

News

Nursing program offering quality education

by Dean Grey
Editor

We, the faculty of Clackamas Community College Nursing Education Program, believe that nursing education must be founded upon a common theory of man as a human being, of health as it relates to man, and of nursing as it relates to man's health. Therefore...

This, the opening statement in the 86-87 Nursing Student Handbook (NS Handbook), states what the Nursing instructors are trying to instill into their students. They have a total of seven quarters to do so.

The first year encompasses four of those seven. Any students who leave at this time have the opportunity to take the test and become a Licensed Practical Nurse. Those who continue on with the Associate Degree Nursing program

(ADN) will graduate with a two year Registered Nurses (RN) degree.

The program has three main purposes as stated in the NS handbook. "1. Offer quality ADN education designed in such a manner that allows students to exit as Practical Nurses with the completion of four terms.

2. Prepare Associate Degree graduates to function as entry level Registered Nurse generalists.

3. Prepare Associate Degree graduates with an educational base that will facilitate articulation with Baccalaureate education in nursing."

With these purposes in mind the instructors and faculty have come up with what they see as the product of their labors. The objectives of the program are: "At the completion of the ADN

program, the student will utilize the 5 step nursing process in assuming the role as:

- 1) a provider of care
- 2) communicator with clients, families, and health team
- 3) client teacher
- 4) manager of client care
- 5) member within the profession of nursing"

The curriculum for the program is based on a modified plan of "Learning Experience Guides for Nursing Students" (LEGS). "This format permits an individualized approach, while setting realistic goals for students."

The program allows the instructor to be flexible as a facilitator and organizer and gives the opportunity for maximum involvement with students. It also helps students develop intellectual curiosity, self discipline, and problem solving.

The Nursing program has many facilities. The library is probably one of the most important; it provides the students with periodicals as well as resource books.

The nursing department also has a collection of tapes, slides, and filmstrips that aid in the understanding of the curriculum. The A-V center, located in McLoughlin, houses most of the nursing video tapes and will provide any viewing equipment necessary.

In addition the nursing program gives the opportunity for nurses to practice in the environment of a hospital. At the present the care facilities that allow our students to learn there are: Willamette Falls Community Hospital, Providence Milwaukie Hospital, Meridian Park Hospital, and Portland Veterans Administration Hospital.

Other types of experience are obtained from places like: Willamette Methodist Convalescent Care Center, extended care; Dammasch State Hospital, psychiatric care; Willamette Falls Hospital, Obstetrical care.

The Associate Degree itself takes 112 credits to receive. The classes deal with all the aspects of nursing plus some support classes. To receive the LPN certificate 59 credits must have been passed in the program.

At the present there are approximately 31 second year students and 18 first year. There has been a noticeable decline in applicants for the program because of the increased prerequisites. There is also a nationwide decline in applicants, this along with a tougher course has dropped the numbers from 150 ten years ago to what we have today.

Pre-registration offered in social degree programs

by Heleen Veenstra
Staff Writer

Counselors Lee Turpin, Vince Fitzgerald, Donna Ford and Bernie Nolan started pre-registration for students in the social degree programs February 23, the process will last until March 6.

Turpin pre-registers the programs in auto body repair/refinishing, auto mechanics, drafting, electronics, fluidpower, machine shop, ornamental horticulture, parts merchandising, thermal energy and welding.

Fitzgerald pre-registers the programs in criminal justice, fire science and graphic arts. Ford will pre-register medical assistant, medical receptionist, nursing and office administration. Nolan will pre-register water quality.

Turpin pointed out the students pre-register in class and pay their tuition March 9-10. The counselors will do the rest of the registration process. Turpin said the counselors "make the process as easy for the students as possible."

Turpin stated that the students in the above mentioned programs do not need appointment cards, because they pre-register in class.

"It allows those students to have some good discussion with advisers and the instructor," Turpin said. He said the counselors will individually work with the students on their schedule and work out some problems.

Turpin said, "they (the students) will be guaranteed to get the class if they pay their fees.

We've done this at least four years," Turpin added. He said they do pre-registration every term except fall term.

Turpin said the pre-registration is for the students in the "non-transferable areas." He pointed out counselors do this to "make sure the students go in the right direction, make sure they don't have any errors in the schedule and it's an opportunity to talk with advisers."

Turpin concluded, "if they miss pre-registration in class they can come to counseling to pre-register there.

Counseling secretary enjoys position

by Heleen Veenstra
Staff Writer

"I like helping students, meeting students and working with the counselors," said Betty Reynolds, Counseling secretary at Clackamas Community College.

Reynolds started working at the college in 1969, when she began as a cashier. "I started working as a counseling secretary in 1978," Reynolds stated.

"Well, I guess I come to work in the morning and you never know what it is going to bring," said Reynolds to express she likes the unexpected in her job.

Reynolds explained that registration is the busiest time. "That gets a little hectic sometimes." She said that sometimes she starts writing a letter at eight in the morning and doesn't finish until the afternoon.

At registration time, "the stress gets to you sometimes, but that doesn't bother me too much," Reynolds said.

"The telephone gets to me the most," she expressed. She said that when she is helping a student, the telephone is disruptive, "But that's part of the job. Usually the student is very nice."

Reynolds said that when she gets a phone call she tries to "find out what that student is interested in." She pointed out that she wants to make sure the student gets in contact with a counselor who is well-informed about that student's area of interest.

"Some of the calls are really easy," Reynolds said, regarding phone calls which are not being handled in counseling. She said that working as long as she has at the college, she knows what department they have to go to.

Reynolds expressed she knows most students who come in on a regular basis. She said she also knows who those students would like to see.

Reynolds is married and has four children. "They are all grown. I'm a grandparent," she said.

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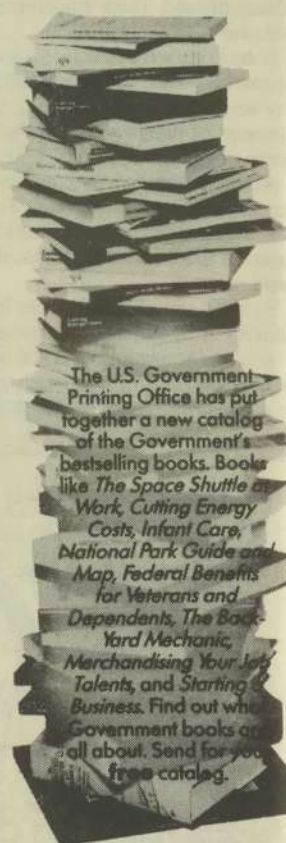
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