It is also a privilege to work with students. They are invigorating, amusing, and challenging and are the hope of the future of nursing and health care in general.

Cris teaches Foundations with Level 1 students, Research & Clinicals with Level 2 students and Research with the RN to BSN students. When she is not working, she likes to be with her family, especially in the mountains or the beach. She also loves to drive and take long road trips!

We are so excited to have Professor Kunz as a new addition to the awesome Department of Nursing faculty and staff at SUU!

Thank you!

From: All Nursing Students

The nursing students would like to give a shout out to Betsy Hatfield our wonderful Lab Specialist for all the hard work she puts in everyday!

Upcoming SUUSNA Events:

College of Science Fair

October 20 & 21
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
SNA will be displaying a
health booth with
handouts on nutrition.

Homecoming Parade

October 16th
12:00 pm
Our theme:
"We don't miss a BEAT"

Halloween 5K

October 30th
Dress up in a Halloween
costume and run a race!

Find all your SUU Nursing
events listed at
<http://www.suu.edu/orgs/sna/calendar.html>



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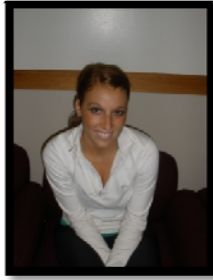
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Seen and Heard

By: April Monroe

“What has been your favorite part of nursing school so far?”



“My favorite part of nursing school has been the people I have met so far.”

**-McCall Rynearson
 Level 1**



“I have really enjoyed all the studying and homework!”

**-Ashlee Dotson
 Level 2**



“I have really enjoyed getting to do all the clinical rotations.”

**-Russell Gale
 Level 3**



“My favorite part of nursing school has been all of the hands-on-training we have been able to do. It has really helped!”

**-Maika Shimoda
 Level 4**

Level Update

Level One:

Level one students have all been busy adjusting to life as a nursing student...and loving it!!! We are very excited to have made it through our first validation...alive! The class of May 2012 recently elected class representatives; Chelsea Herrera-President, Anna Dalton-Vice President, Kylee McBride-Secretary and Ian Dempsey-SUU-SNA representative. We are excited to participate in the upcoming blood drives and the Halloween 5k. We are looking forward to our Professional Pledge Ceremony on Oct. 19. Most of all we are thrilled to be a part of the SUU Nursing Program and are looking forward to a great, SUCCESSFUL semester!

By: Chelsea Herrera, Class President



Level Two:

We are so excited to finally be in Level 2! Level 1 banded us together as a class. We have learned that team work is an essential component to success not only as students, but also as professionals. If someone is struggling with a concept others jump in to help convey information in an understandable way. As we work together we are building friendships that will last a life time. We are learning a lot at all of our clinical sites and enjoy carpooling together. This semester we will be involved in a health fair and have an opportunity to develop our own research ideas. We are enjoying our teachers and the knowledge that they share with us. A big thank you goes out to Selwyn, Claudia, Cris, and Betsy! We are grateful to the entire faculty for their continued support and their dedication to our learning process.

By: Michelle Rees, Class Historian



We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.suu.edu/sci/nursing

Level Three:

We are off to a great start this fall with our busy community service hours, many projects and research papers combined with family clinical, and promoting health in our community! Our class has been very active in participating in community events and promoting health with our healthy choices for children health promotion "Farmer's Fruit Walk". Following our main street appearance on our Student Nurse Float, during the Lion's Club Western Parade, our class had a booth displayed at the park where kids participated in a fruit walk. We had educational handouts for parents on tips for healthy choices on eating and exercising. It was a great way to promote health among families. I'd like to give hats off to Julia, our SNA Rep/Club Pres. this semester for being so proactive in getting our SNA club off to a jump start of success! The amount of club involvement with our program is incredible. Pre-Nursing students are encouraged to be involved and recognized as club members. Teamwork and great minds are definitely an essential part of our successful program. A big thank you goes out to our Nursing Faculty for always being so supportive!

By: Jessica Jimerson, Class President

Level Four:

SUU level four nursing students are eager to finish off this semester. We have finally made it and can't wait for graduation day! It has been quite the adventure through the different levels from fundamentals and pharmacology to med-surg and maternity. Learning all sorts of skills, we are now putting it altogether. We're keeping busy with high acuity clinicals and preceptorships at various hospitals, but are grateful for the experience. We have formed many friendships and enjoyed the last two years, but are ready to venture out and become professional nurses. Thanks to all of the teachers and fellow students who have taught us and helped us on our way to success!

By: John Zingleman, Class President

**RN to BSN:**

RN-BSN students are currently learning about Geriatrics with Professor Tipton, Nursing Theory with Professor Kunz, and keeping busy with completing Community Health hours with Professor Pearson. Most of the RN to BSN students are practicing registered nurses who are back to further their education. They are ready to learn the most up-to-date material and apply it in their careers. Their time here has been valuable and will continue to be as they pursue their BSN degree. Thanks to all of the teachers and peers within the program, and good luck to you all!

By: Sandee Hardman

Science Building Update

By: April Monroe

The new Gibson Science Center will include much needed space for SUU's Department of Nursing. There will be practice labs, two classrooms, (one equipped with computers), and office space. The Department of Nursing is very excited to be gaining this new space and new technology to better prepare our community's future nurses. If building continues to go as planned, the Gibson Science Center should be finished by April 2011.