

JANUARY 2023

Winter Quarter

School of Nursing

DePaul University



WELCOME TO WINTER QUARTER & WELCOME BACK

We, at School of Nursing, are hoping you had a lovely holiday season and are so excited to see all of you back at DePaul University.

The School of Nursing (SON) has lots of updates to share with you including, but not limited to, updates to the Pre-Licensure Handbook, reminders for Post-Licensure Affiliation Agreements, very exciting photos from our Study Abroad trip to the Czech Republic, and so much more. Not to mention, a very lovely note from the Director of SON.

We hope you have an incredible Winter Quarter with us in the School of Nursing. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, happy thoughts, or anything else under the sun.

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A Message from the Director of SON

HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME BACK!

By Dr. Suling Li

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to the School of Nursing!

I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed special time with friends and family.

We want to welcome our new faculty and staff starting in Winter 2023:

Dr. Ursula Canli, the new Associate Director for the RN-MS and Certification Program, Dr. Molly Netter, Prof. Meredith Magulak, and Nick Perez. We are looking forward to working with them.

A new year brings new hope for new possibilities! We accomplished many things together last year and we will continue to make progress on our priorities including offering online courses through the Rosalind Franklin University cohort and Nurse Practitioner expansion efforts. We remain steadfast in our commitment to improving the program quality and students' satisfactions.

As we begin the Winter Quarter, it is my hope that Faculty, Staff, and Students can continue to work together to ensure that we offer the best experiences possible for our students. As the global pandemic continues, it is vital that we are vigilant about the campus and clinical environments for teaching and learning. As always, I encourage you to refer to the university COVID-19 Information and Updates page to stay on top of the latest information related to COVID-19. The SON follows the University policies on COVID-19 for Didactic and Lab courses, and guidelines of clinical partners for the clinical practicum.

I encourage students to take advantage of campus supports and services as needed. Please contact me if you have any questions!



Pre-Licensure Students: The 77% Rule

The SON Faculty has voted that a minimum average of 77% must be earned on Proctored Exams to pass all Nursing Courses as applicable.

Students who have below the 77% average on Exams will be awarded a final course grade based solely on the Exam Average for that course.

Please see grading scale and retention policies in the School of Nursing Handbook for more information.



School Updates & Reminders

Pre-Licensure Students:

- 77% Rule
 - As of Monday January 2nd, 2023, the 77% Rule (left) will be implemented within the School of Nursing and all students will be expected to adhere to the new standard. The 77% Rule will be added to the School of Nursing Handbook on page 10.

Post-Licensure Students:

Clinical Affiliation Agreements for Summer Quarter are to be submitted during the Winter Quarter. Please submit them as soon as you are able to.

This is a reminder that your clinical affiliation agreements are to be submitted THREE to SIX months in advance. If you do not submit them within that window, we cannot guarantee you receive the site you are requesting.

Please note that Spring Quarter affiliations should have already been submitted as the deadline was in December.

All SON Students:

Don't forget to apply for graduation! The application deadline for the Winter Term is January 15th. [Click here for more information.](#)

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Study Abroad: Czech Republic

Adventures Overseas

Participants of the Nursing Study Abroad Program spend two weeks in Prague, Czech Republic. The experience brings new perspectives on the Healthcare Delivery Systems that would benefit our U.S. System.

15 students went with us from both Lincoln Park Campus and Rosalind Franklin University Campus.

Students enroll in pre- and post-trip versions of NSG 445, Professionalism, Advocacy, and Leadership, and NSG 540, Culture, Ethics, and Policy Analysis, that integrate academic learning with hands-on travel experience. Students will be completing two weeks of Clinical with cultural and current Global Contacts including Ukrainian refugee families through the RedCross.

While traveling, students have the opportunity to visit and talk with English-speaking nurses, doctors, and administrators who train and administer care within a nationalized health care system. Participants visit a variety of health care facilities and cultural landmarks in Prague, Strakonice, Cesky Krumlov, and Ceske Budejovice in the Czech Republic. Accommodations are made in comfortable hotels in Prague, Strakonice, and Ceske Budejovice. Students are welcome to venture through the rest of the EU before and/or after the trip.

There is No Covid -19 Crisis at this time in the Czech Republic but we will proceed with caution.

If you would like to see more photos, check out the School of Nursing Instagram page.

Applications for next year are currently open!



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STTI Nursing Honors Society

By: Dr. Michelle Neuman

On November 1, 2022 Zeta Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International inducted 39 new members and presented Dean Dance-Barnes, Dean of the College of Science and Health, with a Friend of Nursing Award. Please join me in Congratulating our new members.

Below are some memorable photos from the invite.

Congratulations to all our
new members!



DePaul Student Nurses Association (DSNA)

By Haydn Christensen

The DSNA is an organization of student nurses focused on career development, community engagement, social opportunities, and leadership cultivation. We seek to mentor nursing students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses and to convey the standards, ethics, and skills that students will need as responsible and accountable leaders. Some events we have participated in the past included hosting donation and blood drives, volunteering with the Chicago Refugee Coalition and Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. We offer many social opportunities including quarterly general body meetings, study group sessions at the DePaul Library, virtual game nights and so much more.
Link to sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3Fsv9Ws>

DSNA President - Haydn Christensen

I will be entering my 8th quarter of the MENP program and am hoping to find a position in the critical care setting, specifically the emergency department. I am looking forward to beginning my immersion experience at Mt. Sinai's ED this upcoming January.

I have been a member of DSNA since my very first quarter and have been serving on the executive board since my second.

Going into my final quarter, I am excited to take on the position of President and leave a lasting positive mark on the DSNA organization.

My personal piece of advice to surviving nursing school is to get involved! Nursing school shouldn't be seen as just an obstacle to get over, but an opportunity to grow meaningful connections and have lasting experiences.

Joining DSNA is a great way to make that happen!



Featured Faculty

Meet Dr. Ursula Canli:

Canli has a diverse educational background, having earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Boston University, a Bachelor's and Master's in Nursing from Columbia University, School of Nursing and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing. She has over 15 years of clinical experience as an Adult Nurse Practitioner working in outpatient, inpatient, and community settings including working in the home and skilled nursing facilities. She has worked as a hospitalist and in oncology, palliative care, and hospice.

For the past 5 years, Canli has worked as an Assistant Professor at Oak Point University for the past five years teaching in undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Through her nursing background, advocacy, research and community service, Dr. Canli responds to social determinants of health to advance health equity. She is interested in qualitative methodology, hospice, palliative care, and underrepresented populations, Latinx populations, leadership in nursing and diversity, equity and inclusion. She is a member of American Nursing Association, Illinois Society of Advanced Practice Nurses, the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, and is a member and on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, listening to podcasts, and cooking with a local cookbook club.

Illinois Nurse Educator Award

Congratulations to Dr. Anne Kowalczyk on receiving Illinois Nurse Educator Award.

It is awarded Illinois Nurse Educator Award by IBHE.

The award will last for an entire year.

American Public Health Nursing Section Award

Congratulations to Dr. Webber-Ritchey, the recipient of the Feleta Wilson Award.

As chair of the American Public Health Association Public Health Nursing Section, awards committee I am delighted to inform you that this year's recipient of the 2022 Feleta Wilson Award is to Dr Kashica Webber-Ritchey, PhD, MHA, RN. This award was presented on November 8th at our annual conference.

The Feleta Wilson Award, renamed after the award's first recipient, recognizes a mid-career RN or APN, who is an enthusiastic and effective leader in nursing. The award winner exhibits dedication in meeting community needs and benefitting underserved populations.

Kashica Webber-Ritchey, PhD, MHA, RN is a health promotion researcher with over ten years of clinical practice experience. She possesses expertise in quantitative, qualitative, and systematic review research methodologies. She is currently Assistant Professor at DePaul University School of Nursing. Her research work includes leading qualitative nursing scientist on the "Nursing During COVID-19" research team and reducing childhood obesity in African Americans using parent dyadic approach.

Faculty & Staff Updates



New Faculty

- Ursula Canli, Associate Director
- Meredith Magulak, Full-Time
- Molly Netter, Full-Time
- Mario Aba Jr., Adjunct
- Adesola Babalola, Adjunct
- Kylie Bogue, Adjunct
- Cynthia Chlopek, Adjunct
- Jacqueline Marszalek, Adjunct
- Ania Martens, Adjunct
- Margaret Murphy, Adjunct
- Stacey Ward Beran, Adjunct

Staff

- Mike Nowakowski, MBIT-Compliance Officer
 - Congratulations to Mike Nowakowski on his new position in the School of Nursing!
- Nick Perez, MSN - Simulation Specialist
 - Received his BS in Community Health from University of Illinois and MS in Nursing from Loyola University, Chicago.

If you have any questions, please direct them to nursing@depaul.edu.

CHANGE & UPDATES

School of Nursing held its annual Faculty & Staff Retreat on November 29th where we discussed program and committee updates as well as listed to presentations on the Role of CNL at Shirley Ryan, and Leveling Up: A Proposed SON Template and Other CTL Resources for Refreshing Your Course.

Interim Associate Director of MENP Program

- Rebecca Barron, RN, MS, CEN
 - Dr. Barron has been the Associate Director of MENP Program for RFU and will be handling RFU and LPC.

Interim Associate Director of RN to MS Program

- Ursula Canli, DNP, APRN, ANP
 - Dr. Canli was an Assistant Professor at Oak Point University for the past five years teaching in Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral programs.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 2nd: Start of Quarter
- Jan. 15th: Last Day to Apply for Winter Degree Conferral
- Jan 16th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 2nd: Registration for Spring & Summer Classes
- March 15th-17th: Winter ATI Live Review
- March 18th: Pinning
- March 20th: Spring Break
- May 8th: White Coat

MENTAL HEALTH



Health & Wellness

MENTAL HEALTH & SELF-CARE

Self-care and mental health are a priority when it comes to your success with the University. University counselors are available for support, crisis management, community referrals and consultation. To be contacted by a counselor, leave a message with *University Counseling & Psychological Services* at **773-325-7779**. Learn more [here](#).

In case of a life-threatening emergency please call *Public Safety* at **773-325-7777, 911** or the *Advocate Illinois Masonic Behavioral Health Services Crisis Line* at **773-296-5380**.

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