



Hawaii Pacific University
College of Nursing and Health Sciences Newsletter
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Welcome or Welcome Back!

Facts and Figures

There are just over 1300 undergraduate and graduate students within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences this semester. These numbers include all students that have chosen nursing as their major and our new majors in the Bachelor of Science in Health Science Degree.

Congratulations to Mr. Jon Lola who has been appointed the inaugural department chair for this new degree. His office is in Rm 233 and he can be contacted at 236-5872 if you would like more information.

Final numbers will be available in February once the first military campus term begins for the new academic year. We are the largest single degree 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.

New Full-Time Nursing Faculty

We have two new full time faculty joining us Spring 2010. We look forward to posting their pictures soon outside the CNHS Office (Rm 226). Please give them a warm welcome when you past them in the halls. There are currently 48 full time and

part time faculty within the CNHS supported by a cadre of 50 or more adjunct faculty who are clinical experts.

1. Dr. Diane Knight PhD, CPNP is a BSN graduate of Catholic University and received her MSN in Maternal–Child Nursing and a post masters certificate as a pediatric nurse practitioner along with her Ph.D in nursing from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her teaching assignment for Spring 2010 is NUR 3986 and NUR 6000. Dr. Knight joins us from the Kamehameha Schools where she provided care to the boarding students. Dr. Knight has been adjunct faculty at HPU since 2003 before accepting a full-time position. Dr Knight's office will be in Rm 240. Her telephone number is 236-5847.
2. Ms. Tiffanie Kanayama MSN Ed., CMSRN, RN is a ADN graduate of Spokane Community College and received her BSN and MSN-Ed. from the University of Phoenix. She is a certified medical-surgical nurse. Her teaching assignment is NUR 3965 for Spring 2010. Ms. Kanayama joins us from Queens Medical Center and Kapiolani Community College. She has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Nursing and has recently served as an adjunct faculty for HPU. Ms. Kanayama's office will be in NA 4. Ms. Kanayama's telephone number is 236-3548.

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.

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 will be strictly enforced to avoid our carpet from looking old before it's time. Please show your kokua (courtesy).

Food can still be enjoyed in the student lounge and outside the buildings. The lanais (full or part) can be reserved for special events, potlucks etc.

Nursing Faculty are Students too!

A nursing career requires life-long learning. Twelve of the full-time nursing faculty and counting are working on their doctorate degrees and should be commended for their efforts. These faculty are: April Akeo, Sonya Blevins, Henny Breen, Jean Ann Britt, David Dunham, Verna Hanashiro, Tiffanie Kanayama, Annette Manant, Sue McSweeney, Mahealani Suipaia, Jeanine Tweedie and Kamomilani Anduha Wong,

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

Congratulations to the new Doctorally Prepared Faculty:

Dr. Sharon Takiguchi who received her Dr.PH from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dr. Hazel Downing who received her Ph.D from the University of Phoenix.

Best Wishes to both.

Aloha Oe

Ms. Mercy Mott retired after the Fall 2009 term.

Faculty News: (not an exhaustive list just some highlights)

Mrs. Kathy Sassi is away this term teaching community health nursing in Kenya as a volunteer.

Ms. Sara Robertson has become certified as a medical surgical nurse.

Ms. Lisa Steinmueller has become certified as a family nurse practitioner.

Dr. Sunny Spohn presented a poster presentation (you can view it in the hallway in front of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences- Kailua side) on “The Relationship Between Student Nurses’ Perceptions of Caring Dimensions and Their Caring Self-Efficacy” at the Case Western Reserve University DNP Conference on Global Nursing Education in October 2009.

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 additional faculty are working to meet the requirements at this time. So hats off to Dr. Margaret Anderson, Mrs. Henny Breen, Mrs. Sonya Blevins, Dr. Patricia Burrell, Dr. Patricia Lange-Otsuka, Ms. Leanne Logan, and Mrs. Jeanine Tweedie for their recognition as master teachers.

Email

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

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). Points for this category will be assigned based upon earned scores for the **Reading and Math** subsections.
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 5, 2010 at 5 pm to be eligible for level one entry for Fall 2010.

Summer Registration

Summer registration will be based on total earned credits (HPU and transfer) per HPU policy. The CNHS administration works diligently to offer more classes and seats each summer. Please help us to find qualified faculty so that further expansion can occur. The full time faculty does need some time for scholarship and self-renewal, which historically is done in the summer. It is also the best time to take a student nurse internship. The bulletin board opposite the official CNHS one holds information about internships. If you have not already transferred in all your undergraduate credits, please do so now as March is just around the corner. Summer classes in nursing are space available and are not guaranteed. Typically a sign up list is posted in late February so that students may indicate their interest and the advisors can determine the appointments times based on earned credits. Summer Registration occurs before Fall registration.

Clinical Health Records for anyone seeking Summer clinical courses must be submitted and cleared prior to Summer registration. The deadline is February 26, 2010 at 5 pm.

The Deadline for Clinical Health Records for Fall 2010 Registration is Friday July 2, 2010 at 5 pm.

Course Coordinators for Spring 2010

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	COORDINATOR	ROOM #	PHONE	E-MAIL
NUR 2000	Intro to Professional Nursing	Denise Hackman Henny Breen	NA2 311A	236-5890 256-8193	dhackman@hpu.edu hbreen@hpu.edu
NUR 2100	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	Henny Breen	311A	256-8193	hbreen@hpu.edu
NUR 2200	Development Across the Lifespan	Dr. Catharine Critz	221	236-3560	ccritz@hpu.edu
NUR 2300	Pharmacology	Dr. Patricia Lange-Otsuka	226	236-5812	potsuka@hpu.edu
NUR 2301	Math for Meds	Leanne Logan	109	236-3565	llogan@hpu.edu
NUR 2930	Pathophysiology	April Akeo	311E	236-3561	aakeo@hpu.edu
NUR 2940	Health Promotion and Education	Dr. ReNel Davis	238	236-5848	rdavis@hpu.edu
NUR 2950	Nursing Concepts and Processes	Kamomilani Anduha Wong	234	236-5871	kanduha@hpu.edu
NUR 2951	Nursing Concepts and Processes-Lab	Linda Kim	NA6	356-5227	lkim@hpu.edu
NUR 2960	Therapeutic Communication	Dr. Margaret Anderson	107	236-5844	manderson@hpu.edu
NUR 2961	Applied Therapeutic Communication	Dr. Margaret Anderson	107	236-5844	manderson@hpu.edu
NUR 2970	Comprehensive Health Assessment	Dr. Michelle Marineau	106	236-5889	mmarineau@hpu.edu
NUR 2971	Comprehensive Health Assessment Lab	Dr. Michelle Marineau	106	236-5889	mmarineau@hpu.edu
NUR 2972	Non Degree Health Assessment	Dr. Michelle Marineau	106	236-5889	mmarineau@hpu.edu
NUR 2973	Non Degree Health Assessment Lab	Dr. Michelle Marineau	106	236-5889	mmarineau@hpu.edu
NUR 3050	Current Issues in Professional Nursing	Denise Hackman	NA2	236-5890	dhackman@hpu.edu
NUR 3900	Leadership and Management in Nursing	Lise Choucair Henny Breen	239 311A	236-5833 256-8193	lchoucair@hpu.edu hbreen@hpu.edu
NUR 3922	Managing our Mortality	Pat Bemis	226	236-3552	baggerB@aol.com
NUR 3930	Complementary Healing Methods	Jean Ann Britt	239	236-3536	jbritt@hpu.edu
NUR 3943	Transcultural Nursing	Jeanine Tweedie	226	236-5863	jtweedie@hpu.edu
NUR 3945	Theoretical Foundations of TCN	Jeanine Tweedie	226	236-5863	jtweedie@hpu.edu
NUR 3952	Gerontologic Nursing	Jeanine Tweedie/Linda Kim	226	236-5863	jtweedie@hpu.edu
NUR 3953	Gerontologic Nursing Lab	Jeanine Tweedie/Kelly Collins	226	236-5863	jtweedie@hpu.edu
NUR 3962	Adult Health Care I	David Dunham	303	236-7905	ddunham@hpu.edu
NUR 3963	Adult Health Care I Lab	Sonya Blevins	235	236-5860	sblevins@hpu.edu
NUR 3964	Adult Health Care II	Sonya Blevins	235	236-5860	sblevins@hpu.edu
NUR 3965	Adult Health Care II Lab	Sara Robertson	231	236-5815	srobertson@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 3972	Introduction to Forensic Science	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
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NUR 3986	Child and Family Lab	Frank Ward/ Dr. Diane Knight	311A 240	236-7923 236-5847	forward@hpu.edu dknight@hpu.edu
NUR 4700	Research Proposal Development	Dr. Patricia Burrell	226	236-5813	pburrell@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	Dr. Sunny Spohn	230	236-5858	fspohn@hpu.edu