

Fall Newsletter

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Greetings from the School of Nursing at CSU Fullerton!

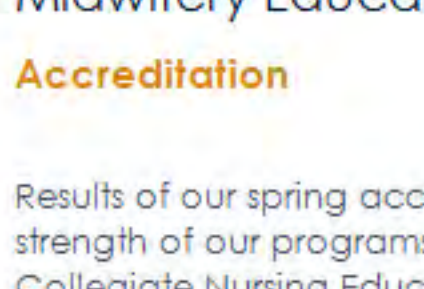
Fall brings exciting possibilities for the new academic year. Each year at this time, the energy, excitement, and potential of students and faculty returning to campus is contagious. We are delighted to share some exciting news and updates with you.

Social Media

Stay in Touch with Colleagues and Friends of the SON

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Pinterest for the most up-to-date information about the SON.

We hope to hear from you!



Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)

Accreditation

Results of our spring accreditation visits validated the strength of our programs. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted a 10-year accreditation of our baccalaureate (BS) program. The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) Board of Review granted accreditation without recommendations for 10-years for the Women's Health Care concentration in the graduate program. That both of these programs received the highest level of accreditation possible, the maximum allowed, from the nation's top nursing programs review boards is a reflection of the excellence and innovation of CSUF's programs.



TITANGale

Support the Nurses of Tomorrow



Connect with the CSUF School of Nursing as a student, alumni, supporter and friend of the SON. Pay it forward: give back to your community - time, good-will, or financially, consider commemorating the School of Nursing scholarship fund to leave a legacy by being a member of the TITANGale Society.

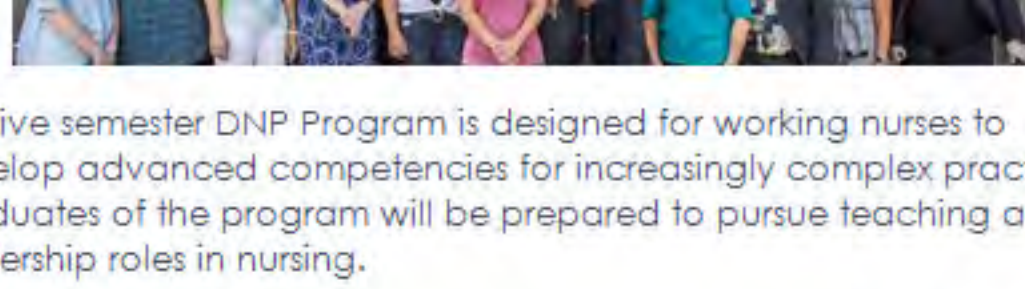


Undergraduate student Denisse Rodriguez was awarded the Stephanie Hernandez Scholarship by Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez at our Inaugural TITANGale Ceremony in September.

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Fall 2012 Cohort

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program admitted its first cohort of students in August. The first class of 32 includes Certified Nurse Anesthetists, Acute Care, Adult, Family, Pediatric and Women's Health Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists in Infection Control and in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Certified Nurse-Midwives, and a Leadership student with a background in school Nursing.



The five semester DNP Program is designed for working nurses to develop advanced competencies for increasingly complex practice. Graduates of the program will be prepared to pursue teaching and leadership roles in nursing.

CSU Fullerton is collaborating with CSU Long Beach and CSU Los Angeles to offer this program. This consortium approach gives students access to a wide range of exceptional faculty with specialization in many areas including: Anesthesiology, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Management/Administration/Leadership, Midwifery, Nurse Practitioner (Adult, Adult/Geriatric, Acute Care Adult, Acute Care Pediatric, Family, Pediatrics, and Psych/Mental Health), and Public Health Nursing.

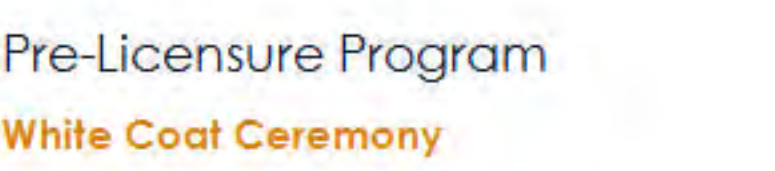
We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2013. Visit our website for more information and to download an application. Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2012:

[Please click here for more information about applying to the DNP program](#)

RN-BSN

Curriculum Changes and Community College Integrated Track

To ensure high-quality, patient-centered healthcare for all, the 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM)'s groundbreaking report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health, set a challenging agenda for nursing. We are proud of what the School of Nursing is doing to advance the IOM's recommendations for increasing the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80% and for doubling the number of nurses holding a doctoral degree. The RN to BSN curriculum has been revised to ensure that it covers core competencies needed for professional nurses to practice into the future; it can be completed with one year of full time study. This fall, the first cohort of students enrolled under the new study plan. In addition, the integrated-enrollment option was initiated with selected students from Riverside Community College, Saddleback College, Golden West College, and Santa Ana College. Students take one course from CSUF each semester during their final year in their ADN program.



Pre-Licensure Program

White Coat Ceremony

On September 14, 2012, the CSUF School of Nursing held a White Coat Ceremony for our newly admitted EL-MSN students. The ceremony acknowledges the students' transition into the study of nursing and the start of their clinical rotations. Rebecca Otten, EdD, RN, Coordinator of the Pre-Licensure programs gave the key note speech where she stressed the students' role as an advocate for the patients they will be caring for in their clinicals and the need to nurture their passion for nursing over the next two years. During the ceremony, the students were introduced and welcomed by faculty who assisted them in donning their white coats. They recited the Student Nurse Pledge as a class.

The ceremony also acknowledges the contribution and importance of spouses, parents, children, and significant others as the students' support system. Family members were given CSUF pom-poms and asked to take on the role of cheerleader for the students as they go through this educational journey that can be full of "ups and downs". Thanks to Barb Doyer, Simulation Lab Coordinator, the lab was open late to facilitate guided tours given to the families by their students.

The newly admitted EL-BSN students will have their White Coat Ceremony on February 15, 2013.



Veteran Support

SON Joins the Effort

Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing has joined 524 other nursing schools and organizations nationwide in committing to further educate nurses so they are prepared to meet the health needs of service members, veterans and their families.

The initiative, announced on April 11, 2012 by first lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, is a campaign led by the American Nurses Association, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the National League for Nursing, in coordination with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense.

The initiative's aim is to educate current and future nurses on how to recognize and care for veterans affected by post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression and other combat-related issues in ways appropriate to each nurse's practice setting...

[Please click here to read full article](#)



Dr. Greenberg Elected to Statewide Post

School of Nursing Director Serves 2-Year Term

Dr. Cindy Smith Greenberg, director of the CSUF School of Nursing, has been elected president of the California Association of Colleges of Nursing. Her two-year term began April 20.

The mission of the California Association of Colleges of Nursing, Greenberg said, "is to promote the advancement of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education." [Read full article here](#)



Faculty Recognition

Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, 2012 DAISY Award Recipient



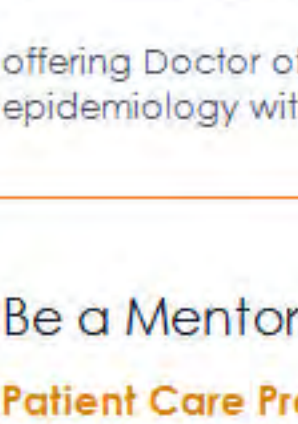
Dr. Greenberg with DAISY Award recipient, Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, and nominees, Judy Harvey, Mary Ann Kelly, Karen Ringl, Nita Slater and not pictured, Dr. Nancy Ahen.

Faculty and students have recognized Dr. Stephanie Vaughn's teaching excellence and mentoring expertise when nominating her for the award. Both students and faculty note that she is never too busy to take time and help them work through a research protocol or just talk about nursing. Her passion for nursing and love of teaching are clearly evident with every aspect of her job.

Please read the full article on the [DAISY Foundation](#) website.

Assessment and Accreditation

Introduction of Dr. Nik Gorman



Nik Gorman is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, assuming the role of Accreditation and Assessment Coordinator. He has a Doctor of Education, Educational Psychology Concentration and a Master of Public Health, Bio-statistics and Epidemiology Concentration, both from University of Southern California (USC). Dr. Gorman's background in program evaluation, research methodology, statistics, and epidemiology provide strength to the School of Nursing in program evaluation and in offering Doctor of Nursing Practice courses in research and in epidemiology with a cross-disciplinary focus.

Be a Mentor and Make a Difference

Patient Care Preceptors Needed

We are in need of around 40 Patient Care Preceptors for the Spring 2013 semester (1/26-5/24/2013).

This group of students are in their final semester as pre-licensure undergraduate students. This is a Patient Care preceptorship opportunity for graduating seniors to shadow a working nurse in any unit for 120 hours. The times and dates are flexible depending on the preceptor's schedule (Monday through Sunday, day or night).

If you or any of your colleagues may be interested in precepting a student, please let us know by November 16th by emailing us at [CSUF SON Clinical Placement](#)

Community Partners Survey 2012

As an important member of the nursing/healthcare community, together, we have the opportunity to be in partnership to meet the nursing workforce needs of Southern California. We value your input, please complete a brief (about 5 minutes) survey.

[Take the Survey here](#)

The new academic year has great potential ahead! I am fortunate to be guiding our School of Nursing during these exciting times of growth and advancement. Be a part of these efforts. We urge you to get involved with our activities and progress. It's sure to be exciting and energizing as we educate the nursing workforce of the future. Please let us know what's new with you in your journeys. [Send us updates here](#)

Warm Regards during the upcoming Holiday Season,

Cindy Greenberg, DNSc, RN, CPNP, FAAN
 Director & Professor, School of Nursing

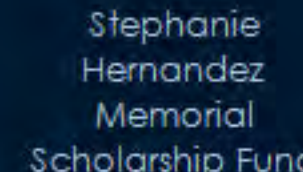
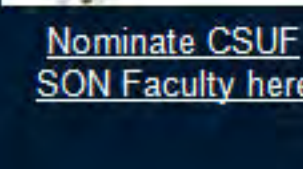
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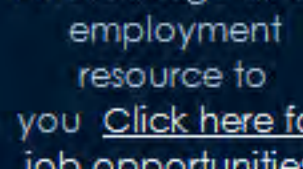


[Nominate CSUF SON Faculty here](#)

Stephanie Hernandez Memorial Scholarship Fund



[Support information](#)



CSUF SON has partnered with AfterCollege as an employment resource to you. [Click here for job opportunities](#)



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Alumni in the Spotlight

Kari Gaston (Monahan)

Kari graduated December 2011 from the RN-BSN Distance Program. Her years at Cal State Fullerton provided her with a strong educational background in nursing and prepared her for her new Nurse Educator position at Community Hospital of San Bernardino. She plans to pursue her MSN at CSUF SON starting Fall 2013.