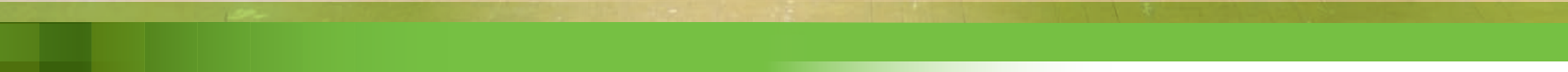




Yorkton Nursing Program

Annual Report – 2015



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Lorna Butler, Dean, College
of Nursing, Shannon Dudley,
Yorkton BSN Year 2 Student;
The Honourable Greg
Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural
and Remote Health.

Introduction

University of Saskatchewan
College of Nursing - 2015

In September 2014, the College of Nursing, in partnership with Parkland College and Sunrise Health Region, began offering the Bachelor of Science of Nursing (BSN) degree program in Yorkton. In order to keep our regional stakeholders informed about our programming, we provide annual reporting on program indicators such as student numbers, success rates, clinical placements and outreach. It is our hope that by working closely with local stakeholders we will:

- improve recruitment and retention
- provide a nursing education that is relevant for our Yorkton-area students
- leverage clinical placements and other program components to positively impact regional health care
- position our graduates to be community leaders and improve regional health outcomes.

The college will continue to seek and invest in relationships that are mutually beneficial for our students and our local partners.

We hope you enjoy the fall 2015 update. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions!



Top image:
Yorkton Pinning
Ceremony

Bottom image:
Second year
BSN students

2015/16 Student Admissions

The College of Nursing allocates 15 seats annually to the Yorkton site. However, in 2015/16 we over-admitted slightly to accommodate all 16 qualified applicants in year two. Year one is a pre-professional year of Arts and Science prerequisites offered by Parkland College and other institutions. Of those admitted, one is from Manitoba, four from Melville, two from

Yorkton, two from Springside, and one from each of Esterhazy, Foam Lake, Invermay, Langenburg, Melfort, Stockholm and Togo. In October, one student decided to pursue a different university program in Arts and Science. Of the eleven students admitted in 2014/15, nine progressed to year three and two are completing their year two courses. Students have up to six years to complete the program.

In total, the Yorkton site has 26 students. Twelve percent (three) are self-declared Aboriginal and eight percent (two) are male. The average age of students is 24 years.



Clinical Placements

Clinical Placements are an essential part of nursing education. While students learn many nursing skills in the class and lab with simulated experiences, it is important for their personal and professional development to be exposed to a variety of clinical experiences outside of the lab.

Currently the clinical placement needs are being met by the Sunrise Health Region. As students transition into fourth year courses, additional community and acute preceptor placements will be required in 2016/2017.

The College of Nursing has set dates that they send placement requests to the Health Regions in accordance with agreements with other nursing programs throughout Saskatchewan:

- January 15, 2016 - placement requests for spring 2016 clinical rotations
- May 2016 – placement requests for fall 2016 clinical rotations
- September 2016 – placement requests for winter 2017 clinical rotations

In 2016, third year clinical courses will occur in new areas of the Sunrise Health Region in both winter and spring terms. Third year nursing students will be in the pediatric and obstetrical clinical areas in the winter. They will then be moving to a mental health placement in the spring.

Clinical experiences planned for the 2015/16 academic year include:

Year in Program	Course	Number of Students	Number of Clinical Groups (instructor led)	Location of Placement	Time Frame	Clinical Hours
2	NURS 202	13	2	Yorkton Regional Nursing Home – Long Term Care	November-Dececeber 2015	24
2	NURS 221	13	2-3	TBD – Medical or Surgical Unit	June 2016	144
3	NURS 308	5	1	TBD – Inpatient Mental Health or Community Mental Health	May/June 2016	156
3	NURS 331	5	1	Yorkton Regional Hospital – Obstetrical Unit	February 22- April 7, 2016	78
3	NURS 331	5	1	Yorkton Regional Hospital – Pediatrics, Cornerstone Therapies Sunrise Health Region Health and Wellness Centre	January 7- February 12, 2016	78
3	NURS 333	8	2	Yorkton Regional Hospital - Surgical Unit	September-December 2015	156



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Lawrence Chomos, Sunrise
Health Regional Board
Chair, Dr. Lorna Butler,
Dean, College of Nursing
and Carol Stringfellow,
Homecare Manager,
Sunrise Health Region

Meet Seymour: Health and Education Robot

In order to facilitate the distributed teaching of clinical nursing skills by Regina campus professors at our Yorkton site, the College of Nursing employs remote presence robotics: an independently mobile health and education robot with an articulated flat-screen monitor for visual display, dual camera configuration and full on-board audio, for a seamless and immersive experience. The robot can also be appended with an otoscope, ophthalmoscope, stethoscope, ultrasound, ECG and other tools. The technology allows faculty in a different location to control and move the robot independently, engaging with learners to teach and assess

clinical competencies. In many regards, it is as if the faculty member is in the room with the students; the learning experience is also enhanced because of the technological applications such as real time video recording and photography; powerful zooming capabilities far clearer than the naked eye; and simultaneous experiences, for example in taking and hearing pulses. In the near future, Sunrise Health Region also seeks to use the robot to improve local residents' access to consultations with specialists outside the region.

In order to personalize the robot, the college held a community naming contest this past fall. "Seymour", submitted by Carol Stringfellow, was unveiled in a ceremony on November 27: "I thought it was applicable due to the fact that students from rural sites can actually 'see more' when they have the ability to visually connect with faculty at College of Nursing sites."

The members of the Robot Naming Judging Panel were: Suann Laurent (Sunrise Health Region President & CEO); Dwayne Reeve

(Parkland College President & CEO); Lorna Butler (Dean, U of S College of Nursing); Lawrence Chomos (Sunrise Health Region Board Chair); Eric McDowall (Year 3 BSN Student); Amanda Skiba (Year 2 BSN Student); Wilfred Whitehawk (Career Advisor, Labour Force Development, Yorkton Tribal Council); and Dave Matichuk and Theresa Baumung (Sunrise Health Region Patient/Client Representatives). Karen Semchuk (Professor, College of Nursing and Director of Professional Practice, Sunrise Health Region) was Chair.

Career Fair Events

The College of Nursing staff and faculty attend several annual career fairs in southern Saskatchewan, including Tribal Council and First Nation band school career fairs. Recruitment in Southern Saskatchewan is based on building relationships with schools, guidance counsellors, post-secondary counsellors, students and parents who attend the career fairs. Faculty, Professional and Aboriginal Academic Advisors who attend career fairs interact with interested high school students, adult learners and the general public who seek to know more about the University of Saskatchewan nursing program and how to apply. If you or someone you know is interested in the BSN program, they can apply to the pre-professional year at Parkland College at <http://www.parklandcollege.sk.ca/programs/university/firstyear/prenursing.html>, and to the College of Nursing beginning Year 2 at <http://www.usask.ca/nursing/bsn/admission/apply.php>. The BSN admission deadline is March 31 of every year. Contact an advisor to discuss your options.

Lunch and Learn Events

The college's Professional Academic Advisor, the Aboriginal Nursing Advisor and Parkland College counsellors work together to provide an array of topics and presenters at several 'Lunch and Learn' sessions designed to engage the nursing students at the Yorkton site. The sessions give students an opportunity to network with professionals who work in the community, ask questions and learn practical nursing content that could be applied to nursing theory and clinical or lab courses. Lunch and learn sessions are provided at key times to support students throughout the academic year. Presentations have been shared and teleconferenced from Regina and very well attended by students.

Calendar of Events

Career Fairs

Peepeekesis F/N	March
Career Explorations	November
Yorkton Regional High School	December

Lunch and Learn Sessions

Catherine Costa: <i>Rural Nursing & Cultural Sensitivity from an International Perspective</i>	January
University of Saskatchewan Students: <i>One Health Club</i>	March
Lorna Breitreuz: <i>All Nations Healing Hospital</i>	March
Maxine Newton: <i>Clinical Pathways</i>	October
Carleen Desautels: <i>Take the Mystery out of Multiple Choice Exams</i>	October
Melissa Egan: <i>CATIE (Canada's source for HIV and Hepatitis C information)</i>	December

Previous Reports

Previous reports are available on our website at:
www.usask.ca/nursing/college/resource

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