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Creating Our Future

Message from DNP Coordinator, Donna Gauthier, RN, PhD

Current healthcare delivery encompasses greater organizational complexity, more responsibility, and more autonomous roles for the APRN. The graduate nursing faculty and administration feel the DNP continues to be the right step toward meeting these changes and challenges and improving care for Louisiana residents.

Many of us are aware that in 2004, members of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) endorsed a position statement identifying the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree as the preferred degree for advanced-practice registered nurses (APRNs) to enter practice. Since that position statement was published, nursing schools around the country have made significant progress toward developing DNP programs. In addition to the 243 DNP programs now enrolling students nationwide, more than

70 practice doctorates are also under development at U.S. nursing schools.

UL Lafayette's Department of Nursing accepted its first cohort of DNP students in the Post-Master's to DNP program in the fall of 2012. There are currently 18 students matriculating in the program. Thirteen students are currently in NURS 821, Residency I, planning the details of the synthesis project. Graduate nursing faculty advisors and committee members are working diligently with the DNP students to develop, implement and evaluate their evidence-based synthesis projects.

We are very excited to announce the availability of an accelerated pathway to the doctoral degree, the BSN to DNP. We will accept the first cohort of BSN graduates in the 2015 fall semester. Our BSN to DNP degree plan maintains the MSN degree as part of the

curriculum and students can exit the program after the MSN/FNP degree requirements are met. The accelerated BSN to DNP degree plan provides the opportunity for BSN graduates to complete a DNP degree in 3 years.

Look for the BSN to DNP program information coming to our website soon!

Interested nurses may contact me at dnp@louisiana.edu.

Resources:

This report can be found on the AACN site: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/dnp-home>

Auerbach, D.I., Martsof, G., Pearson, M.L., Taylor, E.A., Zaydman, M., Muchow, A., Spetz, J. & Dower, C. (2014). Report: The DNP by 2015. Santa Monica: CA: RAND Corp.



The faculty of NUR 403 and NUR 405 were recent recipients of the "Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor" research award. Faculty honored were Joseann DeWitt, Dr. Jennifer Lemoine, Laura Martien, Rachel Myers, and Susan Shelton. The award acknowledges the faculty's efforts to enrich the education of the students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Congratulations to the NUR 403 and NUR 405 faculty!

Embracing the Educator Role

Three new faculty members joined our team this semester. Anita Crutchfield, a FNP has 20 years of experience in women's health care. She joined the FNP faculty and N403 team as a clinical instructor. Celia Olson is a full time faculty member in the RN to BSN online nursing program. With over 30 years' experience in many nursing areas, Celia has been a Teaching Assistant in the RN to BSN program for the past 2 years. Marla Dyson, BSN teaches N208 clinical.



Congratulations to

Dr. Jennifer Lemoine

for being recognized as the "Rising Star" recently at the Research Awards ceremony.

Thank you for all of your efforts to promote research and scholarship!



A Fine Balance: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service

Lisa Delhomme, MHA, RHIA is a Senior Instructor in the Health Information Management (HIM) program and she teaches several online courses in the Health Services Administration (HSA) program. They include data and project management systems in healthcare, current procedural terminology (CPT), and emergency and disaster management in healthcare. She is a certified online teacher and course designer, and serves as chair of the University's Moodle User Group (MUG).

Lisa is passionate about Health Information Management and is the current President of the Louisiana Health Information Management Association (LHIMA). And, she represents Louisiana in the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) House of Delegates. On campus, she serves on the Religious Activities, Faculty Development Advisory Council, and Student Evaluation of Instruction university committees.

Lisa's scholarship includes a variety of presentations and publications; she has presented nationally on technology in teaching, and boosting a program's pass rate on the national certification exam. In 2015, she presented to the Governor's Mental Health Advocacy Service on HIPAA Release of Information and Authorization Requirements. Her publications include Delmar Cengage's Professional Review Guide for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) and Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) Examinations. Lisa believes that, "HIM, an evolving field is essential to the delivery of quality healthcare. I am lucky to be given the opportunity to affect the lives of students, the HIM profession, and to educate and empower patients to take a more active role in their healthcare through management of personal health information."



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Congratulations to **Dr. Rachel Fournet** on being selected for the Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award by the Louisiana Dietetic Association!

Congratulations to **Dr. Kevin Besse** on his appointment to Semester Coordinator First Semester Junior Level!

Congratulations to **Joseann DeWitt, RN, MSN** on being selected by the American Nurses Association to serve on the National Workplace Violence Advisory Council!

Congratulations to **Patrick Reed** for successfully defending his DNP project! Patrick will graduate from Loyola University in May!

Congratulations to **Dr. Jennifer Lemoine** and **Dr. Catherine Belden** on being selected as honorees for 2015 Acadiana Celebrates Nursing.

5k Race Information for UL Lafayette Dietetic Program:
<http://calendar.louisiana.edu/news-events/events/20150304/student-dietetic-association-sda-5k-fun-run>

Lifelong Learning

Dr. Lisa Broussard and **Dr. Helen Hurst** - Broussard, L. & Hurst, H. (2015). Plagiarism prevention and detection: An Emerging challenge. *Nurse Educator*, 40(4).

Dr. Jennifer Lemoine - Lemoine, J. and Smith R.R. (2015). Got Milk? Effects of early enteral feedings in patients with gastroschisis. *Advances in Neonatal Care* (in press); Lemoine, J., Chauvin, S.W., Broussard, L., and Oberleitner, M.G., (2015). Statewide inter-professional faculty development in simulation-based education for health professions. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, 11, 153-162; Lemoine, J. (2015). My baby cries all night! *Healthy Mom and Baby*, 16, 57. Dr. Lemoine also had multiple poster and podium presentations during Spring 2015.

Dr. Catherine Belden - Hoffa, G.W., Mathieson, K., Belden, C.V., and Rockstroh, S. L. (2014). Taft-Hartley Health Funds face many challenges including ACA. *Benefits Magazine*, 51 (7), 48-53.

Dr. Deedra Harrington - Harrington, D., Guilbeau, J., & Lenahan, C. (2015). Treatment of Nonvalvular AF with Oral Anticoagulants. *Clinical Reviews*. Harrington, D., & Lenahan, C. (2015). A practitioner's guide: Necrotizing fasciitis. *The Nurse Practitioner*; Presentation: "Engaged Student Learning"; University of Louisiana at Lafayette (March, 2015) Deedra Harrington and Susan Randol - Triangulation of Program Data for Optimization of Student Success

Dr. Mary Neiheisel - Fellow Inductee of NAP, April 18, 2015 in Alexandria, Virginia; Neiheisel, Mary B., Chair, FAANP Forum, Spring 2015; Neiheisel, Mary B. (2015). Happy Fiftieth Anniversary Nurse Practitioners-1965-2015. FAANP Forum. AANP: Austin, TX; Neiheisel, Mary B. and Dumas, Mary Anne. (2015). Module IV: Student Guidelines. *Partners in NP Education: A Preceptor's Manual*. NONPF: Washington DC.; Neiheisel, Mary B., Chair, FAANP Forum,

Winter, 2015; Neiheisel, Mary B., Chair. 2014. Ebola Virus Disease and Related Research. FAANP Forum; Arranged with Dr. John Troutman, ULL History Professor, to discuss and display "Louisiana Women in History" exhibit at Area Zonta Meeting on March 20, 2015

Phoebe Henderson - Poster presentation at the American Psychiatric Nurses Association Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 22-25, 2014.

Kathleen Wilson and **Debra White** presented "Assessing RN-BSN Students' Knowledge and Skills Using a Capstone Project" on March 24th at the Engaged Student Learning Summit Conference. Kathleen also presented with the Political Science department at the same conference "Engagement Increases Retention for RN-BSN Students."

Collaborative Efforts

Dr. Lisa Broussard, Dr. Jennifer Lemoine and Frances Stueben are collaborating with Dr. Sheila Chauvin and her team at LSU in New Orleans on the Louisiana Statewide Simulation Faculty Development Program that will be held on the ULL Campus in Wharton Hall on Monday May 18th. Phase III of a three part program is aimed at training higher education faculty throughout the state of Louisiana on the use of simulation. The

program is sponsored by the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council of LA (SMTEC-LA), with funding awarded by the Louisiana Health Works Commission and the Louisiana Board of Regents. The program was presented in New Orleans in March, it will be presented in Shreveport in April and in Lafayette in May. Dr. Broussard and Dr. Lemoine traveled to New Orleans in March to attend the first offering.

Rachel Myers RN, MSN teamed up with the Lafayette Parish School System's Health Services nurse supervisor, Sharon Richard RN, MSN, to deliver a presentation at the School Based Health Center Alliance state conference on April 13th. They presented on the use of telehealth to increase access to healthcare for children in rural communities. Rachel has been working with the Lafayette Parish school based health system to implement a telehealth program.