



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From Your Student Services Staff

Enjoy your break, get some rest and come back refreshed and ready for the last two weeks of class!

**CHANGE IN NUR 970 STUDENT FEE STRUCTURE:** As the current sophomores, juniors, seniors, and second degree students know, the School of Nursing has been charging a fee in the fall semester to cover insurance, supplies and testing. This did not cover any type of NCLEX Review which became an additional expense. Beginning in spring 2007, the fee structure and nursing numbers will change.

- For the spring 2007 semester, all students will be charged a fee of \$60 to cover the costs of the Meds Pub online computer learning system service. This fee will have the course number **NUR 970**. It has been added to your spring semester schedule already. NUR 970 will appear on your schedule with the notation "arrange hours." You can ignore this. You do not need to attend any class related to this fee. We have tried to have this notation deleted but the registrar insists it must remain. We are sorry for any confusion this has caused those of you not familiar with the NUR 970 fee.

Beginning in the fall 2007, all fees will change and will have a different nursing course number. They are:

- Freshman: **NUR 960**: Online learning system and supplies: \$60/semester
- Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors: **NUR 970**: Insurance, Supplies, Testing: \$95/semester.  
**Note:** There is no additional cost for the NCLEX review in the senior year.
- Second Degree: **NUR 980**: \$125 (4 times: Summer #1, Fall, Spring, Summer #2).

Again, each of these will appear on your future schedule with the notation "arrange hours." You may ignore that; you will not need to attend any class related to this fee. If you have questions please contact Laura or Mary, academic advisors.

**SPRING SEMESTER CLASS REGISTRATION:** The registration process is just about complete and schedules are available on ssinfo now. If you have any questions or concerns about your spring schedule contact Mary or Laura in the Student Services office. You are welcome to just stop in and we will be able to see you on a drop-in basis now that registration meetings are over. Please be sure to check SSInfo before the spring semester begins to make sure you have a copy of your most up to date schedule. Although we will try to avoid making any changes there is always the possibility that your assigned class schedule may change due to changes in faculty assignments or class times. You should get an email from the registrar if your schedule is changed for any reason but it is always a good idea to check it right before the semester begins.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENT HANDBOOKS:** The new student handbooks for the School of Nursing are in. They will be distributed to all freshmen in NUR 102 and 110 classes next week (after Thanksgiving break if you are in the Wed 102 class.) Upperclassmen should go to the nursing website to view the new student handbook at <http://www.nursing.purdue.edu/academics/undergraduate/handbook.pdf> If you would like a hard copy please stop by the Student Services Office in JNSN 109 to pick one up. The student handbook has valuable information such as the progression, attendance, and drug & alcohol policies. It is your responsibility to read these and make sure you are in compliance with all policies and requirements. Please direct any questions to Mary or Laura, academic advisors.

**CAREER FAIR UPDATE:** Congratulations to all involved in making this years Career Fair such a huge success! The recruiters were once again impressed by the professionalism and level of preparedness all our students showed. Mary spoke with many of the recruiters and asked them, "What qualities are you looking for in a graduate of a school of nursing who is applying for a job at your facility besides the necessary nursing skills?" Their answers were:

- confidence in assessment skills and in self; (Deaconess Homecare)
- positive attitude; people skills-she said people skills can not be taught; looking for experience in students who wish critical care (Reid Hospital)
- enthusiasm, again people skills were mentioned (Hancock Hospital)
- work ethic (first item mentioned); willingness to keep learning; enthusiasm; the love of the art of nursing; being unafraid to ask questions (Sisters of St. Francis)
- flexibility with shifts, passion about starting a nursing career, ability to concentrate on the present position and placement (Resurrection)
- honesty in career goals (Valparaiso)
- professional and enthusiastic behavior; also suggested having experience in specialty areas such as pediatrics if that is their priority (Condell)

Congratulations also to the winners of the various raffles being offered by recruiters. Andrea Krenzke won a great gift basket from Miller's Health Systems, Michelle DeLargy won a stethoscope and Lisa Welch won an iPod both from Beck-Field & Associates.

**SENIORS WANTED:** Senior Clinical Leaders! Seniors, please consider NUR 437 as you register for spring classes. Multiple clinical faculty wish to recruit clinical assistants for their spring clinicals. Assist a clinical instructor as a Senior Clinical Leader for the semester. You will obtain credits, benefit from more time on the clinical areas, assist the juniors or sophomores during their clinical and develop leadership skills! Please contact Student Services or Patty Gunning (494-1147 or pagunning@nursing.purdue.edu) if you have an interest or need more information.

**PSNA – Purdue Student Nurses Association:** The clothing sale items will be in following Thanksgiving Break. We will contact you and let you know where to pick up your items. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 28 at 7:30pm in RHPH 164. All are welcome to attend! We look forward to seeing you. :)

**NCF - NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** Thank you to those from NCF who helped with the campus wide 2006 Winterization!! More than 70 homes of elderly residents were "winterized" by cleaning gutters, raking leaves, washing windows and whatever else the homeowners requested. Upcoming events listed below. Any questions... please contact lkneeven@purdue.edu

THIS SUNDAY (November 19th) we are going to meet at the Boiler Market at 5:30 PM for a get-together dinner. This gives members to get to know each other outside of the classroom setting. Hope you all can make it!

THURSDAY Nov 30 @ 6:00 PM JNSN 245 -- Faculty Dinner & Treats for Finals -The nursing faculty will be providing dinner for us and we will be making treat packs that will be given out during various nursing classes. - PLEASE bring a donation (small or large) to help us sponsor a child/children (\$30 for one child) through "Christmas for Everyone" so that we can help a child enjoy Christmas this year.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) offers several scholarships through their foundation. Undergraduate students who are pursuing their first degree in nursing may obtain information or download an application by visiting [www.nсна.org](http://www.nсна.org) and then click on Foundation. Awards range from \$1000 to \$5000. Completed applications must be received in their office by January 12, 2007. Visit their website for more information.

**SURVIVING FINAL EXAMS WORKSHOP:** The Student Advisory Board for the Academic Success Center is excited about offering their first all-campus workshop on Surviving Final Exams on Wednesday, November 29 at 4:30 PM in STEW 318. These are successful students who share proven study tips and ideas with their peers. Their workshops have been well received by various housing units and campus organizations this year. Students of any level are invited and encouraged to attend.

**NURSING RESOURCES:** The Nursing2006 American Nursing Student eNews is especially designed for nursing students. It includes the most recent clinical and drug news, practice NCLEX questions, and much more. It's free. Go to <http://www.nursingcenter.com/home/nansenewsletter.asp> to sign up.

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

**University Residences** - University Residences is now accepting applications for Resident Assistant positions for the 2007-08 academic year. The application and additional information are available through our web site: [www.housing.purdue.edu](http://www.housing.purdue.edu). Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA apply and maintain a 2.5 cumulative and semester GPA while in the position. Applicants must also be or turn 21 years of age during their first semester of employment. The deadline to apply for fall positions is January 21, 2007. Resident Assistant positions provide real life experience working with people, enhancing time management and organizational skills, and the opportunity to have an impact on new Purdue students. RAs are the corner stone to our successful residential life program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Tom Paczolt, Director of Residential Life, (765) 494-1000

**Federal Bureau of Prisons** - The US Federal Bureau of Prisons has a continuous need to Registered Nurses around the country. More information is posted on the Student Services Bulletin board or you may visit their website at [www.bop.gov/jobs/job\\_descriptions/registered\\_nurse.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/jobs/job_descriptions/registered_nurse.jsp)

#### **CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES:**

**6th ANNUAL NURSING STUDENT CONFERENCE - Making Pediatric Nursing Your Specialty:** Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago IL is very pleased to offer this educational event for your undergraduate nursing students. The conference will be earlier this year due to our room restrictions. The conference is scheduled for January 31, 2007. We have incorporated feedback from past recipients and limited the program to standard clinical hours. The program is focused on pediatric nursing care only and is intended for nursing students who are in their pediatric clinicals or who are considering a career in pediatric nursing. The presentations are developed with the learner in mind but can also serve as an adjunct to their academic learning. The conference is free to faculty and students. We must have a completed registration form for each student that will be coming. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. This conference has been very well received in the past and we have filled our auditorium and had to close registration. Please do not get left out this year. The program is one way the Children's Memorial gives back to the community by supporting student learning of regional nursing programs. As our nursing turnover and vacancy percentages continue to decrease, we are aware that it is increasing difficult for new graduates to begin their nursing careers at Children's Memorial. Students interested in pursuing employment can bring their resumes for either an RN-LP position or an SNA position as nurse recruiters will be available during the morning break. The morning break will also include poster presentations of the various nursing units so that students can see the variety of opportunities available within a pediatric nursing focus. For more information you may contact Elaine Graf, RN, PhD  
Research & Funding Coordinator, Children's Memorial Medical Center (773) 880-4612

**National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse** – The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual national Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be held on June 3-7, 2007 at University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Fifty fully paid scholarships are available for students to attend. The scholarship covers conference registration, resource materials, on-campus residence hall room and all on-campus meals. In addition, each student receives a \$300 cash stipend at the end of the conference to help defray travel expenses. Application and registration forms are available at [www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri](http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri) There is also more information posted on the Student Services bulletin board.