Winter Hall opens on campus

Winter Hall, the third and newest academic building on the Allen College campus, opened on August 16. At the grand opening event, Allen College Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham said the new building signals a new phase in the College's growth in serving students.

“Winter Hall provides needed facilities to help us continue to better educate the healthcare workers of the future,” Durham said. “It is the result of widespread support of Allen College’s growth and an investment in the future well-being of the many communities we serve.”

The building will house new academic programs and additional faculty to meet the needs of a growing student enrollment. Fall semester enrollment is at a record 551 students, a 10-percent increase from fall semester 2011. Durham said he believes this building will allow enrollment to grow to at least 700 students, possibly more.

“Allen College is an institution that is educating healthcare professionals to provide patient care throughout Iowa,” said Mark Baldwin, chair of the Allen

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Hearst Foundation grant provides a new opportunity for students

The name William Randolph Hearst might conjure up images of an iconic figure during the 20th century. His influence spread—and continues to extend—to publishing, politics, Hollywood, the art world and everyday American life.

His legacy lives on through The Hearst Foundation Inc., founded by Hearst in 1945. In 1948, Hearst established the California Charities Foundations, later renamed The William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The Hearst Foundation provides grants in the areas of education, culture, health and social service.

Today, his influence is felt locally on our campus. In March 2012, the San Francisco-based Hearst Foundation’s board of directors approved a $50,000 grant to Allen College.

The Hearst grant will provide 10 scholarships to students enrolled in the College’s 15-month accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. The accelerated BSN program, which qualifies graduates for RN licensure, is the first BSN program of its type in Iowa. Admission into the program takes a holistic approach, balancing academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership, community services and diversity, as well as other relevant life experiences.

Five students entering the program in May 2012 will receive the scholarships, and an additional five students will receive the scholarships in May 2013. The scholarships will be awarded based on a combination of financial need and merit.

According to Allen College Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham, “Many of the students who are admitted to this program do not qualify for federally guaranteed loans or scholarships because they already hold a four-year degree. Without this financial support, they might struggle to pay for their nursing education.”

Durham noted this is the first time Allen College has received support from the Hearst Foundation.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our students, and we are thankful to The William Randolph Hearst Foundation for their support.”


**A significant addition**

The opening of Winter Hall on our campus this past August is important for several reasons. First, and most importantly, this beautiful new building offers a most salutary example of the continuing investment our supporters have made in Allen College. All our academic buildings, like Winter Hall, were made possible through the support of individuals, foundations and businesses that understand Allen College’s mission and its critical importance to the Cedar Valley and northeast Iowa. These supporters have given their gifts to Allen College with the understanding that we will continue our commitment to excellence in nursing and health sciences education for decades to come.

Winter Hall will allow Allen College to continue its planned growth in enrollment and academic programs for the foreseeable future. Every faculty and one staff member have moved offices in Winter Hall, freeing up space in Gerard Hall and Barrett Forum, where additional faculty and staff, arriving in 2013, will be readily accommodated. Additional space for faculty meetings and conferences are also now available in Winter Hall. With its flexible space on the first floor, Winter Hall is already being used by community groups for meetings and conferences—usually without cost. Because of the generosity of those who support our College, it feels right to give back to the community by making our spaces available for community gatherings.

Finally, our students seem thrilled with the new building. Today, as I walked through the building, I found clusters of students gathered on every floor of the new structure, engaged in conversations and observing the faculty. The benefits of Winter Hall will be even more evident to students this winter when they no longer need to brave the cold to move from one building to the next, since all three buildings are now connected. Winter Hall seems like a most appropriate name, not only as a tribute to Carlton and Thelma Winter, but also as a footnote about our climate! The students, faculty, staff and I thank you, the friends of Allen College, for your generous support.

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College Board of Trustees and of the Allen College System Board. “All of Iowa, and particularly northeast Iowa, benefit from this project.”

Named for the late Carlton and Thelma Winter of Waterloo, Winter Hall is a $4.8 million building. The 19,300-square-foot facility includes two 75-seat lecture halls, two 35-seat classrooms and new offices. It connects Barrett Forum and Gerard Hall, the first two academic buildings on campus.

When not in use for classes, the lecture halls in the new building can be combined for use as a conference center to seat approximately 175. The second floor features two smaller classrooms and faculty offices. It includes student conference rooms, additional staff office space and a faculty lounge. A lined-service kitchen is located on the first floor, with an informal lounge area located near the first-floor entrance. The new building was constructed using green building methods wherever possible.

The Winter Hall project also included the renovation of some existing space in Gerard Hall, including the addition of an ultrasound lab. A new outdoor plaza, funded by a grant from the Black Hawk County Gaming Association, now serves as the front entrance for Allen College.

The Winters owned and operated six Ben Franklin stores in Waterloo from 1939-1981. They loved their business and their customers, and were tireless workers. They also were quietly charitable throughout their lives, giving back to the community that supported them. Carlton passed away in 2000 at the age of 87. Thelma lived 100 years and died in 2008. In their estate, they left $13 million to area organizations, including a $2 million bequest to Allen College. Their gift and more than 600 gifts from other donors made the construction of Winter Hall possible.

Winter Hall is named for the late Thelma and Carlton Winter of Waterloo. Contributions from their estate helped make the new building possible. A significant addition

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**FEATURED DONOR – MARY RIX**

**Paying it forward**

Mary Rix creates scholarship to be part of the solution

Mary Rix is a collector of quotes. She treasures her grandmother’s collection she inherited.

“We’re put on this earth to help others,” Rix remembers her grandmother telling her. Rix is keenly aware she didn’t get where she is today by herself. “Lots of people have helped me along my journey,” she says.

Inspired to help others, Rix knew in fifth grade that she wanted to be a nurse. Growing up on a farm near Dysart, Iowa, she learned and benefited from a small town style of giving.

Rix’s own rich and varied nursing career began upon her graduation from Allen School of Nursing with a nursing diploma in 1971. From working as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps at West Point, NY, then on to Iowa, California, eventually Oregon, Rix worked in a variety of hospitals and settings. While managing an emergency department in California, she received a bachelor’s degree in organizational behavior from the University of Santa Cruz in 1981. She ended up at Kaiser Permanente in Portland, OR, where she was pediatric nurse manager and clinical manager of CARES Northwest (Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Service). For the last 12 years of her career—she retired in 2011—Rix managed clinical operations for Kaiser Permanente’s Center for Health Research.

Rix is pleased to watch the focus of healthcare shift toward preventive care. “Yes, we have made incredible advances in healthcare since I graduated from Allen College 40 years ago, but one thing I’ve come to appreciate over my nursing career is the importance of quality of life,” she says. “Birthing enabled me to help people live every day as full as possible.”

**In Remembrance**

**MARIAN AYERS**

February 15, 2012

Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1955

**KEITH CLARK**

March 9, 2012

Administrative Assistant, Allen College

**KAROLYN “DEE” HARMON**

March 17, 2012

Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1971

**LOUIS BEECHER**

April 30, 2012

Honorary Doctoral Recipient 2009

**JOANN M. MATOUS**

June 20, 2012

Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1952

**WAYNE RICHER**

July 15, 2012

Environmental Services, Allen College

**ANNE DOYLE**

August 1, 2012

International Admissions Counselor, Allen College

Planned gifts include deferred gifts. Deferred gifts are generally divided into two categories: charitable bequests and life income gifts. Estate gifts are more common than life income gifts. An estate gift is a contribution that is associated with your will or the final distribution of your estate. It allows your assets to continue to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

Allen College launches Heritage Society

Allen College has created a new giving society that will recognize graduates of Allen’s six decades as a School of Nursing and community supporters who have created deferred gift commitments, including estate gifts, for Allen College.

When you make a planned gift to Allen College through the Allen Foundation, you will become a member of the Heritage Society.

Matt Rolinger, senior director of development for Allen Foundation, says, “There is a high need for financial support at Allen College. Student tuition and fees alone do not support the operations of the College.”

The College receives support from state and federal government as well, but it is insufficient to sustain operations. And government support is not guaranteed from year to year.

“To continue the tradition of quality education at Allen College, we must seek support from those who truly care about the school—our alumni and friends,” says Rolinger.

It’s easy to become a member of the Heritage Society.

“The Allen Foundation staff will work with you and your financial advisors to choose the planned gift that is right for you and your family,” Rolinger says. “And, we’ll make sure your gift is recognized appropriately as well.”

Continuing to give back in her retirement, Rix volunteers for causes like programs for at-risk youth and political campaigns. Rix thinks Sydnee Smith’s quote represents how she feels about the importance of every gift. “It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.

Learning more by contacting Matt Rolinger at the Allen Foundation.
Helping meet the growing need for qualified nursing faculty

As more numbers of aging nursing faculty members retire over the next decade and competencies increase to recruit doctoral-qualified instructors, Allen College is responding proactively to address the nationwide nursing shortage and create a nursing workforce more representative of the nation’s population.

“The NCIN program has allowed the College to expand the Accelerated Option of the BSN program,” Williams-Perez says. “This program has also allowed us to recruit and enroll an increased number of students who are traditionally underrepresented in nursing. Allen College is helping strengthen nursing education and filling the need for nurses with capable, competent nurses.”


Allen College Scholarships/Awards

Thank you to the individuals and organizations that established scholarships/awards for Allen College students through the Allen College Foundation—almost $210,000 was awarded for the 2012-2013 academic year. Of this total, $121,900 in institutional scholarships and awards for 2012-2013. The following scholarships/awards were awarded for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Keith & M. Carol Charley Scholarship

Lindsey Smith

Brittany Weiss

Kelley Bryan

Amber Renaud

Samantha Giddens

Kayla Peiffer

Danielle Hollinrake

Taylor Cowell

Sophia Courneya

Jennifer Boeckenstedt

Shelby Belcher

Kristine Butler

Ardena Butler

Crystal Allen

Kathy Green

uation

Community Foundation – Kansas City

Overland Park Community Foundation

Jim and Carol Hinkle Scholarship

Kenzie Mecklenburg

Brittany Weiss

Austin Jordan

Angela Anderson

Katie Wehling

Megan Rypala

Stephanie Taets

Rebekah Kellar

Yvonne (Toni) Akers

Patricia Willson

Brittany Ubben

Carly Moody

Megan Miller

Stephanie Taets

Becky Swiggum

Leeann Hammersim

Nurses who graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty for the prescribed period of time. This program provides funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of an NFLF loan fund.

According to data from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, a total of 1,088 faculty vacancies were identified in a 2011 survey of 603 nursing schools with baccalaureate and/or graduate programs across the country. Besides the vacancies, schools cited the need to create an additional 104 faculty positions to accommodate student demand. The data show a national faculty vacancy rate of 7.7 percent. Most of the vacancies were faculty positions requiring or preferring a doctoral degree. The top reasons cited by schools having difficulty finding faculty were a limited pool of academically prepared faculty and noncompetitive salaries compared to positions in the practice arena.

“Our Nurse Faculty Loan Program provides us with a tremendous opportunity to attract greater numbers of students who aspire to serve as faculty members,” said Durham. “These students are then able to expand the nursing faculty workforce as greater numbers of nurse educators retire.”
Faculty and Staff Recognition Banquet

Congratulations to the Allen College faculty and staff who were recognized for their accomplishments at Allen College’s 9th Annual Scholarly Recognition Banquet last spring. The awards were given by members of the Professional Development Committee after each person met certain criteria for the 2011 year. Following is a list of the honorees:

Dr. Andrea Addington, professor, School of Nursing
Dr. DeAnn Ambroson, professor, School of Nursing
Brenda Barnes, associate professor and director of the Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) program, School of Health Sciences
Suzanne Bellinger, associate professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Lisa Brodersen, professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Jerry Durham, chancellor and professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Peggy Fortsch, dean and professor, School of Health Sciences
Suzanne Gettman, assistant professor, School of Nursing
Teresa Isaacsan, assistant professor, School of Nursing
Cindy Jennex, associate professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Nancy Kramer, vice chancellor of academic affairs and professor of nursing
Joellen Kubik, associate professor, School of Nursing
Adisa Kudumovic, associate professor, School of Nursing
Jacque Leuttinger, assistant professor emeritus, School of Nursing
Jacque Meyer, associate professor, School of Nursing

Two faculty have been approved for emerita status at Allen College. Pat Buls has been appointed assistant professor emerita. Buls retired in 2010 from Allen College after 20 years as an assistant professor. Prior to that she worked for Allen Hospital as an RN and as an instructor for the School of Nursing for 19 years. Dr. Andrea Addington has been appointed assistant professor emerita, effective from her retirement from Allen College at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year. Leuttinger has been a nurse practitioner for Allen College for 21 years, and prior to that worked for Allen Hospital and as an instructor for the School of Nursing for 14 years.

Evelene Martin, instructor and director of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program, School of Health Sciences
Doreen Mingo, assistant professor, School of Nursing
Denise Prall, associate professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Julie Rieland, associate professor, School of Nursing
Zoe Schaefer, associate professor, School of Nursing
Jared Seiger, associate professor and director of the Nuclear Medicine Technology (NMT) program, School of Health Sciences
Sarah Steele, assistant professor, School of Nursing
Kristin Keig Torres, student life/ahum affairs coordinator
Mavis TeSlaa, assistant professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Anna Weepie, associate professor and dean of undergraduate nursing, School of Nursing
Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez, dean and professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Ruth Yan, coordinator of library/media services
Dr. Diane Young, professor, School of Nursing

Faculty/staff accomplishments

Dr. Andrea Addington was promoted to professor at Allen College beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year.

Brenda Barnes was promoted to associate professor at Allen College beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year.

Dr. Jerry Durham is serving a one-year term as president of the Waterloo Kiwanis Club. He is a Kiwanis Club organization dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide.

Michele Friedman presented a continuing medical education (CME) program focused on reducing readmissions at the “Beat Goes On” program at Allen College on April 13. She also provided a CME program about advanced medical teams for the IHS Rebuilding Readmissions group in Des Moines on June 1.

Michelle Koch graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Master of Arts degree in Education—Postsecondary Education. Student Affairs.

Dr. Nancy Kramer was accepted to be a member of the Peer Corps as a reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. She was also appointed chair of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Nominating Committee.

Dr. Tara McNally successfully completed the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) certification. Tara adds the ACNP certification to her Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) certification.

Maria Metcalf was chosen to serve on the Nursing Editorial Board for Pepid Online, a point-of-care electronic decision-support resource for health care givers.

Denise Prall presented at a Manchester (IA) Rotary luncheon in June about her trip to Nicaragua. The presentation included her experience touring and assisting at several agencies in the country. Of special interest to the Rotary group was her visit to the Rotary Village, school and medical clinic in Chamindega.

Jared Seiger has been admitted to the fall 2012 cohort of the doctorate (PhD) program in higher education administration at Iowa State University.

Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez has been invited to serve on the APN Tracking System as the Iowa Association of Colleges of Nursing (IACCN) representative. The APN Tracking System is a longitudinal database of Iowa’s working advanced practice nurses.

Pat Buls
Jacque Leuttinger

ALLEN COLLEGE 6
New faculty and staff
Allen College is pleased to welcome the following new faculty and staff.

Teresa Anderson, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Teresa graduated from South Dakota State University and obtained her MSN degree from Walden University.

Ashlee Gilstrap, Education Secretary for Student Services
Ashlee earned her PhD in public health and her Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Lori Hanson, Associate Professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Hanson earned her PhD and MSN degrees from the University of Iowa.

Jacki Jaspers, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Jacki earned her PhD and MSN degree from the University of Iowa.

Cristina Ortiz, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Cristina earned her BSN degree from Allen College.

Erin Peters, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Erin started her healthcare career in a clinic and has worked as a nurse practitioner in various settings.

Angie Schmitz, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Angie earned her BSN degree from the University of Phoenix.

Seth Vickers, Instructional Designer
Seth earned his master’s degree in instructional design from the University of Northern Iowa.

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Dr. Knox received a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) and a master of science in nursing (MSN) from Allen College.

Dr. Knox has practiced clinically for more than 25 years in medical-surgical, oncology, pain management, thoracic ICU, and surgical and plastic surgery.

After volunteering, participants gained new understanding that organizations rely on volunteers to complete the day-to-day tasks that need to get done.

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As a content reviewer for the American Medical Association, Dr. Knox lectures locally and nationally as a pain management educator and clinical consultant.

In May, the Allen College Center for Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (CELL) sponsored a service-learning trip for students.

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Preparing tomorrow’s nurses, today
Office of Diversity Services hosts first Nurse Camp

This summer, 40 teenagers left their sleeping bags and bug spray at home and headed to a different kind of camp. Offered through the Office of Diversity Services (ODS) and supported by the Nursing Workforce Diversity Grant, Allen College’s Summer Nurse Camp arms these high school students with important knowledge that is critical to becoming a nurse. The camp also features a diverse range of activities to help prepare students for the rigors of collegiate life, including math, science, reading and study skills designed to prepare students for college. For more information about next year’s Summer Nurse Camp, please visit http://wwwallencollege.edu/nursecamp.

“Preparing tomorrow’s nurses, today: Allen College Summer Nurse Camp,” By Natalie Kay Craig

The Results
- 97 percent of camp participants identified a chosen nursing specialty area (two students chose pharmacy and physical therapy).
- 100 percent increased their knowledge of requirements for admission to nursing school.
- 100 percent had fewer than three unexcused absences.
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Summer commencement ceremony
Allen College awarded 62 degrees at its 2012 summer commencement ceremony on Friday, August 10, at the Nazarene Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Allen College conferred 16 Associate of Science in Radiography degrees, six Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, 41 Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degrees and three Master of Science of Nursing degrees.

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Spring commencement ceremony

Allen College conferred 104 degrees at its 2012 spring commencement ceremony on Friday, May 4, at the Nazarene Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Allen College conferred 16 Associate of Science in Radiography degrees, six Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, 41 Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degrees and 41 Master of Science of Nursing degrees.

Graduation Recap

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OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

In addition to Summer Nurse Camp, the Office of Diversity Services also offers:

• Career days
• Peer-to-peer support
• Student/nurse connections
• Professional development programs
• Informational sessions
• Success seminars
• Recruiting fairs
2012 graduates’ awards & honors
The following graduates were recognized for their awards and honors during spring and summer graduation activities.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS
Each year President’s Awards are given for excellence in academics to students in the Associate of Science in Radiography and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs who are graduating with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Associate of Science in Radiography recipient: Morgan Peters
Bachelor of Health Sciences in Diagnostic Medical Sonography recipient: Leah Opperman
Bachelor of Science in Nursing recipients: LeAnne Craig and Rebecca Litterer

JANE E. HASEK EXCELLENCE IN NURSING AWARD
For each graduation, the nursing faculty of Allen College select the graduate who best incorporates the values and beliefs of the mission and philosophy of Allen College in his/her professional and personal life. This award was named in recognition of the first chancellor of Allen College, Dr. Jane Hasen, an early visionary leadership in the establishment of the College. The 2012 recipients of the Jane E. Hasek Excellence in Nursing Award were Kaatlin Colle and Jeffrey Guse.

ALLEN COLLEGE SERVICE AWARD
Selection of the Allen College Service Award is made by the Allen College faculty in recognition of a student in the Associate of Science in Radiography program who is: a leader in community service and/or professional organizations; and has consistently demonstrated commitment to the core values espoused in the mission statement: Acceptance, Respect, Care and Service.

Recipient: Kayla Peiffer.

The 2012 recipients of the Allen College Service Awards were:
- Morgan Peters - Associate of Science in Radiography
- Rebecca Litterer - Bachelor of Health Sciences in Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Leah Opperman - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

PREsIdENTIAL AWARDS
The following graduates were recognized for their awards and honors during the spring 2012 graduation ceremony and graduation reception.

RDMS student was able to challenge the credentials in RDMS® (Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer) and received a ‘B’ grade in the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) certification exams for graduates in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

All 16 Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR) degree candidates of the 2012 graduating class have successfully passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification exams for graduates in these areas of study.

These changes are a result of upcoming changes to the national (ARDMS) (American Society of Clinical Pathology) Partners with Siemens Healthcare to provide scholarships to medical laboratory students. The purpose of these scholarships is to help defray education costs, promote medical laboratory science as a rewarding career, and address the workforce shortage of qualified professionals.

The expanded focus of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track is titled Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. This new track is titled Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Classes, including clinical study, will be offered during evenings and weekends to allow for flexibility in the students’ schedules.

Additionally, the College now offers a new pre-licensure nursing program that began fall 2012. Students will complete the program in 2.5 calendar years, or seven consecutive semesters. The curriculum is designed for students who have provided outstanding service to the College and, as ambassadors in the community, are selected to attend the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI) workshop. The workshop focuses on nuclear pharmacy, and community service a reality on their campus.

“Our hope is that after we establish the program this year that it will continue to grow in subsequent years,” said Kristen Teig Torres, student life and alumni affairs coordinator.

New degree programs approved
As part of an initiative issued by President Obama, Allen College has established a plan to help build interfaith cooperation and encourage community service. The Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge was created by the President to encourage communication between people of different backgrounds to build stronger communities through service work.

Allen College will join more than 400 other higher education institutions in a mission to make interfaith cooperation and community service a reality on their campus.

“The College has made progress in implementing these programs. A bachelor’s degree completion program for dental hygienists (BDS-DH), a bachelor’s degree in public health (BHS-PH), and a master’s degree in occupational therapy (MOT) were approved by the health science faculty on Aug. 30. In addition, the ARRT-DMS certification exam was approved by the ASCP. The MOT program will be presented to the College’s Board of Trustees in November. Pending approval of a new programming request, these three degree programs will be offered through the Higher Learning Commission and the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education.

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The program is designed primarily for working adults who wish to prepare for a career as a registered nurse but are unable to attend traditional daytime classes,” said Kendra Williams-Pérez, dean and professor at the school nursing.

The College has also approved a master’s degree in community/public health nursing to begin fall of 2013. This program is designed to prepare nurses in the areas of advancing health equity, as well as social and public health.

Students will complete the requirements for this degree in 10 semester hours and 300 clinical practicum hours.

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Allen College will join more than 400 other higher education institutions in a mission to make interfaith cooperation and community service a reality on their campus.

“Our hope is that after we establish the program this year that it will continue to grow in subsequent years,” said Kristen Teig Torres, student life and alumni affairs coordinator.

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“Graduates will be prepared to assume roles in education, case management, clinical practice, consultation, research and administration,” said Williams-Pérez.

Assistant professors are planning to expand professional organizations and appeal to a more diverse student population. These new degree programs also help fulfill an unmet need in the state of Iowa, ultimately improving healthcare for the citizens of the state.

A doctoral program (EdD) in health professions education is also being planned to open in Fall 2014, pending required approvals.

Update from the School of Health Sciences
Revisions to several of Allen College’s nursing practitioner track programs have recently been approved and implemented. These include:

- The expanded focus of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track to include lifespan (i.e., infancy through older adult). The new track is titled Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.
- The expanded focus of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track to include gerontology, with the new track title of Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.
- The combination of the Adult Nurse Practitioner track and the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner track into the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner track.

These changes are a result of upcoming changes to the national certification exams for graduates in these areas of study.

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“We hope to be involved with organizations in our community that we have been involved with in the past, such as the Salvation Army, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and the Waterloo Parochial and Amish schools in northern Iowa also to encourage more students of all faith backgrounds to help continue to improve our community,” said Teig Torres.

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Three generations of Allen College nurses, present, past and future. Bethany and her mother, Deanne, standing behind grandmothers Phyllis (l) and Karen (r).
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