

# CAREPOINT HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS BRIEFS

The CarePoint Health School of Nursing is pleased to provide you this edition of the school newsletter. It brings news related to current statistics, events, accomplishments and future happenings. We hope you enjoy reading our news briefs and we look forward to providing many more for your reading pleasure.

## SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ Learning is life long. After graduating from nursing school (with an Associate Degree granted by HCCC and a Diploma in nursing from CPHSON), the next step is to continue your journey on to achieve your BSN. Agreements exist to obtain a BSN from NJCU in 15 months, Saint Peter's University, or Walden University (on-line), and College of St. Elizabeth; all with tuition reduction.
- ◆ CarePoint Health SON has completed its reaccreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The school received notice in April 2016 that full accreditation was granted.
- ◆ **Save The Dates-**
  - Nursing Professional Day—Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 12:00 Noon (Day vision) & 5:30 PM (Evening) at School of Nursing
  - College Fair-Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 1:30 PM-4:30 PM at SON
  - Senior Graduation Luncheon/Rehearsal is Tuesday, June 14, 2016
  - Graduation Day is Thursday, June 16, 2016, 6:00 PM @ St. Peters University, Duncan Family Sky Room in Jersey City, NJ
- ◆ **End-of-Course Student Surveys-** We process results of end-of-course student surveys and distribute reports to the faculty. The reports are useful to faculty for improving subsequent offerings of the same or related courses. Please take time to complete all distributed surveys. Your thoughtful and objective responses to each question are a highly valued part of the teaching and learning improvement process. All surveys are completed anonymously.
- ◆ **Senior Exit Survey-** will take place in May 2016 established dates/times to follow.

**NCLEX-RN PREP**

**NCLEX-RN GOAL FOR THE CLASS OF 2016 IS 100% PASS RATE**

The [NCLEX-RN](#) is a comprehensive, computer-adaptive test that all graduates of [nursing programs](#) must pass in order to be licensed as registered nurses in the U. S. It's not an exam to be taken lightly, but with [good preparation](#) and a few tips, you can definitely master it! Although the NCLEX-RN is a daunting test, rest assured that nursing school has prepared you well. You will, of course, need to put in hard work to review for the exam, but your education has given you the knowledge and skills to excel on this test. Now, start practicing and getting ready to pass your NCLEX-RN!

**Purpose of the Detailed Test Plans**

1. Guide candidates preparing for the exam,
2. Inform the direction for item development,
3. Facilitate classification of exam items.

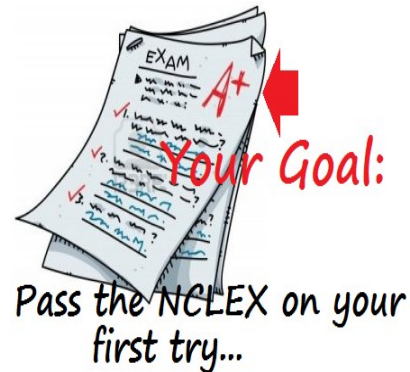
**The Detailed Test Plan also includes:**

1. Definition of each Client Needs Categories.
2. Nursing activity statements.
3. Detailed content examples.
4. Sample NCLEX items.
5. Item writing guide (educator version).

(available on-line at <https://www.ncsbn.org> and a copy is available in the computer lab).

**NCLEX Student Success**

- ◆ Complete all ATI assignments.
- ◆ Meet with your mentor and mentor helpers as assigned. This is a very important aspect .
- ◆ Complete all remediation assignments.
- ◆ Take all assignments seriously.
- ◆ Review the NCLEX-RN test plan.
- ◆ Continue to do practice questions daily.
- ◆ Become comfortable with alternative format questions.



**ENROLLMENT NEWS**

HCCC-Nursing Program enrollment news for Fall 2016.

**Fall 2016 Estimated Student Enrollment NSG110**

Day Division-50 students  
Evening Division-30 students

**ALUMNI NEWS**

New School of Nursing Alumni Association is planning to have a dedication of new building at HCCC and an Alumni gathering in Spring/ Fall 2016.



## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

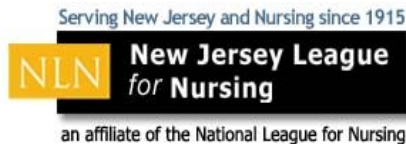
The New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc. (NJNS), “is a pre-professional organization representing the nursing students of New Jersey. Their goal as an organization is to help mold the future professionals of nursing by aiding in the transition from student nurse to professional nurse.

**The 64th Annual NJNS Convention! Nursing: Honoring the Past and Shaping the Future March 3 - 4, 2016 | Bally's, Atlantic City, NJ.**

**Nidhi Avichal**, President & **James Sherill**, Alternate Representative will be presenting their experience at Professional Nurses’ Day celebration in May 2016.



**NEW JERSEY LEAGUE for NURSING CONVENTION**  
**"Beyond the Hospital Walls: The New Frontier"**  
**NJLN Convention** - March 31 ~ April 1, 2016 at the Tropicana Casino & Resort, Atlantic City was attended by the senior



class. **Sigma Ledford** is the Student Class advisor for the Class of 2016. Thank you to the Class of 2016 officers and we wish them good luck.

Class Officers Are:

**Melissa Kleckner**, President

**Monique Longoria**, Vice-President

**Washington Villacres**, Treasurer

**Genevieve Sarkar**, Secretary

**Alternate Representatives**

Activities the School has undertaken include BP Screenings at the GrandView Apartments and Liberty Science Center.

Participating in the student council gives individuals the opportunity to get involved in civic and service activities while promoting school spirit, learning to work with a team and developing leadership skills. Fundraising activities that have been held to raise money include diaper drive, iPad/Kindle raffle and Class of 2016 sweatshirt sales.

**Susanne Sorace** is the Student Class advisor for the Class of 2017. Class elections were held in Spring 2016.

Class Officers Are:

**Nidhi Avichal**, President

**Alexis Zamboagna**, Vice-President

**Eduardo Doroteo**, Treasurer

**Dominique Hijos**, Secretary

**Sarah Michelle Labrador & James Sherill**, Alternate Representatives



## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

**Sharon Mirante, Carmen Pelardis, Nancy Saliba & Susanne Sorace** attended the **The 64th Annual NJNS Convention at Bally's, Atlantic City, NJ.** The Dean/Directors/ Faculty Luncheon was presented on the topic of, “Understanding the Development of the NCLEX Test Plan”. The overall message taken

from this presentation is for faculty and students to review the NCLEX test plans before your exam appointment. The test plans serve as blue prints to outline the content to be tested and guide the item writing process.

**Dean Fasano and Miriam Masias, Skills Lab Coordinator** attended the NJLN convention. The session they went to was, “Journey in the Implementation of the INACLS Standards of best practice: Simulation and the National League for Nursing (NLN) / Jeffries Simulation Framework in their Curriculum” presented by

Trinitas School of Nursing. In this workshop schools develop standardized simulation programs for schools of nursing.

**Dean Fasano** was elected to the NJLN Board of Directors at the March 2016 Convention for a 3 year term.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

There are several things to think about when applying for a nursing scholarship. If you need to submit an [essay](#) you need to know how best to write an award winning submission. Help from your teachers and from other students will be essential in doing this. There is also a lot of information online for you if you wish to know more about this process.

Nursing is a very specialized field. Remember also that scholarships and grants is money you do not have to pay back, so getting one of these is really a

bonus. Applying for them locally is the easiest option. Naturally, loans for education come with low interest rates but you may be able to have the fee waived if you choose to work in an underserved area or in low-income communities. [Avoid any scholarship scams](#) that claim to have a monopoly on information, expect any payment for the scholarship or suggest that there is no application process. A financial aid counselor is always a great person to talk to if you are unsure. It's best to start as soon as possible to inquire about scholarships. You

need time to complete forms and meet deadlines.

For more information about applying for scholarships directly through CarePoint Health School of Nursing please contact Lisa Cieckiewicz-McCall, Assistant Director of Administrative Services.

Also refer to postings on Student Bulletin Board at CPHSON in Student Lounge 1st Floor.

### [WRG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

The Women's Rehabilitation Group of New Jersey (WRG) is proud to offer two tuition scholarships to School of Nursing students for the **2015-2016** academic year to C. Fernandez and S. Uddin. WRG, a New Jersey-based organization, supports university-bound female students of South Asian descent; however, WRG tuition scholarships are open to all women students admitted to the institution of higher education. Since 2009 this organization has served ten (10) CPHSON deserving students.

### All donors have set their own guidelines/criteria for awarding scholarships.

#### List of Scholarships Available

- ◇ American Legion Scholarship
- ◇ Hudson City Lyons Club Scholarship
- ◇ Peninsula Masonic Charity Fund Scholarships
- ◇ Switzer Foundation Scholarship
- ◇ Women's Rehabilitation Group of NJ (WRG) Scholarship
- ◇ Provident Bank Scholarship-Bishop Kroneberger

#### Additional Scholarships when available

- ◇ ADSPN (Association of Diploma Schools of Professional Nursing ) Scholarship
- ◇ American Association of Indian Nurses- Scholarship
- ◇ FANEL (Federation for Accessible Nursing Education and Licensure) Scholarship
- ◇ NCHASCN (National Coalition of Hospital Associated Schools and Colleges of Nursing)
- ◇ NNJBNA (Northern NJ Black Nurse Association) Scholarship
- ◇ NJSNA (New Jersey State Nursing Association) Scholarship
- ◇ NJLN (New Jersey League for Nursing) Scholarship
- ◇ Mary L. Steele Reives Scholarship (Chi Eta Phi Sorority)
- ◇ George J Hebert scholarship

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#### Nursing Scholarships Web-Sites

- \*[www.nursingscholarships.org/new-jersey](http://www.nursingscholarships.org/new-jersey)
- \*[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) (nursing)
- \*[www.minoritynurse.com](http://www.minoritynurse.com) (scholarships)

**S T U D E N T S U C C E S S**

The School of Nursing has a variety of resources to be used that aids in student success. These resources are listed below. Utilization of the resources should start from the beginning of nursing school until after you have taken your licensing exam (NCLEX). Remember your success is our success!! For help in using any of the resources please see the Learning Resource Specialist or email kvargo@hccc.edu.

**A V A I L A B L E R E S O U R C E S**

Content Review	Q & A
<p><b>Judith Miller Content Review. DVDs. 2010. (available in the computer lab)</b>                      Each DVD is 2 hours.                      Reviews content with questions interspersed.</p> <p>Test taking skills                      Essential concepts I                      Essential concepts II                      Neurosensory                      Cardiovascular                      Cancer &amp; blood disorders                      Respiratory                      Gastrointestinal                      Genitourinary / skin &amp; burns                      Musculoskeletal                      Endocrine conditions                      Female reproductive I                      Female reproductive II                      Pediatrics I                      Psychiatric nursing I                      Psychiatric nursing II                      Pharmacology                      Units 1-17: workbook key, quiz, quiz answers &amp; rationales</p> <p><b>EDGT Tutorials.</b>  <b>Tutorials bring clinical to classroom learning.</b>                      Basic head to toe patient assessment                      Basic principles of pharmacology                      Endocrine system                      Ethical and legal issues in nursing                      Fluid and electrolyte balance                      Growth and development                      Home health nursing                      Management skills: effective delegation                      Psychotherapeutic meds                      Therapeutic communication                      (for login information see K. Vargo)</p>	<p><b>Books— use for content review and questions</b>  <b>The college library has a great collection of review books for all nursing courses that can be borrowed. Go to <a href="http://www.hccclibrary.net">www.hccclibrary.net</a> for available books.</b>  <b>Most popular:</b>                      FA Davis success series                      Incredibly easy series</p> <p>Billings. NCLEX-RN questions &amp; answers made incredibly easy                      Delar’s practice questions for NCLEX-RN                      Gauwitz. Complete review for NCLEX-RN                      Mosby’s review questions for NCLEX-RN examination                      Sandra Smith’s review for NCLEX-RN                      Silvestri. Saunders comprehensive review for the NCLEX-RN exam</p> <p><b>Kaplan Focused Reviews</b>                      Take quizzes or create your own tests from test bank questions.</p>
<p><b>Feuer Nursing Review. 28 CDs. 2008, 2013. (available in the computer lab)</b>                      Entire set can be borrowed for 2 weeks. Cannot be re-newed.</p> <p><b>Kaplan</b>                      Personalized remediation for standardized tests taken at end of each course and remediation after focused review quizzes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Test Taking Strategies</b></p> <p><b>Judith Miller. DVD. #1 Test taking skills (available in the computer lab)</b></p> <p><b>Kaplan</b>                      Test taking video</p> <p><b>Books</b>                      Hesi comprehensive review for the NCLEX-RN exam [see chapters 2 &amp; 3]                      Nugent. Test success: test—taking techniques for beginning nursing students.                      Silvestri. 2014 – 2015 Strategies for test success passing nursing school and the NCLEX exam.</p>