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Lorraine Retires due to Upgrades to Nursing Labs
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During the summer of 2013, $25,000 was made available for improvements to the nursing skills labs. We now have 3 nice lab spaces for health assessment and clinical skills performance.

As nurses tend to like things neat and organized, here is a list of improvements and purchases:

- A new lab space developed in Pedersen Nursing Building 8 with updates to Heritage 21
  - 8 new Hill Rom hospital beds
  - 8 Suction setups
  - 8 Oxygen manometers
  - 1 new adult mannequin
  - 1 new infant mannequin
  - Cardiac and lung mannequin attachment (to help teach heart and lung sounds)
  - Medication practice and testing supplies
  - 6 new rolling exam stools
  - 1 new bedside adjustable light (gooseneck but much cooler)
  - Mobility aids- wheelchair, walker, crutches
  - White boards above each hospital bed
  - Metal shelving for mannequin and other storage
  - Crib- donated by East Tennessee Children’s Hospital
  - Bassinette

Maintenance staff, under the direction of Ondes Webster, has worked tirelessly to implement all of these improvements. The cost of the structural renovations- lighting, painting, new cabinets, and WORKING SUCTION in PNB 8, was over and above the 25K. So if you have not come back to campus for a while, please stop by and let us show you the new labs. You won’t find Lorraine, but we think it is pretty nice.

Note from the Chair
Dr. Angela F. Wood, Chair, Department of Nursing

The Department of Nursing has experienced a busy and productive year. Activities for fall included a great Homecoming Celebration with a record number of attendees, the grand opening of our new skills laboratory, and completion of a successful reaccreditation visit.

Plans for the future include the development and implementation of a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. We are currently searching for someone to lead in that program and hope to have the person selected and in place by the beginning of Fall, 2014.

Coming in the fall of 2014 is the roll-out of our new RN to BSN, on-line program. This program is being coordinated by Ms. Sue McBee. If you have friends or co-workers who might be interested in this program, have them contact Sue at (865) 471-3501.

The Department of Nursing values the input of our alums and community friends. We are currently in the process of revitalizing our Community Advisory Council. If you are interested in being involved with the Nursing Department by being a part of this group, contact me at (865) 471-3442. I look forward to hearing from you.
RN-BSN Online Program
Ms. Sue McBee, Associate Professor of Nursing, Carson-Newman

The Department of Nursing has just completed program development for a new Online RN to BSN Nursing Program scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014. The trends in the health care arena are changing. The Institute of Medicine has recommended an increase in the proportion of nurses with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN) to 80% by 2020. Local hospitals are in the process of achieving Magnate Status which requires more BSNs in the work place. Additionally, many nursing leaders are reaching retirement age and are planning to leave the work force in the near future. The need for baccalaureate prepared nurses has never been greater. Many colleges and universities have or are in the process of providing online programs for associate degree nurses to attain the BSN degree. The Carson-Newman University RN-BSN Online program is not designed to be just another RN-BSN online program. The goals for the program include:

1. preparation for nursing leaders
2. moral and ethical character development
3. preparation for graduate level education in nursing
4. achievement of in-depth knowledge and skill level at the BSN level
5. enhancement of knowledge and skills related to health care informatics

The Carson-Newman and Department of Nursing standard is embedded in every aspect of this new program. The Department of Nursing is serious about the C-N mission of helping our students “reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant leaders by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community,” and that will include the RN-BSN online students as well. As our previous and current BSN graduates have had a tremendous positive impact on the health care of the community, we will expect no less from those who are participants in the RN-BSN online program as well.

We are asking for our colleagues, alumni and current students to help us get the word out regarding this new nursing program. If you know an RN with an associate degree in nursing who is interested in achieving the aforementioned goals as they move forward in a career in nursing, please have them contact us at 865-471-3425 to schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor or apply online at www.cn.edu.

Coming Fall 2014 RN-BSN Online

Sigma Theta Tau International, Rho Mu-at-Large Chapter
Dr. Gregory Casalenuovo, Associate Professor of Nursing, Carson-Newman

Sigma Theta Tau International is the international honor society for professional nursing. The mission of Sigma Theta Tau International is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service while the vision is to be the global organization of choice for nursing. The Rho M-at-Large Chapter is hosted by Carson-Newman University and Tennessee Wesleyan College and membership includes both students and practicing nurses. Student membership is by invitation for both undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 and be in the top 35% of their class, while graduate students must have completed at least 12 hours of study with a overall GPA of 3.5. Additionally, practicing nurses can be inducted into the society with a recommendation of a current member. Currently induction into the honor society takes place in November of each academic year.

If you would like to nominate a practicing nurse for membership or you are interested in membership, send an email to Dr. Gregory Casalenuovo at gcasalenuovo@cn.edu. If you are interested in getting more information, the website is www.nursingsociety.org or you can contact Dr. Alice McCurry or Dr. Gregory Casalenuovo at (865) 471-3425.
Nursing Students Get Acquainted with Past C-N Leader Dr. Roy Dobyn's

Ms. Elizabeth Witkop, C-N Nursing Student

Carson-Newman University is rich in tradition and purpose. Its students and alumni have gone on to create beauty, heal souls, and touch the world through the experiences and education they gained during their time here. The nurturing Christian spirit that emanates from Carson-Newman’s faculty inspires students to achieve excellence and find their life’s work. One shining example of the spirit of Carson-Newman is Dr. Roy Dobyns. Dr. Dobyns is a former Vice President, Academic Dean of the University and named Distinguished Alumnus for 1994-1995 for his many contributions to higher learning. He was also instrumental in beginning the University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Dr. Dobyn’s passed on November 12, 2013 at the age of 85 peacefully at the Jefferson County Nursing Home in Dandridge, TN. His gifts and inspiration live on through the students and he continues to create Christian leaders with each class.

As a finale to last spring’s semester, the class of May 2015 nursing students held a luau for the residents at the Jefferson County Nursing Home. The students transformed the dining room and courtyard into a beach party with age appropriate music, a hula contest, twist contest, and the hokey pokey! The C-N Eagle Mascot, Talon also made an appearance to dance with residents and pose for pictures. A fishing pond, corn hole, and coconut bowling kept the residents active and winning prizes. A group of students provided manicures and makeup applications for residents on their way to the keepsake photo booth complete with a tropical background, beach balls, and hula skirts. All of the events were enjoyed, but corn hole, fishing, manicures and the photo booth were very busy! The party provided a fun atmosphere for the students and residents to interact. Director of Nursing at the nursing home, Samantha Warren said, “We have seen residents smile and laugh — residents we have never even seen smile or laugh before.” The students and faculty donated money and prizes, brought a cake, and meticulously considered all of the medical factors affecting the elderly population. The purpose of this event was to give back to the staff and residents for opening their homes and lives to allow the students to learn. They wanted to provide the residents a memorable experience, spark old memories, and create keepsakes to enjoy long after it was over. Lives were visibly touched that day, especially within the hearts of the nursing students.

Dr. Dobyns attended the party, had cake, and a big smile. The students and instructors took time, individually to speak with him, shake his hand, and personally thank him for his service and providing the wonderful opportunities they enjoy with Carson-Newman. He was also formally honored and presented with an inaugural Carson-Newman University hat, shirt, and mug and then posed for a group picture smiling proudly, wearing his Carson-Newman University gear. Dr. Dobyns will be missed, but the legacy and spirit he leaves with the Carson-Newman community lives on through the soul and competent hands of its students now and to come. The mission of Carson-Newman University and its students glowed that day through the eyes of everyone in attendance; it was truly a beautiful event.
Fall, 2013 brought three new faculty to the nursing department at C-N.

Roberta (Bobbi) Jones comes to C-N from a teaching position at TN Wesleyan College where she was an instructor in health assessment and fundamentals. She has experience in international nursing including experience in Sudan, China and India. Ms. Jones holds a BSN from the University of Michigan and a MSN from Carson-Newman. She is currently teaching Health Pattern Alteration in Adults.

Mary LePage joined the faculty in a full-time role this year after several years as a part-time clinical instructor. A certified Advanced Practice Clinical Specialist in Psychiatric Nursing, Ms. LePage has extensive experience in counseling. Ms. LePage holds the BSN from Barry College and the MSN from the University of Oklahoma. She is currently teaching Mental Health Nursing.

Kathy Wilkinson joins us with 24 years of teaching experience. Her last position was as an Associate Professor at King College. Ms. Wilkinson holds both the BSN and MSN from Radford College. Ms. Wilkinson is currently teaching Introduction to Altered Health States and clinical supervision for students in Altered Health Patterns.

We welcome these three new faculty members and look forward to how God will use them here at C-N.

Director of Doctoral Studies in Nursing
Carson-Newman University invites applicants for Director of Doctoral Studies in Nursing. Candidates for this position will lead in the development and implementation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. This full time, 10-month, tenure track position begins August 2014.

Candidates for the position must have an earned Doctorate in Nursing, DNP preferred, Certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and Academic teaching experience. The rank and salary will be commensurate with educational preparation and experience. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Carson-Newman employs faculty who are actively supportive of its aim as a rigorous academic institution with a Christian commitment.

To be considered, please send a letter of interest, references, and current vitae to:

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