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Bachelor of Science in Nursing Collaborative Partner Newsletter

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Update of Year One Curriculum Revisions

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program started the first cohort of 72 students in year one of the revised curriculum this past Fall 2007. The focus is on holistic health and wellness across the lifespan with health assessments in the second semester. The semester flowed very well with creative experiences for the students. For example, students volunteered at the BC Senior Games, and had a great opportunity to appreciate healthy older adults living actively.

As the students enter semester two in January 2008, they will be working with healthy individuals in community settings. The students will be introduced to the complexities of nursing work through observing and interacting with nurses in various areas of practice. In addition, students will work in a variety of settings with healthy people to

further develop their understanding of assessment skills. There are three focused areas for student placements in the second semester: resource family, observing nurses' work, and a community agency experience. The purpose of the resource family is to provide the learner with an experiential introduction to the concept of family. Observing nurses' work provides students with an opportunity to gain a beginning understanding of the diversity of nurses' work. The focus of the community agency experience is for students to work in collaboration with practice partners to engage in health promotional activity projects. The emphasis of the practice placement in second semester is placed on health assessment and coming to know how clients understand and promote their health, and the role of the nurse in partnering with the client.

Curriculum Revision Planning

BSN faculty are moving forward with course development for semesters 3 and 4 of the revised curriculum, which will be implemented in September 2008 and January 2009. During these semesters students will be caring for individuals and families across the lifespan who are experiencing chronic and episodic health challenges. The overall curriculum philosophy of health promotion will be threaded throughout all semesters. We will keep you, our practice partners, posted with our plans for clinical placements.

Convocation

In December 2007, 28 BSN students graduated from the program. Upon graduation they were all successfully employed! There will be another group of 29 students convocating in June 2008.

Student Selection Process

In the spring of 2006, the BSN program began a new student selection process in which applications were accompanied by a personal profile. Within the personal profile, applicants are asked to describe their reasons for wanting to become a nurse and provide information about life experiences relevant to nursing. The admission process includes assessing the student grade point average (GPA) which carries a weight of 60%, and the admission letter

with a weighted value of 40%. This process successfully eliminated the program entrance wait list; we trust this process will also facilitate appropriate student selection. The first cohort of students entering into the BSN program through this admission process are now in semester 4 of year two.

Staying in Touch

We appreciate your flexibility and commitment to our students and your future nurses! Please feel free to contact us to share your thoughts.

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