NCLEX-RN Report
Statistics for the Year 2014

National Pass Rate 81.7%
SC Pass Rate 87.0%
USCB Pass Rate 96.1%

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JUNIOR NURSING STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HEART HEALTH DAY

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. 1 in 3 women die of heart disease and stroke each year.

February 6, 2015, has been designated to celebrate National Wear Red Day and motivate women to participate in this nationwide heart health movement. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHIS), HHIS Office on Women's Health, and many other groups celebrate the day each year to raise awareness that heart disease is the #1 killer of men and women and is largely preventable.

This year, on Friday, February 6, 2015, the junior class (Cohort 2016) and Health Promotion club participated in National Wear Red Day with Heart Health Day. As part of their event, the students helped raise awareness by assessing the blood pressure and body mass index of students, faculty and visitors. They created and distributed handouts on heart health across the campus.

NURSING FACULTY MEMBER GETS GRANT

Dr. Mary Ann Jarmulowicz, Assistant Professor of Nursing, was part of a team of USCB faculty to receive the RISE grant from the USC Office of Research. Other members of the team include Dr. Kim Cavanaugh from Anthropology and Dr. Najmah Thomas of Human Services. The Office of the Vice President for Research in the USC system has created this program to assist faculty of the senior campuses to enhance their research and scholarship activities, as well as to provide an opportunity for them to explore new areas of research/scholarship. The name of the grant is entitled Culture of Care in the Lowcountry: Reflecting on the Past to Understand the Present and Shape the Future Nursing Workforce and the team was awarded $2,998.00 for this project.
USCB conducted its second APGF/AACN White Coat Ceremony on Friday, March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Center for the Arts on the Historic Beaufort campus.

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. This traditional is usually held before the students enter into the clinical portion of their schooling and before they have had contact with patients.

Karen Carroll, DNP, RN, NEA-BC delivered the keynote address. Dr. Carroll is the Vice-President for Patient Care Services at Beaufort Memorial Hospital. She also serves on the advisory board for the USCB nursing program. Dr. Alvarez, MD read the students’ names as Dr. Ornes, RN and Dr. Williams, RN assisted the students into their white coats.

This event is promoted through the Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The APGF works with healthcare professionals to ensure that compassion, respect and empathy are at the core of all healthcare interactions. 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.
USCB BECOMES A TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

As of January 1, 2015, USCB joins other colleges and universities in being tobacco free. What does this mean? To be 100% tobacco-free is where the use of all tobacco products is prohibited at any time by anyone. This includes cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, hookah pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any other non-combustible tobacco product. This policy applies to all employees, faculty, students, and visitors. For more information on this new policy, go to: http://www.uscb.edu/student_life/tobacco_free_campus/faqs.html.

STUDENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP DAY SPOTLIGHT

Student Research and Scholarship Day will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015. The keynote speaker will be George Sedberry, PhD of the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries in Savannah, GA. There will be a public poster session from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Hargray Lobby. Everyone is invited.

Several nursing students will take part in the poster session on this day. Undertaking Independent Study with Dr. Goodwin are Jalen Manor and Kathy Phillips. Enrolled in Independent Study with Dr. Ornes are Darian Faile, Lindsey Kugler, and Matthew Novosel. Ten Students completing their RN to BSN Capstone will also have posters in the event.

USCB SNA NEWS

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR COMING!

The USCB Health Promotion Club, the USCB Student Nursing Association and the Department of Athletes will host the 3rd annual Health Fair on Wednesday, April 1 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Hilton Head Gateway Campus in Bluffton.

The event is open to the public.

The event’s purpose is to increase health awareness through education and prevention.

The Health Fair will host over 20 different vendors and will offer opportunities for blood donation through the Blood Alliance, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings through the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Mobile Wellness Unit and much more!

This semester, the SNA will be holding elections to elect officers of the new board.

The offices are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The faculty advisor for this professional club is Mrs. Rochelle Armola, MSN, RN, CCRN.

Current officers are:

President: Jana McClendon
Vice-President: Chesnee Fly
Secretary: Jonathan Moonen
Treasurer: Taylor Tucker

Get ENGAGED, EXPLORE, and EVOLVE
BMH DAY OF DANCE

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the senior nursing class (Cohort 2015) participated in the 3rd Annual Day of Dance at Sun City. This health fair was hosted by Beaufort Memorial Hospital. Students took 143 blood pressures. Many of the students identified high blood pressure readings and provided excellent patient teaching as well as telling the participant to return for a recheck. Katherine Ryan identified a serious dysrhythmia (bradycardia at 38 BPM) and the participant was seen immediately by a cardiologist. There was over 50% participation from the senior class!

Special thanks to Jana McClendon and Dr. Mary Ann Jarmulowicz for arranging their participation.

NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM CHANGES

In March, 2015, the nursing faculty members refined the nursing curriculum based on input from outside consultants, the nursing advisory committee, nursing faculty, and nursing students. These changes were approved by the Faculty Senate at USCB on March 26, 2015. The highlights of these changes are:

Course change (Prerequisite, Course number, Course description, and/or Credit hours)

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Program Changes

Gerontological and Rehabilitation Nursing moves to Semester VI
Transcultural Health or Med. Anthropology moves to Semester V
Professional Nursing Leadership & Management moves to Semester VII
Professional Nursing Leadership & Management Practicum is put in abeyance, or archived: removed from pattern.
Adult Health Nursing II includes clinical experiences that were previously part of Practicum. More of a capstone or practicum experience is given whereby students will care for 4-6 patients in an internship- or externship-like experience.