UCF COLLEGE OF NURSING RECOGNITION RECEPTION FALL 2023

Live Oak Event Center | December 12, 2023 | 4 pm
UCF COLLEGE OF NURSING celebrates the passage of undergraduate students into the nursing profession and honors graduate students for earning a certificate and/or master’s or doctoral degree.

Undergraduate students are recognized with a medallion, while graduate students are draped with a hood.

The College of Nursing appreciates Orlando Health and AdventHealth for their generous support of the Dean’s Excellence Fund and tonight’s reception.
ABOUT US

UCF COLLEGE OF NURSING
With a 40-year history of innovation and excellence, UCF College of Nursing is today ranked among the nation’s best nursing programs and prepares nurse leaders in education, research and practice to ensure a healthier future for all. Renowned faculty, including global experts in healthcare simulation, critical care and mental health, lead the college’s accredited degree programs that are offered from the baccalaureate to the doctorate at the main campus in Orlando, regional campuses in Central Florida and online.

COMMUNITY NURSING COALITIONS
The college began its community-based, service-learning nursing curriculum in 1997 when it established seven CNCs in Orange County. Today, they reach 17 communities across five counties — from Flagler to Brevard and everywhere in between. Our baccalaureate and advanced practice nursing students and their faculty advisors make a visible difference by implementing valuable public health education programs and providing more than 30,000 hours of community service each year to Central Florida’s most economically disadvantaged residents.

SIGMA: GLOBAL NURSING EXCELLENCE
Sigma is the international nursing honor society for global nursing excellence. UCF College of Nursing is home to the Theta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma. Members of Sigma can be identified by their purple honor cords worn distinctly over their black graduation regalia. Dean Sole and Drs. Aroian and Shattell have been inducted into Sigma’s International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame for their significant contributions to nursing science. Alumnus Ken Dion ’91 is currently serving as president of Sigma’s board of directors.

HONORS UNDERGRADUATE THESIS PROGRAM
Established in 1989, the Honors Undergraduate Thesis Program is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate research program at UCF. Students research, write, defend and publish an original honors thesis. Today, the College of Nursing represents the highest proportion of students engaged in the program university-wide.
NURSING HISTORY

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GONFALON

Every college at UCF has a gonfalon—a type of heraldic flag or banner. The term gonfalon comes from the old Italian word “confalone.” The images of the nursing gonfalon were thoughtfully selected to portray the spirit of nursing at UCF:

- **Torch**—representing leadership
- **Florence Nightingale’s lamp**—the global symbol for knowledge in the nursing profession
- **Caring hands**—the essence and foundation of our nursing discipline

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NURSING PIN

The nursing pin dates back to the Crusades in Europe when knights provided service to others. The earliest form of the pin, the Maltese Cross, was worn on the tunic placed over a knight’s armor.

In 1855, Queen Victoria presented Florence Nightingale with the Cross of St. George in recognition of the care she provided British soldiers. The pin today uniquely represents the institution from which students obtain their professional education.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOOD

The practice of hooding at graduation ceremonies also has medieval origins. Wearing the hood was traditionally associated with having superior knowledge. Throughout the Middle Ages, hooding became a symbol of the attainment of a higher degree.

The length of the hood is indicative of the degree attained. The color of the hood’s velvet edging represents the field in which the degree was earned. Apricot signifies a MSN or DNP, while dark blue signifies the PhD in Nursing.
OUR FACULTY

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP
Dean, College of Nursing  Mary Lou Sole, PhD, RN, CCNS, CNL, FAAN, FCCM
Associate Dean, Academic Excellence  Norma Conner, PhD, RN, FNAP
Associate Dean, Nursing Research and Interim Chair, Department of Nursing Practice  Carmen Giurgescu, PhD, RN, WHNP, FAAN
Assistant Dean of Students  Jessica Simmons, EdD
Interim Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs  Stephen D. Heglund ’12PhD, RN, APRN, FNP-C
Interim Associate Dean for Simulation and Immersive Learning  Mindi Anderson PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNS, CHSE-A, ANEF, FSSH, FAAN
Chair, Department of Nursing Systems  Mona Shattell, PhD, RN, FAAN

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Jayne Willis, ’20DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP’20DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP
Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy
PhD in Nursing

Marci Lea Dial
“Exploring Mindfulness in Simulation-Based Learning: Promoting Self-Care in Nursing Education”
  Dissertation Chair: Mindi Anderson

Helen E Mills
“Evaluating Relationships Between Clinical Judgment (CJ) and Emotional Intelligence (EI) in Undergraduate Nursing Students”
  Dissertation Chair: Mindi Anderson

Heidi L Penney
“Usability of a Video-Based Virtual Simulation (VS) Program for Hands-on Skill Building in Undergraduate Nursing Students.”
  Dissertation Chair: Desiree Diaz

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Nurse Executive DNP

Marie Danielle Clerveaux Guillaume
“Implementing a Structured Bedside Shift Report Process- A Quality Improvement Project”
  Faculty Advisor: Jayne Willis

Blair Allison Hebner
“Improving Electronic Health Record Navigation Skills with EHR System On-Demand Brief Video Tutorials”
  Faculty Advisor: Jean Davis

Elsie Michelle Moore
“Improving Cultural Competence in the Emergency Department: Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Persons”
  Faculty Advisor: Jayne Willis

George M. Ngo
“Implementing a Skill Building and Peer Support Interventions to Improve Resiliency in Frontline Nurse Managers”
  Faculty Advisor: Jayne Willis

Nacole Trashonda Riccaboni
“Heart Failure Intravenous Diuretic Clinics’ Impact on Quality of Life”
  Faculty Advisor: Veronica Decker

Karenna Joy Thatcher
“Impact of an Empathetic Communication Blended Learning Program on Inpatient Nurses’ Self-Reported Empathy and Patient Experience Scores”
  Faculty Advisor: Jayne Willis
GRADUATES

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
Advanced Practice DNP

Dawn M Arrand
“Implementation of a Breastfeeding Toolkit to Increase Breastfeeding Education and Support”
Dissertation Chair: Dawn Eckhoff

Abigail Rebecca Cherry
“Promoting Anticipatory Guidance on Food-Allergen Introduction During Infancy: A Quality Improvement Project”
Dissertation Chair: Valerie Martinez

Janet Mercado Mayo
“Implementation of Protocol to Decrease CAUTI Occurrence”
Dissertation Chair: Maureen Covelli

Margaret Marie Milfort
“Home Therapy RN Retention >90 days utilizing a formalized Mentor Program”
Dissertation Chair: Donna Neff

Mildride Pierre Monize
“A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Skin Checks in Minority Populations with Skin of Color in a Busy Dermatology Practice”
Dissertation Chair: Patricia Delgado

Yannick Bentley Odiete
“Rapid Response Team Debrief Restructure: A Quality Improvement Project”
Dissertation Chair: Kelly Allred

Rose Adaku Origa
“Implementation of Resource Identification Flowsheet to Reduce Barriers to Specialty Referrals”
Dissertation Chair: Jonathan Decker

Sheilia Valentin Similien
“Use of Appointment Tool to Improve Virtual Patient Follow-up Visits after Bariatric Surgery”
Dissertation Chair: Deborah Tedesco

Yogita Nirmala Singh
“Culturally Competent Diabetic Education for Caribbean Individuals Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes Attending a Faith-Based Organization”
Dissertation Chair: Jascinth Lindo

Paul Kelley Stroud
“The Use of Rubrics to Improve Teaching of DCEL to Operators and Support Personnel”
Dissertation Chair: Stephen Heglund

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE
Post-Bachelor’s DNP

Alexandra Leigh Kleber
“Implementation of an Educational Module to Improve Patient Safety and Morbidity through Nurse Competency of the Emergency Severity Index (ESI)”
Dissertation Chair: Francisco Guido-Sanz
GRADUATES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Leadership & Management

Jocelyn Havana Almazan
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| **Concurrent ASN to BSN Cohorts by Campus** |

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- Atanga
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- Synelibeth Garcia Lugo
- Kaitlyn Danielle Geitz
- Elie Dudley Isaac
- Jessica Megan Martinez
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SCL = Summa Cum Laude          MCL = Magna Cum Laude           CL = Cum Laude
A PLEDGE FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSES

As I complete this phase of my professional nursing education, I pledge to:

• Care for all clients with compassion and respect for human dignity.

• Maintain confidentiality concerning the clients for whom I provide nursing care.

• Safeguard all clients from incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of others.

• Assume accountability for the quality of care I render, including my judgments and actions as a nurse.

• Maintain competence in my nursing practice.

• Collaborate with other members of the healthcare team to provide optimum care for my clients.

• Educate clients and the community about wellness and illness.

• Advance the profession of nursing by evidence-based practice, promoting standards of care, being politically active, and participating in professional organizations.

Adapted from Florence Nightingale Pledge and the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses

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CONGRATULATIONS!

During our time together, you have demonstrated commitment toward your patients, your community and the healthcare environment as a whole. You have made personal sacrifices to accomplish your academic goals. You have gained new knowledge and learned to make a difference by thinking in new ways and challenging the status quo.

You are the future of nursing—you are scholars, role models and nurse leaders. Thank you for letting us share in your journey of professional and personal growth.

We are proud to call you a UCF KNIGHT NURSE!
Congratulations and welcome to the Knight Nurse family! We look forward to staying in touch with you along your nursing career journey.

- ✔ Update your contact information and share your achievements.
- ✔ Connect with CON social media accounts. (see below)
- ✔ Create a LinkedIn profile and link your degree.
- ✔ Find your dream job by joining Handshake and the CON Alumni group on LinkedIn.
- ✔ Meet with a UCF Alumni Career Coach.
- ✔ Join the UCF College of Nursing Alumni Chapter.
- ✔ Pay it forward by supporting new nursing students.
- ✔ Help educate the next generation of Knight Nurses.

STAY IN TOUCH #KNIGHTNURSE

After graduation stay connected with the College of Nursing to receive invitations for alumni events, career links and continuing education opportunities. We want to highlight and share your achievements in our bi-monthly newsletters and annual college magazine.

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PAY IT FORWARD WITH KNIGHT PRIDE!

Honor your graduate and help the UCF College of Nursing charge on into the future with a gift back to the college. Contributions given in honor of your graduate in the amount of $20.23 – his or her class year – will support nursing excellence at UCF and the college's vision of becoming a 21st century leader in health professions education by transforming nursing practice through innovations in education and research.

Donations of all sizes help us prepare the next generation of nurses, faculty and researchers, ensuring that great nurses will be there when we need them. These gifts have a significant impact on what we’re able to accomplish.

To learn more or to make an online gift, visit ucffoundation.org/givetoucfnursing or contact Christina Gonzalez at 407.823.1600 or c.gonzalez@ucf.edu.

Every patient deserves a UCF Knight nurse!

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