

BSN Nursing program begins earlier than announced.

SUU's new nursing program, slated to begin accepting nursing students in the fall of Fall 2005, will now begin this fall instead, thanks to the Utah Board of Regents. **Donna Lister**, assistant professor of nursing stated, "We just didn't want to wait that long. We felt we were prepared to start this next fall." Lister said the department faculty would hurry to get the new program into the SUU curriculum so students can apply. With the new program it will take students just four years to complete their bachelors degree in nursing instead of the six years required with the past program. "Instead of taking two years to complete their prerequisites, two years to complete their associates and two years to get their bachelors it can all be done in four years," said Lister. "They can do their prerequisites the first two years and complete their bachelors during the last two years."

According to **Alan Pearson**, assistant professor of nursing, the new program won't be accredited until the first group of students graduate in 2006. SUU's Provost **Abe Harraf** said the change will benefit both the school and the students. Additionally the new program will allow for nearly double the number of students in the program. Harraf said, "not only is there a need for nursing, but also we have a number of students who would like to get into the program." This is a different nursing program. This is a bachelor's of science degree in nursing. The program SUU is offering is going to help students finish their bachelor's degree in a short time period."

Dr. Karla Dalley has been hired as the new chief



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nurse administrator to direct the program. Applications for fall semester have already been received and registration for fall semester has already been completed. **Amanda Callaway**, a 2004 nursing graduate expressed the feelings of many of the former nursing students that she was very happy that SUU finally has the program right here in Cedar City. "It will be so much better for the nursing students to be able to receive on site service for some things rather than having to do it long distance and on the phone. I wish my diploma could have SUU on it."