



Welcome to the sixteenth Issue of the CHHD Student Newsletter. Our purpose for this Newsletter is to connect you—our students—to the College.

This issue has news and updates about the college as well as important dates and reminders of upcoming events.

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Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Jared Coburn, Dr. Shari McMahan, Dr. Mary Wickman, Dr. David Cherin, Dr. Leah Brew.



Pictured above: Dr. Mary Wickman discusses the Entry Level Masters of Science Nursing with inquiring students during the breakout session.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday, October 30 from 1:00-3:30 PM, the College of Health and Human Development Inter-Club Council hosted a graduate program overview held in the TSU Pavilion B. The event consisted of an hour long, panel discussion by five representatives from each of the Master's Programs in the College. Each panelist briefly described the program they were representing to the audience.

First to speak was Dr. David Cherin, professor and Chair of the Department of Social Work. He discussed the admissions criteria, mission, and curriculum of the MSW (Master of Social Work) program. In order to be accepted into program, one must have obtained a Bachelor's degree, have graduated from a CSU or UC which meets the prerequisites, have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the last 60 semester units, write a personal statement, submit an academic or professional writing sample and three letters of recommendation, and have completed a minimum of one year paid or volunteer experience in the human services field. The MSW program requires 60 semester credit hours of coursework centered around fulfilling the program's mission, which according to Dr. Cherin is to "educate committed professionals for direct social work practice with vulnerable children and families, and underserved severely mentally ill individuals...with special sensitivity to the multicultural populations of Orange County and Southern California regions."

Dr. Leah Brew, Chair and Associate Professor from the Department of Counseling, spoke on behalf of the Master of Science in Counseling program. The objective of the Counseling program is to prepare students to meet the Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) licensing requirements by completing 60 units of coursework. In order for students to obtain a broad understanding of the field, the coursework is centered around various counseling techniques such as group and child counseling as well as engaging in personal growth, completion of internship hours, and a final project.

Speaking on behalf of Kinesiology was Dr. Jared Coburn, an Associate Professor and alumni of Cal State Fullerton, representing the Master of Science in Kinesiology. Requirements for admittance to this program include the standard transcripts, essay, letters, GRE, etc. and at least a 3.2 GPA in undergraduate coursework. The program is proud of the number of students from a diverse variety of Bachelor degrees and the internationally known faculty. The Master in Kinesiology program consists of 30 units of coursework (18 at the 500 level) and internship opportunities and can be completed in an average of 2-3 years. Once completed, graduates are ready for employment in the fields of personal training, clinical exercise science, fitness and health promotion, etc. Many students are well positioned for acceptance to Doctoral programs.

Also on the panel discussing the Master of Public Health program was Dr. Shari McMahan, Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Science. According to Dr. McMahan, the mission of this program is to "develop knowledgeable, skillful health professionals that are proficient in disseminating and applying knowledge to prevent disease and promote health in the human population." The Master of Public Health program consists of 27 core units and one of four advisory tracks totaling 42 units. Graduates of this program will be prepared to enter professional careers such as environmental health consultants, health and safety educators, corporate wellness coordinators, researchers, evaluators, grant writers, health program planners/educators/directors, and college instructors. Also, it prepares students for Ph.D./D.Ph. programs.

Last but certainly not least, Dr. Mary Wickman, the Director of Pre-licensure Programs in the Department of Nursing, informed the audience about the Entry Level Master of Science Nursing Program. In order to be admitted into the program, one must have obtained a Bachelor Degree and have maintained a 3.0 GPA during the last 60 units completed, attend an information session, participate in an interview, submit two letters of recommendation and a statement of purpose, and complete pre-requisites by Spring 2009. The curriculum consists of 18 months of pre-licensure coursework to prepare students for Registered Nurse licensure and 18 months of additional graduate level courses to help students assume a clinical leadership role.

After the panel's overview, the panel and audience divided into "breakout sessions." The breakout sessions allowed for further questions and more in depth discussion of each program, and individual inquiries.

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Introducing Cindy Greenberg: the New Nursing Chair

Dr. Cindy Greenberg has added a new title to her stellar résumé - Chair of the Department of Nursing. Dr. Greenberg succeeds Dr. Paula Herberg who becomes the new Associate Vice President for International Programs. Dr. Greenberg grew up in Chicago, and has been interested in nursing, specifically pediatric nursing, since the age of five. Greenberg attended Rush University in Chicago, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and then enrolled at the University of Colorado to earn her Master of Science degree in Nursing with the specialty of Parent Child Nursing. Greenberg also holds a Doctor of Nursing Science degree from the University of San Diego.

Greenberg has been in the nursing field for 32 years. She has worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Saddleback Memorial Medical Center and at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. She has also worked at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and taught at Cal State Long Beach.

Of her 32 years in the nursing field, Greenberg has been employed at Cal State Fullerton for the past ten years. She has taught courses and was the Coordinator of the Undergraduate Nursing Program prior to her position as Department Chair.

Via email interview, Greenberg was asked a few questions regarding her new position as Nursing Chair:

What are your job duties as Nursing Chair?

I see my primary role as supporting faculty, students, and staff in the DON to meet our goal

of educating nurses in Orange and neighboring counties for the changing healthcare needs of the future. Of course, the routine work of running a department must be addressed such as writing accreditation reports, configuring teaching assignments, attending department meetings, meeting with our partners in the community and assessing needs for grants and other sources of funding for our students, faculty and department needs.

What is your favorite thing about your new job?

Working with creative, intelligent, energetic faculty, students and staff and representing CSUF DON at state and national venues. I also love the challenge of meeting with our community partners and other community members who offer wonderful insight into the needs of the healthcare system where our students will practice.

What advice would you give to a student considering or pursuing a career in nursing?

Do it! My advice would be to obtain your BSN as your initial degree and to consider this as the first step in your nursing education. Research demonstrates that the higher the education of the nurse at the bedside, the better the patient outcomes. Nursing is a wonderful career and the options are endless from working at the bedside with someone who is critically ill to informatics. Depending on what you are doing, there is great flexibility for work hours. The U.S. is in the midst of a severe nursing shortage that is not projected to improve, one should always have a job as a nurse!

What are your hobbies or favorite things to do outside of work?

I like to quilt, read, bake, and am currently learning Hebrew.

NOTE THIS! DATES AND REMINDERS

Nov. 3 - Dec. 12- Titan Toy Drive— Help bring joy to an underprivileged child this holiday season by bringing an unwrapped gift to the Information and Services desk located in the Titan Student Union lobby. For more information visit the Information and Services desk located in the TSU.

Nov. 4 - 2008 Presidential Election

Nov. 4 - Verbal Communication: The Power of Words— Prof. Pamela Davidson will lecture regarding the impact of verbal communication in our lives and how language can be used to better relationships and health. (RGC 7-9 PM)

Nov. 7 - Examination of Writing Proficiency Orientation— Free workshop to help prepare you for the EWP. (For last names starting with A-L meet in MH 238 and M-Z meet in MH 264 from 1-2 PM)

Nov. 11- Veteran's Day—Campus Closed

Nov. 24-30 - Fall Recess— Campus Closed

*Information on upcoming events provided by California State University, Fullerton Campus Calendar

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