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School of Nursing

DePaul University



Welcome to Autumn '23

We hope that everyone enjoyed their short break and that you are ready to continue your journey! We are here to help you succeed and wish you a healthy and productive Quarter.

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A Message from the Director of the SON

By Dr. Kim Siarkowski Amer, PhD, RN

Welcome to the new academic year! I am honored to be chosen as the Director of the School of Nursing for the 2023/24 Academic Year. I look forward to working with you. Students, staff and faculty all contribute to the positive energy of a university with a shared vision and mission. DePaul's mission is a beautiful one based on serving the most vulnerable in society. The School of Nursing lives the mission through Community-based Service Learning and curriculum focused on holistic nursing.

I view Nursing as a trusted and dynamic profession. The recognition of the art and science of nursing is foundational to practice and teaching. For nurse educators, we need to ensure that our curriculum is current and aligned with modern issues such as population health, LGBTQ issues such as caring for transgender persons, quality safe care delivery, and innovating the most current health interventions.

In a leadership role I believe that shared governance is essential for engagement of staff, students and faculty. All voices must be heard and students, staff and faculty must feel valued. The health and well being of all persons in the SON is my goal. SON monthly meetings, student town halls and regular academic and social events will provide all staff, students and faculty the opportunity to discuss their concerns, ideas and plans.

I view the position of director as a facilitator of excellence in teaching, research and service for faculty, a collaborative colleague for staff and a role model and support for students.

Each academic year I plan to revisit our mission and strategic plan and revise as needed. The goal is to align with the mission and strategic plans that are ongoing within the university. All members of the SON will be asked to participate. This includes full and part time students, staff and faculty. Alumni, Advisory Board and Academy of Nursing organizations will be integrated into developing vision. Examples of our yearly work will include assessing the need for future programs and enrollments goals, program evaluation and student satisfaction and work with our Dean to set realistic benchmarks for elevating the SON to a leading nursing school with a unique mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kim Amer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and last name "Amer" clearly distinguishable.

Hispanic Heritage Month

9/15 - 10/15

Every year, between Sep. 15 and Oct. 15, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated within the United States. September 15, marks the national independence day for Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.

“More and more Americans identify as being of Hispanic origin — 17% of the population, or more than 50 million citizens as of July 1, 2012, the latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau. Latinos now comprise the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the nation. In fact, the size of our Hispanic population is the second-largest in the world, right behind Mexico which ranks #1 with a population of 112 million. As the country becomes increasingly Hispanic, even in states that historically have had few Latino citizens, it’s even more crucial that the nursing professions responds to the demographic shift. We must train more Hispanic nurses, help non-Hispanic nurses increase their cultural competency, and discover new ways to reach out to and serve Hispanic patients.”

-Jebra Turner
www.minoritynurse.com



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School Updates & Reminders

Student Town Hall Meeting

Friday, September 15th

Time: 11:00 am

Zoom Link: <https://depaul.zoom.us/j/99087148107>

DePaul Student Nurses Association

Tuesday, September 19th

Lincoln Park Student Center Room 324

1 Point for Attending!

Flu Vaccine upload to CastleBranch

Deadline: Sunday, October 15th

Welcome New Faculty



LaShaunte Benson, RN

Kyle Bergan, DNP, APRN,FNP-C, CEN

Sarah Chamness, MSN, RN, RIC-NIC

Susannah Cohen, MS, RN

Catherine Degen, MSN, RN

Paige Diaz, MS, RN

Sarah Euson, MSN, RN

Fola Fakolade, MS, RN

Jamie Fennesy, MSN, RN, CPN

Nancy Hudlun RN, DNP, CCRN

Hannah Marquez, MS

Roderick Martinez, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP, BSN

Nicole Oguike, DNP, WHNP-BC

Denita Shino, MSN, RN

Yifei (Fiona) Wen, MSN, MBA, RN, SCRNP



Faculty Honored with DEI Award at Convocation

At Academic Convocation on August 31st, SON faculty Dr. Roxanne Spurlark, Dr. Kashica Webber-Ritchey, Dr. Cheryl Soco, Dr. Shannon Simonovich, Dr. Young-Me Lee and Dr. Kim Amer accepted the Provost's Award for Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for their work as founding members of the "Nursing During COVID-19" Research Team.

Over the past three years, this research team has collectively published ten peer-reviewed articles and nearly twenty presentations describing the experiences of 100 nurses across the US during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The team thanks all past and present collaborators, including DePaul undergraduate, MENP and DNP students without whom this collaboration would not be possible.



President Rob Manuel, PhD, Dr. Kim Siarkowski Amer, PhD, RN, Dr. Shannon Simonovich, PhD, RN,
Cheryl Soco ANP-BC, MSN, Provost Salma Ghanem, PhD,
Dr. Roxanne Spurlark, DNP, APRN, FNP-C & Dr. Kashica Webber-Ritchey, PhD, RN

DSNA News

DePaul Student Nurses Association

DSNA FALL 2023 GENERAL BODY MEETING

Tuesday September 19th @ 4pm

Lincoln Park Student Center Room 324

1 point for attending! Hope to see you there:)





Health & Wellness

MENTAL HEALTH & SELF-CARE

Self-care and mental health are a priority when it comes to your success in Nursing School.

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**.

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**.

Chicago Safety App

Download the emergency app: Students are encouraged to download a phone app created by the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications. This OEMC app includes a 'CHI Safe Walk' feature to use when traveling alone, allowing you to share your location with a friend or family member as you proceed to your destination. Other features include interactive city maps, access to current weather conditions, road closures, special events safety information, and emergency-management related services. (DePaul Public Safety does not monitor or maintain this app.) Download the app from online app stores. Search: **Chicago OEMC App**



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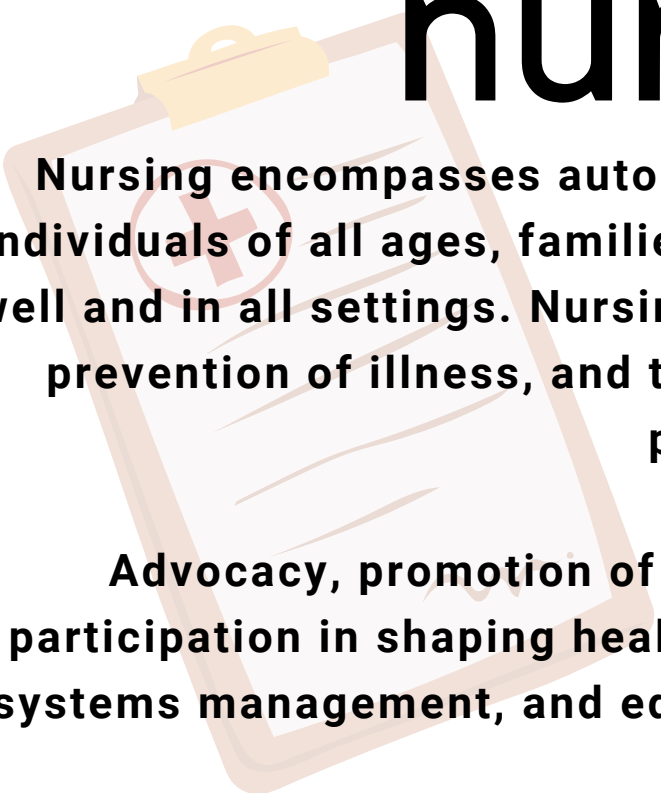
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Nursing encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings. Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people.

Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management, and education are also key nursing roles.

~International Counsel of Nurses

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