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Program and Level Updates



Level 1

Hello everybody! We are the newest batch of level 1 nursing students here at SUU. Fun fact about us, we have had three students willing to have NG tubes placed in them, and one of our fellow classmates placed an NG tube in himself, by himself! (We have video proof for anyone who wants to see.) We are ecstatic to be able to attend classes in person, even if it means wearing a mask. We are grateful to the professors in the program for stepping up for us as students. Teaching students during a pandemic cannot be easy, but you all handle it with ease and make sure we get the learning opportunities we need to be great nurses. As level 1 students, we are also thankful for the opportunity to learn in a clinical setting during this crazy time. Each one of us has received advice from an upper level, and we just wanted to thank all of the upper level students for their wisdom and guidance. It has been a great help to us in being successful nursing students. We are super excited to be here and feel honored to be a part of this program.

- Kamree Peterson

Level 2



Level 2 has been quite the experience! We are all so thankful that classes have been offered in person this semester and that we have been able to have a lot of great clinical experiences at DRMC and CCH. The classes are content heavy and the clinicals have long hours, but we are doing it all! Level 2 is really difficult, but we feel supported and cheered for every day by one another and our amazing faculty.

- Megan Eberhard



Level 3

We are doing well! We are excited that we are getting close to graduating! A few of us are working on graduate school applications. Just working hard and having fun!

- Shawntae Gagnon

Level 4



The time has passed so quickly! We are weeks away from graduation from nursing school! Our class is excited, prepared, and somber about leaving all of the amazing relationships made during our time at SUU. We are a close-knit group and have bonded as friends and peers in the last 2 years. Many of our class members are searching for jobs, applying to nurse residency programs, or even pursuing further degrees. It is a sad feeling that we may not see these classmates again. This semester has given us a chance to show our clinical abilities and prove ourselves as future nurses. Thank you to the entire faculty in this nursing program; they have been huge contributors to our success and achievements. This new group of nurses will truly make an impact in healthcare. SUU honestly has the best nursing program in Utah!

- Rachel Ngatuva

RN TO BSN

NO PHOTO DUE TO COVID-19

Classes have been going great! So far, I have done class work on beaches in California and Bear Lake, in Las Vegas, on my trampoline, in Zion National Park, and in the St. George red rock. Flexibility is wonderful! Having clinicals during COVID-19 has been interesting and has presented new challenges in finding locations. I am really enjoying engaging in public health clinicals in local schools. It is an awesome time to help school nurses! I am enjoying my program and look forward to graduating in April.

- Miranda Fillmore



Health Professionals

The Health Professionals to BSN program has been a great opportunity. Our class consists of six Licensed Practical Nurses and three Paramedics who each have different clinical backgrounds. As peers, we discuss our real-life experiences with different disease processes, medications, and intellectual adventures we have acquired throughout our healthcare journey. With a class full of various backgrounds, this brings a lot of "out of the book" learning pertinent to our professional growth. The professors take our healthcare backgrounds seriously and have guided the coursework and class time accordingly. We enjoy the deep learning SUU's nursing program has provided, love that we are taken seriously as professionals, being heard by the staff, and most of all learning from one another. I would not trade this program and the brilliant soon to be Registered Nurses that make up the Health Professionals to BSN program.

- Aysia Kelsch



New Faculty Members



Janelle
Brown

Alright, a little about me. I am the youngest of 5 girls, and raised in different areas of Utah, the only time I have lived outside of Utah is when I went to Hawaii for 2 months before I started nursing school as my last hurrah! I am married to Daryl Brown, we met at SUU where he played football. We have 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl between the ages of 2 and 10. I love to be outdoors, we go backpacking, camping, and skiing a lot as a family. I love music, I just started piano lessons and I am almost on level 2! I used to sing in a band with my family where we had the opportunity to travel all over the western US as well as Shanghai China. I graduated from SUU with my BSN and I have worked in several different roles since then including Med/Surg, L&D, Level 2 Nursery, Case Management, Office Supervisor, Hospice, Home Health, Age Well Coordinator, Falls, NDNQI, and Nursing Champion. I started my MSN when I was pregnant with my last child and with a lot of support from my family and a big bowl of burnt almond fudge ice cream each night, I finished my MSN in January 2020. When I was in nursing school, I would look at my educators and hope that someday I would have the opportunity to teach like them. I loved my experience at SUU as a student and now as a faculty member. I am excited to learn and grow from the faculty around me as well as all of you!

I am originally from Southern Utah, grew up mostly in St. George, went to middle and high school in Cedar City. After graduating high school, I got my phlebotomy license, EMT Basic and EMT advance. I started working for (what was then) Iron County Ambulance, and as a tech in the ER at Cedar City Hospital. I graduated nursing school from SUU in 2014 and went on to do a nurse residency program for the Mayo Clinic. During that time, I also worked in the ER at Phoenix Children's Hospital and obtained a master's in nursing education from Western Governors University. After my husband graduated from Arizona State, we moved to Las Vegas so he could attend Pharmacy school. In Vegas I continued to work in the ER and taught for Arizona College. My husband was fortunate to get his last clinical rotations in So. Utah, so we were fortunate to build a new home and move to St. George over the summer. When I am not teaching, you can find me in the ER or ICU at DRMC, or with our 3-year daughter Rilynn. I love SUU and am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the program that made me the nurse I am today!



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COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID 19 has been an omnipresent menace across the world and it has been felt especially hard here at SUU. Where classmates usually hung out in study groups all the time and we could always see each other smiling faces, instead we are socially distancing and looking at mask after mask. Even still we as a program have pushed past the difficulties that COVID has produced and excelled as nurses always do. We have cameras in all of our classrooms now and seating charts so if someone is positive, they and everyone next to them can quarantine if necessary.

We have also helped run the COVID testing effort here on campus. Many of us have trained and administered the test for our fellow T-Birds and contributed our knowledge and expertise to the college. When COVID 19 reared its head the nursing program met it head on!

Nursing Honors Society

We would like to recognize our Honor Society members this year for their hard work and outstanding academic accomplishment. Having maintained a GPA above a 3.75 these students were inducted into the society this year. The society wished to state the following...

“We are so proud of all those who were inducted this semester! We know they have worked hard to be here, and we are happy to have them join the honor society. We also are thankful for SheriDawn Neilson, Bree Rayburn, and Selwyn Layton for helping us put together an induction ceremony via Zoom.”

The inductees are as follows: Madison Seamons, Jenessa Layland, Sydney Whitson, Samantha Foley, Joyce Rachel Lister, Sabrina Jensen, Kaylin Willits, Kaitlyn Huntington, Ashlee Eggett, Taylor Harris, Anna Hatch, Mary Davies, Melissa Rae Anderton, Emma Clegg, Markelle Twitchell, Shawnn Baker, Megan Eberhard, Abby Kate Holmgren, Taylor Tullis, Dakota Venegas, Natalie Humiston, Kensie Hall, Emma Webster, Alex Ellingson, Sara Wilkerson, Sydney Dyer and Brianna Heelis.

