



**Hawai`i Pacific University
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Welcome or Welcome Back!

If you are a new student to the HPU College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS): Welcome. If you are a returning student: Welcome Back. We hope this newsletter will provide you some insider knowledge about HPU and the CNHS.

Introduction of Dr. Dale Allison as Acting Dean of the CNHS effective 01/01/12

It was announced By Dr. John Kearns, VP of Academic Affairs that Dr. Dale M. Allison, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNP, APRN-Rx, FAAN would serve as Acting Dean of the CNHS effective 01/01/2012. The previous dean, Dr. Randy Caine retired effective 12/31/2011. A national search for a successor to Dr. Randy Caine is underway, and I expect an appointment to be made early next summer.

Dr. Allison is currently Professor of Nursing and Department Chair for the Baccalaureate Nursing Program. She graduated with a BSN from Boston University, received her MSN and PhD (in Educational Leadership) from the University of Pennsylvania. Having joined HPU as an Associate Professor of Nursing in 1996, she was instrumental in developing HPU's MSN Program, which she went on to later chair. Her research has centered on Cultural Competence in the Hawaiian Community and was a Co-Director of the Transcultural Nursing Center. Most recently, she co-chaired the College's Commission on Collegiate Education (CCNE) accreditation report.

Dr. Allison is known nationally and locally. She is Chair of the Board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing and is a Fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Nursing. She served as Director of Waikiki Health Center's Ho'ola Like Outreach Program for 10 years, bringing many undergraduate and graduate students to practice health care in community settings with nurse practitioners and Traditional Hawaiian Healers.

Message from the Acting Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences: Dr. Dale Allison

Dear Students,

Welcome to Spring 2012 at HPU College of Nursing and Health Sciences. As the Acting Dean I am excited and inspired to begin the new semester with hope, vision, and fearless new beginnings. Be you a student or faculty; please dive into your courses with energy, trust, inspiration and an open mind. Be prepared to learn. It is important for faculty to learn from students as well as students to learn from faculty. Students, you will learn more if you develop relationships with fellow students and faculty. Form study groups, ask for assistance from the Faculty, and use the many opportunities that are open to you, through your books, library and internet to enhance your knowledge. This is your time to sip from the cup of knowledge. Faculty be open to hearing what students offer. They have many experiences beyond the university walls. This is a joint venture, and I challenge you to be inspired, to be inspiring, to be “excellent” (do your best) in pursuit of new knowledge to make you the most engaged health care professional that you can be.

Dr. Dale M. Allison, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNP, APRN-Rx, FAAN
Acting Dean of the CNHS
Professor of Nursing

Facts and Figures

There are about 1100 undergraduate (nursing and health sciences) and 65 graduate students within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences this semester. These numbers include all students that have chosen nursing or health science as their major and may be enrolled in nursing pre-requisites (over 300), and those actually taking nursing courses. Final numbers will be available in February once the first military campus term begins for the new academic year. We are the largest single program within the university. We are also the largest nursing program within the State of Hawaii.

Professional Decorum

As we begin a new year, it is important to remember that first impressions matter. Let us all strive to be professional in our interactions with each other. Professional behavior is expected of us all; student, staff and faculty.

We should demonstrate competence, honesty, integrity, compassion, respect for others, accountability and social responsibility. We should show tolerance for others and differing views. We should be trustworthy, maintain confidences, and contribute to a positive learning environment by being present, prepared and punctual.

IMPORTANT CHANGE effective Fall 2011:

Change in Grading Scale and Policy in the CNHS impacting all nursing courses

A grade of C- (course grade of 70-72.99) will no longer be considered a passing grade in any nursing course. A student will need a grade of 73 or higher to successfully complete any nursing course.

This also means that a final grade of C- in a nursing course will be considered a course failure effective Fall 2011.

The grading scale below represents the change effective Fall 2011 and illustrates the revision.

- Grades are determined to the hundredth's place and not rounded.

A = 100 – 93 (4.0 Grade points)

A- = 92.99 – 90 (3.7 Grade points)

B+ = 89.99 – 87 (3.3 Grade points)

B = 86.99 – 83 (3.0 Grade points)

B- = 82.99 – 80 (2.7 Grade points)

C+ = 79.99 – 77 (2.3 Grade points)

C = 76.99 – 73 (2.0 Grade points)

-----Passing Grades are above this line

C- = 72.99 – 70 (1.7 Grade points)

D+ = 69.99 – 67 (1.3 Grade points)

D = 66.99 – 60 (1.0 Grade points)

F = Below 60 (0.0 Grade points)

Note: that passing a nursing course with the minimum grade of C does not assist the student to have and maintain the required Nursing GPA of 2.75 or greater to graduate (graduation requirement).

When grades are averaged and weighted by the number of credits, a GPA in the major would require grades of B or better in most circumstances for continued success. Students are encouraged to do their best in every course and to contact their nursing advisor periodically to assess their current Nursing GPA (differs from HPU GPA listed on *my transcript*) and anticipated graduation date.

Construction Zone

This past year, the Hawaii Loa College has become an active construction zone. While we are all excited to begin the building projects on campus, please show your kokua and stay clear of the construction zones. We ask everyone's patience and tolerance with the dust and noise, as it moves us forward. Currently the construction at the Kailua end of the Academic Center is to build the infra-structure for the campus development and to replace the current air-conditioning. If you are fascinated

with construction, the safe and acceptable view point is from either of the back lanais. The current project is slated for late spring 2012 completion so SAFETY FIRST.

New Full-Time Nursing and Health Science Faculty

We have two new full time faculty joining us for Spring 2012. We look forward to posting their pictures soon outside the CNHS Office (Rm 226). Please give them a warm welcome when you pass them in the halls. There are currently 45 full time faculty within the CNHS supported by a cadre of 45 or more adjunct faculty who are clinical experts and community leaders.

1. Ms. Carol M. Bradach MSN, CNS, CLNC, CLCP RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing joins us from Chamberlain College of Nursing and the Rockford Health System where she served as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)/Educator in Oncology. Her M.N degree is in Nursing with a CNS concentration from College of St. Scholastica (MN) and she also holds a post master certificate as an Adult/Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner (NP). Her office is located in NA 3 and her email is cbradach@hpu.edu
2. Ms. Joan Parker-Dias MS, APRN, RN is joining us as an Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing. She was previously an adjunct for our program. She received her MS in Nursing from the University of Hawaii. Her area of concentration is as a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist. Her office is in Rm 233 and her email is jparkerdias@hpu.edu

Safety

We all wish for a stoplight in front of the campus but the Department of Transportation (DOT) has denied this request repeatedly because of the impact on Castle Junction. So please be careful when crossing traffic on foot, cycle, or by car. A recent study by the DOT has determined that the problem is related to excessive speed and has asked the Honolulu Police Department to increase patrols to our area to reduce the speeding so be careful. If you have a heavy foot on the accelerator pedal: you have been warned. Also a flashing crosswalk has been installed by the DOT but hand was activated in October, please activate the crosswalk when crossing the busy Kamehameha Highway. The University continues to work with Hawaii DOT to find solutions to improve our safety.

RAVE: Emergency Communications System

In the event of an emergency or impending threat, HPU students, faculty, and staff have the ability to receive critical text and e-mail messages at the contact information registered in our database. Following an emergency, the University will also provide

updated information on HPU Pipeline. As part of the HPU comprehensive emergency communications system, which complements the existing e-mail, web page, and broadcasting communication tools, HPU is equipped with another communication tool called Rave Alert.

This program allows the University to instantly send emergency information to students, faculty, and staff via text messaging. As such, Hawai`i Pacific University encourages all students to have a cellular (mobile) telephone in order to receive immediate alerts when situations arise (such as natural disasters, fires, bomb threats, or acts of violence) that might threaten the lives and safety of HPU community members.

For those with mobile devices (cellular phones, Blackberry, etc.), HPU highly recommends that students participate in the Rave Alert program.

By registering, students agree to the program's terms and conditions. There is no additional cost to HPU community members to participate in this program; their regular phone rates with their mobile service providers apply.

If you have not yet signed up for the Rave Wireless emergency communications systems, please do so by following the steps below:

1. Log on to <http://phone.hpu.edu>
2. Click on "Join Now"
3. Enter your HPU Pipeline ID & Password
4. Enter the information requested by Rave Wireless

Water Only Policy

The Academic Center policy allows water only in the halls and classrooms. This policy is enforced to improve our environment and safety.

Food can still be enjoyed in the student lounge and outside the buildings. The lanais (full or part) can be reserved for events, potlucks etc with Mrs. Lei Schlemmer at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences office.

The Nursing and Housing Annex Classrooms

This complex has two parts; the part closest to Kaneohe is dedicated to Student Affairs and Housing while the side (closest to the academic center) is dedicated to Nursing and Health Science. The Nursing Annex (NA) holds one classroom and 5 faculty offices. This classroom will hold some of our smaller classes and labs such as NUR 2301, 3953 and 2961. NA 1 is the classroom if you see it on your schedule. NA 2-6 are nursing faculty offices are entered from the center walkway area. The Housing Annex

also holds a classroom on the end towards the dorms. This classroom is identified as A2 on your schedule

Handbooks

Both of these books are valuable references and should be reviewed when you have questions about the CNHS.

The Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook (2011-2012) can be located at:

http://www.hpu.edu/CNHS/Documents/BSN_Handbook_2011-2012.pdf

The Graduate and Post Baccalaureate Nursing Programs Handbook (2011-2012) can be located at:

http://www.hpu.edu/CNHS/Documents/MSN_Handbook_2011-2012.pdf

Undergraduate Nursing Course Coordinators for Spring 2012

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	COORDINATOR	ROOM #	PHONE	E-MAIL
NUR 2000	Intro to Professional Nursing	Denise Hackman	NA2	236-5890	dhackman@hpu.edu
NUR 2100	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	Pamela Smith	121	236-5868	pdsmith@hpu.edu
NUR 2200	Development Across the Lifespan	Dr. Catharine Critz	221	236-3560	ccritz@hpu.edu
NUR 2300	Pharmacology	Julie Elting	232	236-5843	jelting@hpu.edu
NUR 2301	Math for Meds	Julie Elting	232	236-5843	jelting@hpu.edu
NUR 2930	Pathophysiology	April Akeo	311E	236-3561	aakeo@hpu.edu
NUR 2940	Health Promotion and Education	Dr. Catharine Critz	221	236-3560	ccritz@hpu.edu
NUR 2950	Nursing Concepts and Processes	Pamela Smith	121	236-5868	pdsmith@hpu.edu
NUR 2951	Nursing Concepts and Processes-Lab	Audrey Felipe	NA4	236-5846	afelipe@hpu.edu
NUR 2960	Therapeutic Communication	Loraine Fleming	229	236-3595	lfleming@hpu.edu
NUR 2961	Applied Therapeutic Communication	Loraine Fleming	229	236-3595	lfleming@hpu.edu
NUR 2970	Comprehensive Health Assessment	Dr. Hobie Feagai	220	236-7900	hfeagai@hpu.edu
NUR 2971	Comprehensive Health Assessment Lab	Dr. Catharine Critz	221	236-3560	ccritz@hpu.edu
NUR 3900	Leadership and Management in Nursing	Dr. ReNel Davis	238	236-5848	rdavis@hpu.edu
NUR 3944	Transcultural Nursing – People of Hawaii	Dr. ReNel Davis	238	236-5848	rdavis@hpu.edu
NUR 3945	Theoretical Foundations of TCN	Dr. ReNel Davis	238	236-5848	rdavis@hpu.edu
NUR 3952	Gerontologic Nursing	Kelly Collins	NA6	236-3518	kcollins@hpu.edu
NUR 3953	Gerontologic Nursing Lab	Kelly Collins	NA6	236-3518	kcollins@hpu.edu
NUR 3962	Adult Health Care I	Dr. David Dunham	311D	236-7905	ddunham@hpu.edu
NUR 3963	Adult Health Care I Lab	Dr. David Dunham	311D	236-7905	ddunham@hpu.edu
NUR 3964	Adult Health Care II	Sara Robertson	231	236-5815	srobertson@hpu.edu
NUR 3965	Adult Health Care II Lab	Dale Tannenbaum	121	236-5844	stannenbaum@hpu.edu
NUR 3970	Altered Mental Health Patterns	Loraine Fleming	229	236-3595	lfleming@hpu.edu
NUR 3971	Altered Mental Health Patterns Lab	Loraine Fleming	229	236-3595	lfleming@hpu.edu
NUR 3973	Forensic Science Certificate Courses	Loraine Fleming	229	236-3595	lfleming@hpu.edu
NUR 3980	Childbearing Family	Peter Look	232	236-7932	plook@hpu.edu
NUR 3981	Childbearing Family Lab	Denise Hackman	NA2	236-5890	dhackman@hpu.edu
NUR 3985	Child and Family Health	Dr. Hobie Etta Feagai	220	236-7900	hfeagai@hpu.edu
NUR 3986	Child and Family Lab	Dr. Diane Knight	240	236-5847	dknight@hpu.edu
NUR 4700	Research Proposal Development	Dr. Patricia Burrell/ Verna Hanashiro	226 236	236-5813 236-5850	pburrell@hpu.edu vhanashiro@hpu.edu
NUR 4950	Complex Care	Dr. Hazel Downing	NA5	236-3556	hdowning@hpu.edu
NUR 4951	Complex Care Lab	Dr. Nita Jane Carrington	222	236-5866	ncarrington@hpu.edu
NUR 4960	Developing a Healthy Community	Dr. Sunny Spohn	230	236-5858	fspohn@hpu.edu
NUR 4961	Developing a Healthy Community Lab	Kathy Sassi	NA2	236-3516	ksassi@hpu.edu
NUR 4971	NCLEX Prep Review	Lise Choucair	228A	236-5833	lchoucair@hpu.edu

Very Important People within the CNHS

Department Chairs

Undergraduate Nursing: Dr. Dale Allison at dallison@hpu.edu Rm 226
Plans are underway to appoint a new acting chair to this role in the near future

Graduate and Post Baccalaureate Nursing: Dr. Patricia Burrell at pburrell@hpu.edu
Rm 226C

Health Related Programs: Ms. Jessica Spurrier at jspurrier@hpu.edu Rm 239

Directors

Director of Student Retention and Progression: Ms. Lise Choucair
(lchoucair@hpu.edu) or 236-5833 Rm 228A

Director of Clinical Facilities: Ms. Julie Elting (jelting@hpu.edu) or 236-5843
Rm 232

Director of Laboratories: Dr. David Dunham (ddunham@hpu.edu) or 236-7905
Rm 311-D

Graduate Concentrations

CNS Option Co-Coordinator: Dr. ReNel Davis

FNP Option Coordinator: Ms. Mary Jang

Certificates

Forensics Certificate Program Coordinator: Loraine Fleming

Transcultural Certificate Program Coordinator: Dr. ReNel Davis

Advisors

SNA Advisor: Drs. Hobie Feagai and David Dunham

CNHS Faculty are Students too!

A health care career requires life-long learning. Fourteen of the full-time CNHS faculty and counting are working on their doctorate degrees and should be commended for their efforts. The fourteen faculty are: April Akeo, Pamela Almeida, Kamomilani Anduha Wong, Jean Ann Britt (on LOA this year), Lise Choucair, Loraine Fleming, Joy Graham, Denise Hackman, Verna Hanashiro, Mary Jang, Annette Manant, Iwalani Ohia, Sue McSweeney, and Mahealani Suipaia.

HPU full time nursing faculty hired since 2004 have made a commitment to begin doctoral studies within 3 years of employment. More CNHS faculty will be going back to school in the very near future.

Certified Nurse Educators (CNE)

In 2005, the National League for Nursing developed a nurse certification process to recognize nursing education expertise. The faculty that meet the requirements and pass an examination are awarded the CNE credential. HPU CNHS has several recipients of this recognition. Several more faculty are working to meet the requirements at this time. So hats off to Dr. Patricia Burrell, Ms. Kelly Collins, Ms. Julie Elting, Dr. Hobie Feagai and Dr. Patricia Lange-Otsuka for their recognition as master teachers.

Aloha Oe

1. Dr. Randy M. Caine, Dean of the CNHS and Professor retired on 12/31/2011. She will be missed by students, faculty and the staff.
2. Ms. Linda Kim, Assistant Professor of Nursing has left us to become Director of Nursing, Long Term Care at Kuakini Geriatric, Inc.
3. Ms. Henny Breen, Assistant Professor of Nursing has relocated to Oregon and has started teaching there.

Email

Your my.hpu.edu address is considered our official conduit to send you email and information. Please check it regularly or forward it to your primary email account so that you get our messages in a timely manner.

We also send important information via Campus Pipeline as Blasts and /or announcements. Copies of these notices are also posted on the CNHS Bulletin Board. You are encouraged to check all these sources regularly for deadlines, information and opportunities.

Level One Entry Process

Effective March 2009, students must fulfill the following three (continuing) minimum qualification criteria for eligibility:

- overall HPU GPA of at least a 2.75
- completion or scheduled for completion of prerequisite courses (non-NUR courses and NUR 2000) that term
- current enrollment in HPU

Once these criteria are fulfilled, students will then be rank-ordered according to the four selection categories as follows:

1. **Overall GPA.** Students will be required to have a minimum overall GPA of at least 2.75. This includes grades from all schools attended. The higher the overall GPA, the higher the score for this category.
2. **Overall Science GPA in prerequisite science-based courses.** Science courses have been shown to be a good indicator of success in Nursing courses. The science GPA will be calculated by including grades for CHEM 1000, CHEM 2030, A&P I and II with labs, and BIOL 3040 taken at HPU or a previous college or university. The higher the prerequisite science GPA, the higher the score for this category. Students have the option of repeating each prerequisite science course only once to improve the grade. Those two grades would then be averaged for the purpose of ranking for entry into clinical nursing courses. HPU students are encouraged to take advantage of the individualized face-to-face tutoring assistance available to all registered students free of charge at the Tutoring Center.
3. **Scores on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®).** The TEAS® is a scholastic aptitude test consisting of four content areas: Math, Reading, English, and Science. According to research, the TEAS® test is an excellent predictor of success on the national licensing exam for professional nursing at the RN level (NCLEX-RN).
4. **HPU credits.** Students will be awarded points for this category based on the number of earned Hawai'i Pacific University credits.

This ranking occurs around October 15 for Spring term and February 15 for Fall term each year so it is vital that your transcript be accurate by these dates.

Deadline for submission of TEAS ® scores will be February 1th, 2012 at 5 pm to be eligible for level one entry for Fall 2012.

If you need more information: please see your nursing advisor for assistance.

Health Records

All nursing students that plan enrollment in level 1-5 and/or graduate practicum courses in the Summer and/or Fall term must submit health records.

The Deadline for Clinical Health Records for Summer 2012 Registration is Friday March 2, 2011 at 5 pm. These requirements must stay in effect through August 22, 2012.

The Deadline for Clinical Health Records for Fall 2012 Registration is Friday July 6, 2011 at 5 pm. These requirements must stay in effect through December 16, 2012.

More information about health records can be found at:

http://www.hpu.edu/CNHS/BSN/Clinical_Health_Requirements.html

If you have questions please be proactive to resolve them early as deadline extensions are not given. Your registration for the next term may be cancelled or delayed if problems arise. The initial collection of records/information can be time-intensive so you cannot procrastinate on this matter. Because you have online access, please monitor your expiration dates closely as reminders are not sent.

If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Risa Tokashiki in Rm 225, rtokashiki@hpu.edu or 236-5816. Please also remember that confidential information cannot be shared over the telephone but she can answer general questions or help you problem-solve a technical issue.

Did you know that Online Nursing, Writing, Math and Science Tutoring Help is Available?

Free online tutoring is available 24/7 when you are enrolled in an active term at HPU. This service is called SMARTHINKING. To reach this assistance, login into Campus Pipeline then go the Resources Tab, locate the Online Tutoring Channel and click on the link.

Nursing specific help is listed for Med-Surg Nursing, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Anatomy and Physiology, Statistics and Medical Terminology. They also provide assistance for many other areas of math and writing composition. Check it out.

A Renewed International Nursing Elective Opportunity: NUR 3942 during Summer I

NUR 3942: Nursing in Japan. This upper division elective nursing course provides the students the opportunity to explore and compare health care systems including such issues as access to care, economics, how culture may alter care practices and resource management while having an intensive short-stay in Japan with our sister school, Tokyo Women's Medical University School of Nursing.

Plans are underway to offer this elective again in early Summer 2012 during the Summer I term. Chosen students could take other nursing courses in Summer II or III but would be restricted to this course only in Summer I because of the extended travel (approximately 2 weeks from May 18 to June 1).

Students interested in taking NUR 3942 should contact Dr. Lange-Otsuka for more information at potsuka@hpu.edu Students in this course are selected by a faculty committee via application and interview as this course and experience has a limited capacity. Completion of NUR 2950/51 is a prerequisite for NUR 3942.

If you are completing the Transcultural Nursing Certificate, NUR 3942 can be used as your immersion experience.

Nursing 4973: Nursing Preceptorship

NUR 4973 Nursing Preceptorship, a 2 credit elective, will be available in the Fall 2012. It is open exclusively to senior nursing students in good standing, who will be level V status. Specialty sites are available in Pediatrics and Adult areas for the 90 hour clinically-focused course. Please contact Assistant Professor Joy Graham for more information, and the steps involved in the application process. She may be contacted via e-mail: jgraham@hpu.edu

Important Information Regarding Pre-Clinical Attire effective Fall 2010

Starting in the Fall 2010 semester, Hawai'i Pacific University College of Nursing and Health Sciences implemented the use of pre-clinical uniforms for nursing students in all levels of the program.

The pre-clinical uniform is comprised of a lab coat and polo shirt with an HPU logo and embroidered letters that read: Hawai'i Pacific University Nursing. To complete the ensemble, black slacks, black socks, and black shoes will be worn. This pre-clinical uniform will enable HPU nursing students to portray a professional look whether it be at a hospital, community setting, or other venue that students will attend. This attire is also to be worn to any clinical orientation or computer training.

For Level 1 nursing students, the pre-clinical uniform will be worn on their pre-clinical days, and at clinical orientation or computer training at certain sites. Instructors will advise students on appropriate dress. However, in upper levels, the "pre-clinical" uniform may be used as students attend clinical/hospital orientations, service learning opportunities, etc.

The pre-clinical uniform will be available for purchase from the HPU bookstore, Windward Campus. The lab coat sizes range from XS to 2X and the price is \$32.95. The Men's polo shirt sizes range from S to 2X and the price is \$29.95. The Women's polo shirt sizes range from S to XL and the price is \$24.95. A set of HPU are \$40.90 plus tax. Slacks, socks, and shoes will be purchased independently by the student.

CNHS CLINICAL LABORATORY POLICIES related to dress and appearance

The Minimum Guidelines for Clinical Laboratories Include:

- No eating, drinking or gum chewing.
- Anyone coming into the labs must at the minimum: be wearing neat, clean clothing (street clothes) and closed-toed shoes. Closed toe high heeled shoes of greater than 1 ½ inches in height are prohibited except in medically required situations.
- If street clothes are worn, they are to be conservative. Shirts and blouses are to have sleeves and finished necklines. Clothes must be non-clinging, non-flesh revealing; Navels may not be exposed in any setting.
- When entering the lab for practice or remediation: Students performing "Mandatory Referral for Clinical Skills" in the laboratory are expected to come prepared with lab coat, stethoscope, watch with a second hand, pen and paper (faculty members should wear lab coat while evaluating mandatory clinical skills).
- When entering the laboratory for simulation experiences: Complete clinical nursing uniforms are required for ALL simulation and simulation activities by students and faculty alike.

Some general rules for conduct within the lab:

- All equipment must be left in the condition in which it is found.
- Any broken or malfunctioning equipment should be reported immediately to the Lab Manager and removed from use.
- Use of sharps must be under faculty supervision.
- Students will be asked to leave the lab if their conduct/behavior could create a safety concern or disturbance

- A lab coat with long sleeves must be worn over street clothes when using equipment within the lab or by the faculty for supervision of student activities.

The following are not allowed:

- Hats, caps bandanas, plastic hair bags/shower caps (particularly worn within buildings) unless for medical conditions, safety purposes or established religious customs.

These professional appearance guidelines apply to all lab settings including the simulation lab and a partial list is provided below for your convenience and reference. The Student Nurse Handbook Guidelines about appearance should be consulted for more details about our expectations. If you have questions; please consult your lab and or clinical faculty for clarification.

Personal hygiene

- Students must be meticulous about personal and dental hygiene.
- Body tattoos are to be covered when in the clinical or lab setting
- Any body piercing jewelry, i.e., nose rings, eyebrow studs/rings, cheek rings, etc., must be removed while the student is in the clinical arena or lab setting
- Acrylic and other fake-type nails and long nails are unacceptable for clinical or lab setting. Nails need to be no longer than the fingertip.

Consult your clinical agency policies & procedures for more information and any additional guidelines that may be site appropriate

Jewelry

- Students may wear one pair of non-dangle earrings.
- Visible jewelry in other body parts (noses, tongues, eyebrows, etc.) and bracelets, multiple rings, and other jewelry are not worn in the clinical or lab setting.
- Watches should have a second hand and are generally not considered jewelry. Leave jewelry at home to avoid loss.

Hair, beards and mustaches

- Hair will be clean and neat in appearance and secured in barrettes or bands sufficient to prevent obstruction of the student's view or interference with client care and to meet agency standards. Students may be required to put hair up off their collars.
- Students will be clean-shaven or have neatly trimmed beards and/or mustaches

NOTE: ATI Comprehensive Assessment and Remediation Program Policy Change Effective Fall 2011

Research has demonstrated a strong correlation between successful completion of the ATI proctored assessment and successful first-time pass rates on the NCLEX-RN. Therefore, the HPU's College of Nursing and Health Science faculty has voted to integrate the ATI Comprehensive Assessment and Remediation Program (CARP) as 10% of the course grade. Your class instructor will be discussing the policy changes as it will be incorporated into the course syllabus of the related classes.

As We Begin a New Term and Try to be Greener: Please be Considerate of Others in Your Printing at the ETC (Educational Technology Center)

We are all excited about the start of a new term at HPU. We are trying to be more environmentally responsible so we no longer print out syllabi for our classes. They are available typically a week before classes start on WEBCT or Blackboard. The faculty also begin to upload other supplemental materials (handouts, power points, web links, etc.) at that time.

We are asking that you be courteous to your classmates and judiciously print out only what you need for the first week or two during the first week of school in the ETC. It is very frustrating that first week to get in the printer line in the ETC behind another student that decides to print 200 pages or more at once. It is a good idea to ask your faculty what materials you truly need for the first class and what you might just want to download and save for future reference. Thank you for your consideration of others.

Faculty News: (this is not an exhaustive list but highlights!)

Dr. Nita Jane Carrington has received approval from the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services to establish a certified nurse's aid training program at Koolauloa Jobs Skills Development Program at their Community Health and Wellness Center.

Ms. Loraine Fleming has been appointed by the Governor to the Hawaii State Board of Nursing as a new board member.

Dr. Diane Knight received the 2011 Award as HPU Nurse Practitioner of the Year from the local chapter of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Ms. Kathy Sassi received the 2011 Award as the State Nurse Practitioner of the Year from the local chapter of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Faculty Publications:

Hanashiro, V. & Ceria-Ulep, C. (2011) "Native Hawaiians and Physical Activity"
Issues in Mental Health Nursing, 32:664-666, DOI: 10.3109/01612840.2011.552750