

NCLEX-RN UPDATE

Congratulations to the Class of Spring 2013! They had a 94% pass rate. 15 of the 16 testers passed the NCLEX-RN on their first time.

SUU HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING

BY BECKY RASSMUSEN

SUU Honor Society of Nursing had the first induction ceremony last May 7. We inducted 23 members, students with high academic achievement and nursing leaders from the community. We plan to have our next induction ceremony in May 2014. We also plan to make formal application to Sigma Theta Tau Intentional, the national honor society of nursing in summer 2014.

CLASS OF FALL 2013

PINNING CEREMONY

BY ALISHA GRAF

"The pinning ceremony committee has been meeting and planning the upcoming pinning ceremony for the Class of Fall 2013. It is going to be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 4 pm in the Great Hall. The pinning ceremony is a traditional event in which newly graduated nurses are pinned by an RN/nursing faculty. Unfortunately, one of our fellow students, Jared Black, is being activated to deploy and report on December 1st. Luckily, the pinning ceremony committee is in the process of arranging a special pinning ceremony just for him, which we plan on showing at the class ceremony. The committee is still fine tuning other details but assure everyone that this year's pinning ceremony will be the best one EVER!"



DAPHNE SOLOMON

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to introduce our newest professor. Daphne Solomon DNP, FNP-C says of nursing, "Nursing is the next best job to being a mom! Nursing is one of the few jobs that you can be so happy and content even though you are physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted after a day's work. My introduction to patients goes like this, 'Good morning Mr. Smith, my name is Daphne and I get to be your nurse today.' The 'get to be' part is the most important. It's not a chore, it's not an assignment, it is a responsibility and a privilege every day to care for someone who truly needs me. Teaching nurses has also been my dream for at least 12 years. I love seeing the enthusiasm as a student in clinical hits their first vein, or hears their first heart murmur. I love to listen to students teach patients in a way I never thought of and watching you make your first real personal connection with a sick patient who just needs someone to understand. It is priceless."

LEVEL UPDATES

Level 1

BY CAITLIN HAIGHT

Hello from the best class ever! The first day of class was the moment we became a family. Our days consist of class, studying, class, studying, class, clinicals, oh and did I mention even more studying?! But through it all we still manage to laugh and have a great time. We just finished our Kolob rotation and even though we are sad to leave we are ready to move on to VVMC and expand our horizons. We have learned a lot from the other levels, such as how validations work and how to relax. Relaxation is a foreign word to us first levels, but we're slowly learning to apply it into our schedules. :) We appreciate all the help and advice that has been given to us and we are excited to become nurses!



Level 2

BY REBECKA HORLACHER

This semester has definitely been challenging. There is so much information and at times it feels very overwhelming. Our understanding of overall concepts has increased. Last semester we were able to learn certain nursing skills and assessments and this semester we have been able to apply them, which has helped increase our confidence. Because this semester has been difficult, it has brought our class together. We have also been able to experience different areas of nursing besides the hospital which has helped us get a better idea of the variety of nursing careers available to us after we graduate. Nursing school is rough, but it will be worth it!



CURRENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



MAYAN RUINS

ALUMNI DAY

BY KATIE LYMAN

The fourth level class was involved in planning SUU Nursing's Alumni Day. Ammon, Afton, Katrina, Amy, Crystal and I designed and sent out invitations to community members and alumni. We all helped with decorating the nursing lab by displaying pictures of past classes, making signs and prepping the mannequins. The day consisted of a BBQ with a variety of desserts and salads for people to enjoy. In all, Alumni Day was a success with around 50 people coming to celebrate with us!

CAMP KESEM

BY EVAN WHIPPLE

Camp Kesem is a free week long camp for children whose parents have cancer. It is a camp that brings children ages 6-16 together to have fun, find a support group, and get a break from the challenges associated with a parent's cancer. We need college volunteers to help run this wonderful camp this summer! If you are looking for service hours, want to participate at camp, or just learn more, please talk to Evan Whipple (Level 2) or email suu.volunteer@campkesem.org

*FB search: Camp Kesem at Southern Utah University

FIRST ANNUAL SUU HUMANITARIAN TRIP

BY MICHELLE JONES

SUU nursing students took their first humanitarian service trip to Belize (the only English speaking country in Central America) in June 2013. The group consisted of 12 nursing students, 1 SUU nursing graduate, 1 oncology RN and 2 faculty members. We gained a great cultural experience while serving the people of Belize. We learned about Belize's national healthcare system, history, and customs. We ran three different clinics in very rural and very poor communities. We were accompanied to the clinics by two doctors who practice in Belize. They taught us everything from suturing to tropical diseases and we even learned some Spanish!

We also had time for some fun and unique experiences. We went cave tubing, zip lining through the jungle canopy, toured ancient Mayan ruins, swam with stingrays and sharks, went snorkeling at the largest live barrier reef in the world, and visited a beautiful island off the coast of Belize in the Caribbean. We had an absolutely wonderful time!

SUU NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BY HEATHER CHANDLER

We are excited to announce the beginning of our official SUU Nursing Alumni Association!! Please visit our Facebook page for upcoming Alumni events or if you have any information or questions you would like to post.

Coming Soon: A fast and easy way to keep your contact information updated in our system to receive future newsletters and announcements.

*FB search: SUU Nursing Alumni Association

Please add any SUU nursing students you know to the group so we can keep them all in the loop.

LEVEL UPDATES

Level 3

BY KRYSTALYNN MILLINGTON

Howdy from level 3! We have started off the year with a bang. The bang being, no more VALIDATIONS! We've also busted into the community. Our class has been busy in local elementary schools volunteering for hearing and vision screenings. As a class we took our assessment skills to St. George, where we helped with the Hunstman's World Senior Games as sport medicine volunteers. Recently, we hosted a blood drive in our very own nursing lab where we exceeded our goal of 60 units of blood with the American Red Cross. Our experience and opportunities have been very rewarding. We are grateful to the community for letting us into their schools and clinics. This semester has been great. We look forward to level four with great excitement.

Level 4

BY KATIE HUNTER

The fourth levels are ready and anxious to be finishing the nursing program and diving into the real world of nursing. Many of our class members are searching for jobs, applying to nurse residency programs or even pursuing their nurse practitioner degree. These past two years have had their challenges, but we have all been able to work together to learn and grow as much as possible. We are confident that this new group of nurses will make a big impact on the healthcare world. Here is to our goal of having a 100% first time pass rate of the NCLEX in the coming months!

RN to BSN

We are all anxious to get done with this degree, but have loved this program and the amazing professors of SUU. We are all working RNs who range in our clinical experience. Since we all come from different areas of work, we have enjoyed the collaboration that this program encourages. We have had the opportunity to not only learn from the professors but our peers!



LEVEL 3



LEVEL 4