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Spring 2013

Message From the Dean Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN

As springtime approaches and we enjoy nature's beauty in the blooming flowers, our School of Nursing is preparing to celebrate 80 years of nursing education. Within this 80th year anniversary for the nursing

school, we will also celebrate 25 years of awarding a Doctor of Nursing Science degree and 20 years of educating primary care family nurse practitioners. We are extending a warm welcome to all our current students, faculty, staff, and alumni to participate in our celebration. In addition, if you are attending the Louisiana State Nurses Association Nurses Day at the Legislature, April 26, 2013 at the Marriott Baton Rouge, we are inviting you to join us for a wine and cheese social. It would be great to touch base with our alumni. We will announce the location details during Nurses Day at the Legislature meeting.

The School of Nursing was recently recognized as the Louisiana State Nurses Association Nursing School of the Year for "Entry into Practice." This distinction is the result of our faculty, staff and students' excellence in our mission of teaching, research, service, and nursing practice. During the spring 2013 semester, we are embarking on evaluating our current strategic map and planning our next three year strategic map to continue to advance our mission of excellence in providing local, national, and international leadership in the education of professional nurses to function as generalists, advanced practitioners, educators, scholars, and researchers who shape the delivery of nursing practice and education.

We have admitted our first cohort of post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students in the fall 2012 semester. This summer 2013 semester, we are admitting our first BSN to DNP class of nurse anesthesia students. We are very pleased to add the DNP degree as an academic option for our students pursuing their advanced nursing education. This fall semester, in October, we will be conducting an on-site accreditation visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) to accredit our post-master's DNP program. We invite our community partners to participate in our accreditation process. The schedules will be posted as they are finalized.

Enjoy reading our newsletter and learning about the numerous nursing school activities. See you at the 80th anniversary celebration!



SNA Springs Into Service

by Meghan O'Quinn

The Student Nurses' Association (SNA) at LSU has kicked off another exciting semester! For the first event, 11 SNA members served food to the homeless in the surrounding community at St. Mark's Church on January 13th. Following that event, SNA held a blood drive on January 14th hosted by The Blood Center. The goal was to have 25 units donated, and by the end of the day there were 60 total donations! SNA also collected donations for the month of January to support Lantern Light. Lantern Light is a branch of The Rebuild Center, which is located on Gravier Street behind St. Joseph's Church. The Rebuild Center provides lunch, legal services, laundry, showers, and a food pantry to poor and homeless people in the surrounding community. SNA members collected 127 nonperishable food items for Lantern Light.

On February 24th, SNA ran a water station at the Rock 'n' Roll Mardi Gras Marathon. Members decorated posters and cheered on participants, while keeping them well hydrated! This marathon supports a number of charities, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Team Activities for Special Kids, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the ASPCA, and others. During February, SNA also collected Mardi Gras bead donations for St. Michael's Special School. These donations benefit adults with disabilities, who sort and repurpose the beads to be resold next Mardi Gras. All of the proceeds from the sales go to funding for St. Michael's, which helps to cover the living expenses of the disabled adults that work there.

On March 2nd, SNA members volunteerd their time at City Park's Super Saturday. Volunteers pruned, raked, cut grass, mulched, and planted trees and flowers to keep City Park a beautiful place for recreation in our community. SNA members from both LSU and Our Lady of Holy Cross College participated in this event.

The rest of the semester is full of big plans for SNA. On March 16th, SNA will work with Edible Schoolyard NOLA, an organization that integrates hands-on organic gardening and seasonal cooking into the school curriculum, culture, and cafeteria programs at several public charter schools. SNA will





volunteer at S.J. Green Charter School by gardening, composting, and harvesting in their garden. On March 23rd, SNA will spend a full day with Habitat for Humanity to build simple, affordable homes in the Greater New Orleans area. During the month of March, SNA will collect donations for the Ronald McDonald House, which houses and feeds families who have to travel to receive specialized medical care for their children. SNA is collecting pop tabs from coke cans, paper products, and snacks for the Ronald McDonald House.

April will be a eventful month for SNA, as 24 of our local chapter members will be attending the national convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 61st Annual NSNA Convention will take place April 3rd-7th with the theme of HEALTHY Campaign: Healing, Enlightening, and Loving The Healthy You.

Members will have the chance to attend numerous focus sessions, vote on various resolutions, and meet NSNA members from around the country.

On April 13th, SNA members will volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank's warehouse, sorting and packing food to contribute to Second Harvest's mission to fight hunger in south Louisiana. On April 15th, SNA will hold another blood drive. This blood drive takes place more than eight weeks after

the first one so that donors will be able to give twice this semester. On April 20th, SNA will again work with Habitat for Humanity for a day spent building affordable homes. On April 27th, SNA will volunteer at the Green Project, where members will help with the deconstruction of the lumber yard, paint recycling, and unloading materials donated to the warehouse. The Green Project is an organization that recycles building supplies that would otherwise go into landfills. During the month of April, SNA will collect donations for Raintree, an organization that provides housing and care for girls aged 12-17 who are abused or neglected. Their wish list includes

art and school supplies, towels, combs, brushes, socks, and after school snacks.

School will be out, but SNA will continue to be active in the community! On May 18th, SNA will volunteer at Great Strides, a walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Volunteers will help serve food after the walk and help out at the kids' corner. SNA hopes to add more events to the summer schedule to be able to keep connecting with our community!

Visit our website for a list of upcoming events: http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/StudentInformation/ Activities/StudentNursesAssociation.html



Dr. Marsha Bennett Represents the SON in Thailand

In November 2012, Dr. Marsha Bennett traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to attend the Joanna Briggs Institute's 8th Biennial Colloquium, *Channeling the Rivers of Knowledge to Improve Global Policy and Practice.* Dr. Bennett was one of 650 attendees, and represented the Louisiana Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing at LSUHSC-NO School of Nursing: An Affiliate Centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute. The Louisiana Centre is one of nine centers in the Americas, with two in Canada, one in Brazil, and six in the US. Globally, there are 72 JBI centres.

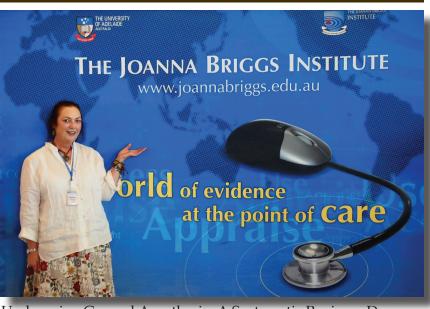
The Louisiana Centre currently has 15 certified systematic reviewers working on review projects, and four Doctor of Nursing Practice students working on systematic reviews. Projects include:

- Alveolar Recruitment Maneuvers on Prevention of Pulmonary Atelectasis in Patients Undergoing General Anesthesia: A Systematic Review - Drs. Deborah Garbee & Laura Bonanno with DNP student Jennifer Martin
- The Effects of Fatigue Amongst Nurse Anesthetists on Patient Outcomes Drs. Laura Bonanno & Susan Orlando with DNP student Juanita Derouen
- A Systematic Review of the Effect of a Support Group for Minority Nursing Students on Graduation Rates -Leanne H. Fowler & Dr. Stephanie Pierce
- The Effectiveness of Bed Position Versus Chair Position on Reliability and Validity of Cardiac Index in Patients with a Pulmonary Artery Catheter: A Systematic Review Todd Tartavoulle & Jennifer Manning
- The Experience of Parents Having a Newborn Diagnosed with a Congenital Anomaly at Birth: A Systematic Review Drs. Laura Bonanno & Marsha Bennett with DNP student Andrew Pitt
- Nurses' Experiences of Responding to a Health Care Disaster or Adventitious Crises: A Systematic Review of Qualitative Research Drs. Denise Danna & Marsha Bennett

The JBI partnership with the School of Nursing provides an evidence-based practice framework for faculty

and students, and enhances scholarship and research activities.





STTI Epsilon Nu Chapter Updates

Dr. Connie S. Logan Research Day



Transformational Change: Embracing Nursing's Future with Unity

April 26, 2013
Southeastern Louisiana University
School of Nursing
4849 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Co-provided by Rho Zeta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society
and



Visit Rho Zeta Chapter's website for brochure and registration forms

Epsilon Nu's 2013 Induction Ceremony will be held at Chateau Country Club in Kenner on Saturday, April 13th from 10am to 12pm.

94 students will be inducted!

Congratulations ...

Dr. Laura Bonanno has beeen appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve a four year term as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.



Mr. Marco Sosa has been announced as the new IT Project Coordinator at the School of Nursing



Dr. Demetrius Porche has been appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve a four year term as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. Dr. Porche will continue to serve as President of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.



Welcome to Our New Faculty Members



Toussaint Battley, MSN, FNP Instructor



Adele Hayes, MSN, RN Instructor



Eric Martin, MSN, MPH Instructor

Congratulations to Our Graduates

December 2012

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Cherie Montero Albro Elizabeth Anne Anderson Loren Paige Angerdina Paige Helen Barnett Arthur John Barrois, Jr. Melynda Jean Berlier Irene Barry Bower Gina Marie Badon Brown Kellye Joan Bulloch Brandy Lynn Burch Tanya Regina Busch Rebecca Jacqueline Cary Jacqueline Hamilton Clark Megan Elizabeth Cockfield Catherine Elaine Cole Ashley Nicole Couvillion Helen Cordelia Cox Amber Thrash Creel Lauren Kayle Damico Elizabeth Susan Darré Kristin Ashley Dornan Nijah Juliana Dorvilier Elliott Denton Doucet Kristin Elizabeth Earhart Ailenne Lizet Espinosa Lauren Elizabeth Freitag Katherine Anne Gage Karthyn Brooke Garner Jessica Elaine Gile Courtney Plaisance Gilford Jennifer Elizabeth Gillespie Matthew Weston Griffin Kristen Elizabeth Gurtner Jennifer Marie Hanon Lolita Marie Harvey

Andrea Cecilia Huerta Lindsey Jill Johnson Jeanna Mitchell Jordan Rikki Elizabeth Judice Sarah Elizabeth Kilpatrick Darryl Paul Klumpp, Jr. Adam James Koch Karen Gaye Kraus Jessical Lee Labourdette Hélène Elizabeth Ladd Katie Elizabeth Landry Heather Reine Lanier Amanda Christine Lapeze Candace Reagan Lauve Jamie Alexandra Ledet Erica Travonya Lee Iamie Richard Macaluso Mariah Arion Magee Alisha Lewis Manuel David Wayne Manzella, Jr. Matthew Richard McDonald Brittany Leigh Melancon Donshekia Campbell Mercadel Haley Jade Miller Daina Marie Mims Sara Donia Moghis Rylee Ann Moritz Leslie Ingram Morris Dawn Phillips Moss Logan Rae Mumphrey Yvonne Uju Ntukogu David Michael Ourso Sonya Denise Papillion Lauren Elise Pharo Nicole Louise Pichon

Kaitlin Christine Pruett Kristy Lane Rascoe Kelsey Elise Richard Johanna Duron Romero April Rose Anna Elizabeth Rountree Kristen Leigh Rumney Jessica Salgado Brittany Anisse Santa Marina Leslie Anne Sanvi Carly Laurine Shrode Ashlev Frazer Sides Brenda Shields Simmons Heather Jaet Simon **Iessica Nicole Sims** Caroline Elizabeth Somme Shaina Elisse Stampley Everette Louis Talbot Rayna Nicole Tanner Jennifer Jo McDaniel Theriot Stephanie Guidry Thomas Tammy Nikita Tommaseo Thao Thi Bich Tran Trisha Elizabeth Tricon Shauntel Nicole Warner Victoria Lin Warrington Megan René Whitmer Shelly Christina Williams Sabrina Christine Willis Carolyn Ann Wintz Sara Elizabeth Witherell Etsegenet Wodajo Jack Chan Wong Elizabeth Ann Yellott Rosanne Mary Zeringue Brittany Ann Zito

Master of Nursing

Meagan Elizabeth Hingle

Geraldine Lopez Hopper

Samantha Farria Bocage Kenesha Matthews Bradley Aubranell Waits Cheatham Kristie Rose DiVincenti Christine Alphonso Ferry John Phillip Lawson LaYionn Dette Prater Margaret Lee Redmond

Callie Corkern Pitchford

Jacqueline Renee Robinson Shawnice Laney Shankle Anastasia Monique Wynn

Master of Science in Nursing

Adele Harrell Hayes

...and Our Award Winners

Kristin Elizabeth Earhart Valedictorian Magna Cum Laude

Carolyn Ann Wintz Salutatorian

Kenesha Matthews Bradley Joyce Travelbee Award

Meagan Elizabeth Cockfield Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, BSN

Gretchen Deeves, MSN, APRN, CNM Nursing Caring Award, Faculty

Christine Alphonso Ferry F.A. Davis Award for Writing Excellence

Kristen Elizabeth Gurtner Nursing Caring Award, BSN

Adele Harrell Hayes F.A. Davis Award for Writing Excellence Meagan Elizabeth Hingle

Dean's Award
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, BSN
Student Government Association Award
Student Nurses' Association Award

Candace Reagan Lauve Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

John Phillip Lawson Nursing Caring Award, MN

Logan Rae Mumphrey Faculty Recognition Award, BSN

Jacqueline Renee Robinson Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, MN

Shawnice Laney Shankle Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, MN

Elizabeth Ann Yellott Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award

Did You Know . . .

The School of Nursing will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary this fall!

Stay tuned for details on the celebration.

To make a submission to this newsletter or update your contact information, email:

> Sherri Chalona sspera@lsuhsc.edu

New Frontiers for Nurse Practitioners Under ACA

by Joy Roussel

President Obama's signature healthcare legislation, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is dramatically increasing the number of newly-insured patients to an already strained healthcare system. With a limited amount of additional physicians to fill the need, there will be exciting new opportunities for nurse practitioners to augment the traditional healthcare model with a cost effective solution for both patients and providers.

The Louisiana-based Gifted Nurses, managed by P.K. Scheerle, RN and Maggie Candon, RN, have turned their eyes to modernizing the role of Nurse Practitioners under the ACA. As leaders in the area of healthcare efficiency and having had much success as advocates for nurses in both private duty and staffing, Scheerle and Candon are turning their focus toward advanced practice clinicians as a natural progression of their tried and true business model.

As healthcare reform unfolds, nurse practitioners are poised to meet the challenges of emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention and effectively managing chronic disease. Approximately 80% of nurse practitioners provide primary care services by delivering the highest quality, cost-effective treatments to the population. This also means more creative job opportunities for nurse practitioners and physician associates alike. Already, an increase in development of nurse practitioner recruitment and incentive programs addressing the shortage of primary care providers is occurring due to the act. Hopefully, less over-usage of emergency departments and more responsible use of primary care providers and clinics will result.

These new roles will require changes to the existing healthcare hierarchy between physicians and nurse practitioners, as well as changes to licensing, training and billing policies. "The goal," said Scheerle, "is to have nurse practitioners gain more autonomy and independence without sacrificing any issues regarding patient safety and supervision. Gifted Nurses is studying what is going on in other states to apply best practices to Louisiana and the Gulf Coast."

As the nation's earliest and most aggressive adopter of the healthcare overhaul, Sec. Diana Dooley of the California Health and Human Services Agency is facing more pressure than many states. In a recent interview, Sec. Diana Dooley explained that expanding some professionals' roles was among the options policymakers should explore to help meet the expected demand. At a meeting of healthcare advocates in December, she offered a more blunt assessment. "We're going to have to provide care at lower levels," Sec. Dooley said and "I think a lot of people are trained to do work that our licenses don't allow them to."

Both Scheerle and Candon agree that the business model is still very much in flux right now. For Louisiana, we need to work with our leaders in both the Legislature and in healthcare management to strike a balance between increasing access and reducing costs while improving patient care. This will require a certain amount of experimentation initially as roles are redefined and tested. However, these new models of service will need to be adopted quickly across the state to meet the needs of the growing and aging patient population.

Gifted Nurses opened a new division for advanced practice clinicians in January 2012 dedicated to promoting nurse practitioners. Services will include the placement of advanced practice clinicians in traditional settings such as hospitals, clinics, physician offices and non-traditional settings such as corporations and companies investing in employee wellness programs.

To learn more about these emerging opportunities, contact Joy Roussel at roussel@giftednurses.com or 504.831.2123.

Sources:

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http://articles.latimes.com/2013/feb/09/local/lame-doctors-20130210

New Student Organization to Promote Diversity and Understanding

Daniel Puneky (SOM Class of 2015)

The LGBT+Ally Organization for Cultural Understanding in the Health Sciences (LOCUS) is a student organization aimed at advancing awareness and understanding of and for the LGBT community at LSUHSC and in New Orleans. Our goal is to serve at LSU by educating future healthcare professionals of the specific concerns of LGBT individuals and to serve the community through multiple outreach programs with local organizations. Finally, and perhaps more importantly, we strive to foster an environment that supports LGBT individuals at LSUHSC, with strict confidence, and provides them with a safe place in which to grow as healthcare professionals. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Daniel Puneky (dpunek@lsuhsc.edu) or primary facuty advisor Andrew Hollenbach, Ph.D. (aholle@lsuhsc.edu).

Did You Know . . .

The LSUHSC School of Nursing has received the prestigious Louisiana State Nurses' Association (LSNA) Nightingale Nursing School of the Year Award for the category of "Entry into Practice Program." The award is on display on the 4th floor in the Dean's area.



C3DC Program Update

The grant team for the Cornerstone of Cultural Competency in the Disaster Cycle (C3DC) Program continues to be very busy. During the first year of the program, over 1,200 module participants viewed the twelve modules that include Basics in Disaster Management, Disaster Nursing Competencies, Legal and Ethical Issues, Older Adults/Seniors, Obstetrics-Delivery/Perinatal-Neonatal, Pediatrics, Homeless, Individuals with Disabilities, Medically Needy/Terminally Ill, Rural, Mental Illness, and Limited English Proficiency. Participants included undergraduate and graduate students, Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Faculty. The overview program was presented to local, regional, state, national, and international audiences.

The purpose of the C3DC Program is twofold:

- To increase knowledge, understanding and judgment in order to minimize health hazards by continuing education for nurses and nursing students.
- To address issues and provides strategies in caring for vulnerable populations during the disaster cycle.

In addition to the modules and live presentations of the overview of the program, there are two case study discussions each month held in Second Life. The case studies are facilitated by the grant faculty who present the individual module content. Please consider joining us in Second Life. for these stimulating discussions.

For more information on the schedule and Second Life©, investigate the program website at http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/c3dc/index.html.

Grant team members are Dr. Denise Danna, Project Director, Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Project Coordinator, Ms. Rose Schaubhut, Dr. Marsha Bennett, Ms. Kim Cheremie, Ms. Carly Gravois, Mr. Richard Smith, and Mr. Geremie Loupe. For more information on the program, contact Dr. Stephanie Pierce at spierc@lsuhsc.edu.

Hepatitis B Vaccination Program

The School of Nursing will soon begin providing hepatitis B vaccinations to all high risk faculty and staff for the LSU Health Sciences Center. Hepatitis B is a severe infection that affects the liver. It is caused by the hepatitis B virus.

In 2009, approximately 38,000 people became infected with hepatitis B. Each year, about 2,000 to 4,000 people die in the United States from cirrhosis or liver cancer caused by hepatitis B. The hepatitis B vaccine can prevent hepatitis B and the serious consequences of hepatitis B infection, including liver cancer and cirrhosis. High risk individuals include those people with jobs that expose them to human blood or other body fluids.

Each school within the Health Sciences Center has identified points of contact for the facilitation of this initiative. The point of contact for each school will be contacting their high risk personnel for a scheduled date to be immunized according to the 2012 CDC guidelines. All vaccinations will be given at the School of Nursing on the 5th floor in the IV lab.

The initiative includes initial vaccinations of approximately 600 employees for the series of 3 injections as well as the ongoing vaccinations of new employees. The immunizations will be administered by registered nurses on faculty at the School of Nursing and/or nursing students under the direct supervision of nursing faculty. Students will continue to receive vaccinations from Student Health or private physicians.

If any faculty or staff member has questions or concerns concerning the hepatitis B vaccinations, please contact Dr. Stephanie Pierce at spierc@lsuhsc.edu.

Annua

SGA Crawfish Boil Saturday March 23, 2013 12pm-4pm

Location: LSUHSC School of Dentistry 1100 Florida Avenue New Orleans, La 70119

*NOTE: This is the address to the dental school. The crawfish boil will be held on the intramural fields in front of the dental school.

Tickets are \$20/person and include all-you-can eat and drink
FRIENDS and FAMILY are welcome!
Purchase tickets from your SGA Representative
DEADLINE for buying tickets is Tuesday March 19, 2013

Non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Must be 21 to drink.

Come enjoy some great food, good music, and wonderful company!

Approved by Cathy Lopez

Other events include kickball, volleyball, relay races, and other contest.

Nominations for Faculty Awards are Open

Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year, the schools within the LSU Health Sciences Center recognize an outstanding teacher with the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award presented at the May graduation ceremony. The Dean's appointed committee for the Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award is now accepting nominations for this most prestigious faculty award.

We are asking students and faculty to use this opportunity to recognize an outstanding faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching by submitting a nomination. The nomination form lists the criteria for the award. We have simplified the process this year with an online nomination form:



Dr. Allen A. Copping

https://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/FTPSite/secure/coppingaward/coppingawardform.cfm

Please complete a nomination form and submit it by Wednesday, March 27th at noon. We look forward to honoring one of the many outstanding faculty members from the School of Nursing at commencement on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

LSUHSC School of Nursing DAISY Faculty Award

Nominations are now open for the annual DAISY Faculty Awards. The DAISY Faculty Awards are presented annually during the School of Nursing's Nursing Week celebration. Show your appreciation for the commitment and inspirational influence faculty members have on their students and colleagues.

The criteria for the LSUHSC School of Nursing DAISY Faculty Awards are:

- Exhibits inspirational compassionate care to faculty and students
- Promotes the advancement of the art and science of nursing
- Exhibits a personal and professional commitment to LSUHSC School of Nursing
- Demonstrates leadership
- Mentors colleagues and students
- Exhibits School of Nursing Core Values

Students and faculty are invited to submit nominations by accessing the online form below. Please submit your nomination by Wednesday, April 10th. The award celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 8th.

http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/Special/DaisyAward.html



Upcoming CNE Programs

Caring for the Septic Patient (3.25 credit hours)

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Hammond, LA

Neutropenia and the Patient Receiving Chemo Friday, April 19, 2013 Slidell, LA

(3.25 credit hours)

Preparing for the Certified Nurse Education Friday, May 10, 2013 New Orleans, LA

Examination (6.0 credit hours)

Stroke Core Measures: Vital Nursing Care for Patients Friday, May 24, 2013 Hammond, LA

with Acute Stroke (3.25 credit hours)

CCRN Adult Review Course 3 Tuesdays beginning May 28, 2013 New Orleans, LA

(7.0-21.0 credit hours)

Managing Respiratory Complications (3.25 credit hours) Friday, May 31, 2013 Slidell, LA

For more information, visit our website at:

http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/ContinuingEducation/ContinuingEducation.html

The Continuing Nursing Education Program at LSUHSC School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of continuing education in nursing through the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Faculty Scholarship, Service & Accomplishments

Accomplishments

Laura Bonanno has beeen appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve a four year term as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Jean Cefalu's abstract entitled "Refining the Incontinence Associated Dermatitis and its Severith Instrument to Include Darktoned Skin (IADS-D) and Validity Testing by WOC Nurses" has been accepted as an oral presentation at the WOCN 45th Annual Conference to be held in June of 2013.

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Marco Sosa has been named as the new IT Project Coordinator for the School of Nursing.

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Presentations

Carter, C. (February, 2013). *The future nursing institute: Closing the gaps in the under-represented minorities.* Poster discussion session at the SNRS 27th Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Porche, D. J. (February, 2013). *Writing for publication*. Pre-conference workshop presented at the SNRS 27th Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Porche, D. J. (February, 2013). *Transforming research into policy*. Presented at the SNRS 27th Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.