

FALL 2017 SEMESTER



SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please join the LSSU Facebook group! Search for LSSU Nursing.
- The School of Nursing is now part of the Division of Health & Safety and joins Fire Science, Emergency Medical Services, School of Kinesiology programs. All are under the deanship of Dr. Ron Hutchins.
- School of Nursing now accepting 28 students to fall and spring cohorts.

~~ Our mission...is to graduate competent students who are prepared to safely provide compassionate nursing care utilizing theory and evidence-based practice.. ~~

SUPERIOR SIMULATION NEWS

The Superior Simulation Center had a busy 2016! We ran 644 simulations and gave 20 large group tours. Whew! Through a grant from *The Superior Health Foundation*, we were able to purchase and use critical equipment like difficult airway trainers in our simulations. In June 2017 we'll be attending the INACSL annual conference to continue learning about the most up-to-date strategies in simulation education for our students!



If you would like to schedule a tour of the Simulation Center, or are interested in more information, please contact us!

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LSSU NURSING HONORS SOCIETY EARNS CHARTER



Faculty and students in LSSU's School of Nursing pose after an inaugural induction into the Chi Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society (STTI) in nursing, a culmination of three years' efforts by the Lake Superior Nursing Honor Society.

STTI is the second-largest nursing organization in the world, with about 135,000 active members. Since its formation in 1922, more than 360,000 nurse scholars have been inducted into the Indianapolis, Indiana-based society, with membership in more than 90 countries and territories and in 431 chapters located on 515 college and university campuses in the United States.

To be eligible, students must be in the top 35 percent of the University's nursing program. About 40 LSSU students and community nurse leaders were inducted during inaugural ceremonies at LSSU's Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., campus on April 28. (LSSU/John Shibley)

NURSING STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



In Spring of 2017, students and faculty travelled to Lansing and joined a strong group of nurses from the Michigan Nurses Association (MNA). A large group gathered to live stream the event on campus in support of the 'Safe Patient Care Act'.



REDEFINING THE CLASSROOM- New Zealand!

As part of a Study Abroad adventure, our very own Dr. Kathy Berchem taught a HLTH 200: Cultural, Ecological, and Human Health Issues of New Zealand class in the Spring 2017 semester in partnership with Dr. Ashley Moerke of the LSSU Biology Department. During the semester, students explored the unique culture, health, and ecology of New Zealand. In May 2017, Dr. Berchem and 9 nursing students traveled with 9 biology students to the North & South islands of New Zealand on a 2-week expedition through multi-cultural cities, Maori meeting places, hospitals, and inland and coastal national parks and reserves. Students learned about Maori relationships with the environment, their health, and their influence on environmental policy; they also participated in 2 service learning projects while in New Zealand. This adventure linking New Zealand culture, human health, and ecology through the "Lord of the Rings" landscapes was an experience of a lifetime! We hope to offer more Study Abroad opportunities related to health in future semesters. Stay tuned!

Check out the student's blog from our trip!

<http://bit.ly/2017NewZealand>



Nursing students with the Maori elder that hosted the group at the Waitaia Lodge.

Nursing and Biology students learning the traditional Haka dance.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: NURSING HONOR GUARD

Through the STTI Honor Society, a group of Nursing Faculty and community RN's have gathered together to form a Nursing Honor Guard. The role of this group is to honor a deceased nurse at any time during the funeral process. To date, the Nursing Honor Guard has had the privilege to stand for 2 nurses in our community providing services such as: The Nightingale Tribute, a Casket Honor Guard, serve as Honorary Pallbearers, and perform a final Call to Duty.

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COLLABORATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES: NURSING & EMS STUDENTS

LSSU students and staff of the nursing and EMT programs demonstrate emergency cardio-pulmonary resuscitation during an Oct. 12 open house in Sault Ste. Marie's Smart Zone building - also called the Advanced Resources and Technology facility - that houses LSSU's Superior Simulation Center.

The public event, organized by the Sault Economic Development Corporation, attracted hundreds of visitors in government, business, and education from both Michigan and Ontario to see what projects are underway in the Smart Zone building. LSSU's Sim Center is equipped with million-dollar state-of-the-art patient simulation hardware and software that provide students and regional healthcare professionals realistic clinical training.



Pictured running the bedside demo are, running clockwise from upper left, Sim Center Technician Dustin Gaberdiel (also a paramedic for Kinross EMS), paramedic student Samantha Lucas (from Alpena, Mich.); nursing students Kathryn Dittenber (Midland, Mich.), Cassidy Wagner (Marion, Mich.), and Jade Stein (Standish, Mich.); and paramedic student Mason Babcock (Kentwood, Mich.). (LSSU/John Shibley)

NURSING STUDENTS: AFTER GRADUATION— GARRETT BRINK

Garrett graduated from LSSU in 2010 with a B.S. in Nursing and an Associates in Paramedic Technology. After graduating from nursing school he moved to Virginia for the opportunity to work in a high volume Urban ED. He then moved to Ann Arbor to work at the University of Michigan and is board certified in both Emergency Nursing and Trauma Care.

Some of Garrett's accomplishments:

Garrett completed training to supervise the Arrival Coordination Team (ACT), and has also completed training and regularly mentor/precept both new hires and new graduates to his department. More recently he was a part of the first group of nurses to create a Resuscitation Area Mentorship Program (RAMP). The last two years he has been the sole chair of the Emergency Department shared governance unit based committee.

Garrett has co-authored a case report with pharmacy staff that was published in the Journal of Emergency Nursing. For the last year he has been in regular rotation as the charge nurse for the 100 bed department. Most recently he has obtained Expert Level in the Professional Development Framework that is modeled off of Patricia Benner's Novice to Expert Model.

"Even with all of the opportunities I have had with the University, the one that I am most pleased with is the sense of professionalism I feel when I get to tell people that I am a Registered Nurse."

~Garrett Brink BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, EMT-P



If you have something you'd like to add to future newsletters that would be relevant to our audience, please send your ideas and photos to Kathy Berchem at kberchem@lssu.edu.