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The program is the first of its kind in Iowa and is only offered at Allen College. Qualified nurses with experience in acute care nursing are eligible to apply for admission to the new track.

“We are pleased to offer this course of study to nurses as we expand our program offerings,” says Dr. Susan Dawson, Allen College dean of academic affairs. “ACNP programs have become very important because demand for nurses with these skills is high. This is a great way for nurses to broaden their skills and career potential through higher education.”

ACNP students will learn to manage complex patient problems through clinical hands-on experience. The curriculum includes diagnostic reasoning, advanced therapeutic interventions and consultation.

Classes will begin fall semester of 2007.

To enroll or to receive more information, call 319-226-2000.

**Allen Alum Travels to Africa With Operation Smile**

Sandra Gardner, an Allen College graduate and Digestive Diseases Center RN, has plenty to smile about. In October, she spent three weeks in Kenya traveling the country with the volunteer medical group Operation Smile. During her tour, she acted as PACU team leader and helped treat 158 patients with burns and cleft palates and lips.

“Teamwork and trust is crucial as 44 professionals from six countries join together for two weeks to work intensively for the patients,” says Gardner.

The organization set up a temporary work area in Nakuru at the Provincial General Hospital. There they screened more than 300 children and adults with a variety of congenital deformities and injuries.

Gardner's most memorable patient in Kenya was a toddler who had recently burned his entire head and neck. The team was able to save the child's remaining eye.

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For more information about Operation Smile, or missions, donations or events, visit www.OperationSmile.org.

**You can help** shape the future of Allen College and Allen Hospital by donating to Allen College. Your generous donations will help finance special projects to enhance the quality of our education and the realm of our services. Contact Allen College or Allen Foundation to find out how you can make a difference.

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Chancellor’s Message

Allen College has made remarkable progress in achieving eight goals in its 2003-08 strategic plan (See Strategic Goals) that was developed with input from many stakeholders. While the College will began work on a new strategic plan shortly, I’d like to share some of our accomplishments relative to the current plan.

• Key Indicators: Allen College has established and regularly monitors key indicators of quality of education. For example, we closely monitor students’ performance license and certification examinations. (Our students perform well above state and national norms.)

• Curriculum Redesign: Twenty-four students will start the new BSN Accelerated Program in May, a new Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Track in the MSN Program will start in Fall 2007; and the Board of Trustees has given preliminary approval for three new health science programs. Additional programs are under consideration to meet the need for more healthcare professionals in Iowa.

• Financial Self-Sufficiency: The College has met its budget goals for the past three years and enjoys a modest profit margin. Efforts are underway to increase the College’s endowment and scholarship support.

• IHS Integration: This year the leadership track of the MSN program enrolled associates from throughout the Iowa Health System. We now provide many of our RN/BSN and MSN courses on site to enable students from IHS and throughout Iowa to complete degrees in nursing.

• Technology Plan: The College’s faculty recently recommended a best practices model that positions Allen College competitively in the higher education market.

Strategic Goals 2003-2008

• Establish key indicators for ensuring the quality of the Allen College graduate.

• Develop and implement a technology plan that positions Allen College competitively in the higher education market.

• Create a seamless experience for our students through partnerships with educational institutions and selected healthcare providers and employers.

• Redesign curricula models to meet student needs and the changing employment market.

• Develop and implement a marketing plan that positions Allen College competitively among higher education institutions.

• Develop and implement a plan for faculty recruitment and retention.

• Marketing Plan: Our students choose our campus because they see an Allen College education as having value and meaning in their lives. The College’s marketing plan aims to communicate our core values to all prospective students. Our record enrollment in Fall 2006 would seem to indicate that we are successful in this endeavor. The College’s tuition remain one of the best values among private colleges in Iowa, a factor that is attractive to many of our students who are first generation college students.

I am proud to share with you only a few of our key accomplishments that have made Allen College successful in its mission to produce high quality healthcare providers for the Cedar Valley, Iowa and beyond. Thank you for your friendship and support.

Dr. Jerry Durham
Allen College Chancellor

The Past Meets the Future at the 2007 Alumni Banquet

This year’s honor classes are any class before 1957. The class of 1957 will be specially honored in its 50th year. All Allen College alumni and Allen Hospital School of Nursing alumni are invited to join us Saturday, April 28, 2007. Activities include a lunch and tours at Allen Hospital and Allen College before dinner at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center. More information will be mailed, or you can contact Kristin Teig Torres, Student Life/Alumni Affairs Coordinator at (319) 226-2166 or teigt22@lhs.org.

Faculty: The College is fully staffed with well-qualified faculty. Several new policies have been implemented aimed at recruiting and retaining faculty. Increasing numbers of our faculty are enrolled in or completing doctoral degree programs.

2006-2007 Outside Scholarship Recipients

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Allen College Institutional Scholarships were acknowledged in the fall newsletter. Thank you to the following individuals and organizations that offered scholarship assistance to Allen College students during the 2006-2007 academic year.

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On December 15, 2006 Allen College recognized 39 bachelor of science in nursing students for completing the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. A 4:00 p.m. ceremony was held at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Congratulations to the following:

Dennis Baier
Niki Baker
Jennifer Boevers
Tammara Bullock, RN
Jennifer Lynn Cooper, LPN
Julie Marie Cousin
Beth Elaine Dalgleish
Jennifer Rae Dahl
Beth Marie Groteleuschen
Heidi Elizabeth Grennan
Amity Renae Freerks
Beth Elaine Dalluge
Jennifer Boevers
Kyla Joan Pagel
Tracy Puchta
Tricia Lyn Potter
Kyla Joan Pagel
Linsey Nicole Pfaffer
Summa Cum Laude (3.9 or above GPA)
Magnus Cum Laude (3.71-3.89 GPA)
Cum Laude (3.5-3.7 GPA)

Allen College Board of Trustees
The Allen College Board of Trustees appreciates the hard work and dedication of the students who have been recognized. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to their future contributions to the field of nursing.

The following graduates were recognized with awards and honors:

Graduating with Honors
Dennis Baier
Niki Baker
Jennifer Boevers
Heather Rae Klein
Tammara Langner
Tara Lynn Mount
Kyla Joanne Pagel
Linsey Nicole Pfaffer
Cum Laude
Cum Laude
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Student Awards

67th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Society of Radiologic Technologists
The 67th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Society of Radiologic Technologists was held in Council Bluffs, Iowa from September 7-9, 2006. The Allen College Associate of Science in Radiography Level 2 students prepared and entered their scientific posters into competition against other student posters from Iowa. Allen College has a history of finishing well in this competition, and this year was no different. Allen-College-took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Miranda Weiss and Tiffany Killiam received 1st place for their poster entitled “A Condition That Ties You Up in Knots.” Heather Murphy received 2nd place for her poster entitled “Invasion of the Bone.” Rachel Dickinson received 3rd place for her poster entitled “A Mystery: The Unknown Mass in the Chest.”

Allen College Service Award
This award recognizes students who have displayed outstanding service or contributions to Allen College. Recipient: Dennis Baier

Jane E. Hasek, EdD, RN Excellence in Nursing Award
Selected as a graduate from the BSN program who exemplifies characteristics of excellence. Recipient: Kara Opp

Allen College Faculty Member Earns National Certification
Diane Young Becomes Fourth Certified Nurse Educator in Iowa
Allen College faculty member Diane Young, CNE, has passed the National League for Nursing (NLN) Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) Examination. The certification establishes Young’s specialty area of practice as nurse education and demonstrates her expertise and high standards of excellence in this role.

Young is one of only four CNEs in Iowa and 330 nurse educators across the country.

Young has served on the Allen College faculty since 1980, and has worked in nursing with Allen Health System for 35 years. She holds a PhD in nursing from the University of Iowa, a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Iowa.

The National League for Nursing offers faculty development, networking opportunities, testing and assessment, nursing research grants, and public policy initiatives to nursing faculty and leaders in nursing education across the country.

Susan Dawson Becomes Site Evaluator, Nominated to Pathways Board
Dr. Susan Dawson, Dean of Academic Affairs, became a site evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Dawson has also been appointed to the Board of Pathways Behavioral Services. Pathways offers substance abuse treatment services, including a halfway house, residential short-term treatment, residential long-term treatment, outpatient, and partial hospitalization/day treatment.

Nancy Kramer Appointed to Allen College Professorship
Nancy Kramer, Ed.D., MSN, CPNP, ARNP, has been appointed an R.J. McElroy Endowed Professor by the Allen College Board of Trustees. Her professorship includes developing and implementing a new track in Allen College’s master’s degree program for acute care nurse practitioners, as well as creating partnerships that encourage healthcare professionals to become advanced practice nurses.
Serve to Learn, Learn to Serve

You won’t find it in a medical textbook. But its study is key to the Allen College curriculum.

It’s the service to the community. And its importance in a student’s education continues to grow.

“Our overall mission is to provide service to the community,” says Mary Brown, associate professor at Allen College. “We’re not just saying it, we’re doing it.”

According to Brown, service activities begin in introductory nursing and radiography courses and continue through graduation.

Each year Allen College students, staff and faculty provide an average of 35,000 hours of service, impacting 80 organizations in the Cedar Valley.

That means free foot clinics, blood pressure screenings, new parent education and much more for area residents, many who couldn’t otherwise afford these services.

The college began tracking the number of hours donated to the community in 1997-98. The value of that time was estimated at $30,000. That figure grew to $90,000 last year.

Service learning impacts a student’s education. “It provides the link between coursework and the community,” says Brown. “It’s a way to learn civic engagement.”

It also benefits the communities the students will go on to serve. “Our hope is that students will reflect on their learning experiences here and participate outside their work environment.”

It’s a valuable lesson that will benefit you, the students and the communities they serve for years to come.

Pi Kappa Ceremony

The fall induction ceremony of Pi Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International was held on Thursday, October 19, 2006.

New Faculty and Staff

Keith Clark, Administrative Assistant for Academic Affairs

Keith received his BA in religion and journalism from Texas Christian University. He then went on to get his Master of Divinity, Pastoral Theology and Counseling from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Keith has held several editorial positions and several pastorates including Central Christian Church in Waterloo, and spent eight years with Cedar Memorial Christian Church in Davenport. Keith does volunteer night chaplany at Allen Hospital and PRN chaplany with Iowa Hospice for its Waterloo office territory. He is married to his wife of 16 years Susan, and has a stepdaughter, Colleen.

Dina Dowdwen, Education Secretary for Student Services

Dina Dowdwen attended the Patricia Stevens Career College in Milwaukee, WI. She worked for over 10 years at Gateway Corporation as the Accounts Receivable Clerk. She has spent the last three years at Wayne Engineering as the Communication Coordinator. Dina lives on an acreage with five horses, three dogs, one cat and a tank full of fish. She volunteers at Riverside/Christian Church as the Children’s Coordinator Assistant.

Michele Friedman, Assistant Professor

Michele graduated in 2000 with an AAS from Allen College with an FNP in 2005. Her RN experience is in skilled nursing and intensive care. She is currently a nurse practitioner in the ER at Allen Hospital. Michele is married to Trent, and they have two children: Bailey (5) and Jonny (3). She appreciates time with family and friends, and in her spare time she enjoys reading.

Michele Koehn, Admissions Counselor

Michele graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Communications and a General Business Concepts minor from the University of Northern Iowa. She has worked in human resources, management and admissions since graduation in 2001. Before coming to Allen College, she worked at Hamilton College in Cedar Falls in the business office and in admissions. Michele is married to Keith, and they have a Boston Terrier named Tucker, their pride and joy.

Cathy Messinger, Assistant Professor

Cathy has a Master of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska College of Nursing, an Associate Degree in Science Degree in Nursing from Metropolitan Community College and a B S in Business/Communications from Dana College. Before joining Allen College, Cathy was a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner with a Specialty in Electrophysiology at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, and an Emergency Room Nurse Practitioner with the Linn County Emergency Medicine.

Kristin Teig Torres, Student Life/Alumni Affairs Coordinator

Kristin, a Cedar Falls native, returned to the area in March 2004 after living in Denver, Colorado. Prior to joining the Allen College staff, Kristin was the Marketing/Development Director at the Waterloo Community Playhouse/Black Hawk Children’s Theatre. She has an extensive theatre background, and since her return to Iowa, she has performed in three local theatre productions and has stayed busy with local commercial and voiceover work. Kristin resides in Cedar Falls with her husband Travis and children Jack and Ava.

Ruth Yan, Library Assistant

Ruth received her Doctor of Education from UNI, her MA from UNI and her BA from Yunnan Normal University in China. She has been a teacher with several institutions, specializing in grammar, English and TOEFL.

Family Day

More than 80 Allen College students, family, faculty and staff enjoyed a Saturday afternoon on the Allen College campus. Family Day was held on October 28, 2006 in Barrett Forum.

After a warm welcome by faculty member Moyis TeClau, everyone enjoyed a grilled-out lunch of hamburgers and brats. Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham presented a program about the history and current operations of Allen College.

A drawing was held following lunch, with a number of items themed prizes being given away. Tours were given of the Allen College campus. Later that afternoon, some of the group took advantage of discounted UNI football tickets and cheered on the UNI Panthers football team at the UNI-Dome.

This event was coordinated by the Student Services Office. ASRO and ASNA representatives also attended and sold Allen College merchandise.

Transcripts

All transcripts requests may be submitted in writing and mailed to:
Allen College
Attn: Transcripts
1823 Logan Ave.
Waterloo, IA 50703

Transcript fees:
Immediate Service - $8.00
48-Hour Business Service - $6.00
FAXing Service - $13.00
Student Copy - $6.00

100% Pass Rate

The Associate Degree in Radiography program reports a 100% pass rate on their certification exam for their 2006 graduates. Once again this program has reported success in providing the best education in radiography. Peggy Fortsch, MS, chair of the program, credits the diverse clinical experiences and the exceptional classroom interaction with the faculty for this success.

Members of this class include:
Kyle Buskohl, Jessica Grotewold, Shelly Hahn, Ashley Heims, Kelly Lichtenberg, Sonia Muller, Kara Mundfrom, Jessica Palmer, Ashley Poppe, Lisa Potter, Chad Sneyd, Jocelyn Thunston.

Dr. Robert Koob to Speak at Commencement

The Allen College’s commencement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Former UNI President Dr. Robert Koob will be the commencement speaker. Dr. Koob was the 8th president of UNI and began in that capacity at UNI in the fall of 2005, retiring after the 2005-2006 academic year.

During the commencement ceremony, the next generation of nurses and radiographers will be showcased. They include 49 students from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, 15 from the Master of Science in Nursing program and 15 from the Associate of Science in Radiography program. This will be the largest class to graduate from the master’s degree program.