

NURSING

University of South Carolina
BEAUFORT

Notes and News

Fall 2014

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The USCB program hosted a site visit to renew its accreditation in Fall 2013. The baccalaureate program at University of South Carolina at Beaufort is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036, (202)887-6791.

Baccalaureate Accreditation Activity
Initial Accreditation
Date: November 12, 2008

Most Recent Accreditation
Date: November 18, 2013
Accreditation Term
Expires: June 30, 2024



FIGURE 2 Matthew Novosel gets “cloaked” by Dr. Lynne Ornes at the First Annual APGF/AACN White Coat Ceremony.

RECENT NCLEX-RN RESULTS

Congratulations to the Class of 2014! They had a 96% pass rate. 24 of the 25 testers passed the NCLEX-RN on their first time.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY

USCB conducted an APGF/AACN White Coat Ceremony Friday, August 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center for the Arts on the Historic Beaufort campus. Mary K. Walker, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N., delivered the keynote address. Over the last 30 years, she has served as a faculty member, department chair, Ph.D. program director and dean at five major academic and academic health science center institutions.

A White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage that takes place in accredited schools of medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and some nursing programs throughout the U.S. and abroad. It involves the “robing” of nursing

students in the white coats that have traditionally been worn by health care professionals for more than 100 years. USCB received a grant through The Arnold P. Gold Foundation and American Association of Colleges of Nursing to fund this event. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation works with healthcare professionals to ensure that compassion, respect and empathy are at the core of all healthcare interactions. The Foundation (APGF) is a



FIGURE 1 Leigha Hagerman gets “cloaked” by Dr. Susan Williams at the First Annual APGF/AACN White Coat Ceremony.

public, not-for-profit organization, established in 1988 by Arnold Gold, MD and Sandra Gold, EdD, their colleagues at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York and philanthropists. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for baccalaureate and graduate nursing education. AACN works to establish quality standards for nursing education; assists schools in implementing those standards; influences the nursing profession to improve health care; and promotes public support for professional nursing education, research, and practice. This is a special honor for USCB since it is one of only three programs in South Carolina (and one of only 100 of 750 such programs nationwide) that received the grant.



FIGURE 3 Class of 2016 is presented at the First Annual APGF/AACN White Coat Ceremony. Paris Bloomfield; Brett Cherubini; Jessica Critelli; Talitha Darling; Andrea Gomez; Lindsay Kugler; Jalen Manor; Lorraine Soles; Amber Adkins; Brittney Bulla; Samantha Coburn; Sarah Jane Dietz; Rachel Mackey; Ava Torman; Allison VanDerLeest; JoAnne Wood; Megan Cain; Matthew J. Novosel; Darian Faile; Taylor Fogle; Erin Hanson; Kyla Reinhart; Jamie Toomer; Leigha Hagerman; Jessica Hansen; Catherine Moya; Lydia Miles; Karly Johnson; Allison Sanders – Missing from photo: Christina Trans Elliott and Serena Metayer.

CLASS OF 2014 PINNING CEREMONY

The Class of 2014 for the Department of Nursing and Health Professions held its Baccalaureate Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Center for the Arts on the Historic Beaufort Campus in Beaufort, SC.

Twenty six pre-licensure students received their pins. One student will not graduate from the university until August. Four RN to BSN students also graduated in May.

Departmental Awards were announced: Nancy Farley received the Outstanding RN-

to-BSN student in the Department of Nursing and Health Professions. Allison Singson received the Outstanding Pre-licensure BSN student in the Department of Nursing and Health Professions. Announced earlier had been the Palmetto Gold Award recipient, Allison Pirog.

STUDENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP DAY SPOTLIGHT

Posters depicting research ranging in scope from how tourists use travel review sites to the search for genes that allow marine crabs to adapt to freshwater environments was presented during the 2014 Student Research

and Scholarship Day at the University of South Carolina Beaufort on April 21st.

Two of the nursing students in Department of Nursing and Health Sciences received recognition for their posters in the 6th Annual Research and Scholarship Day. First Place in the Issue Based/Descriptive Category was Jonathan Moonen with his poster on "Preventing Ventilator-associated Pneumonia with Oral Care: An Evidence-based Practice Proposal". His mentor was Dr. Ornes. Jonathan is in the pre-licensure BSN program.



Third Place in the Innovation/Application Category was Nancy Farley with her poster on "Clinical Alarm Management." Her mentor was Dr. Dugger. Nancy is an RN-to-BSN student.

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*Officers for the
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