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NURS 306: Research and Nursing Practice has transformed into an online undergraduate evidence-based practice (EBP) course that is coordinating learning with real world problem-solving. Student are taught the basics of research and EBP and divided up into their med-surg clinical groups. They are asking the nursing staff on their med-surg clinical learning environments what EBP projects would benefit them and their patient population. The students are developing the PICOT question with input from the nursing staff and then doing the literature search. They are then appraising the information and developing a recommendation that they will give to the staff in a poster presentation.

NURS 306 has been transformed into an innovative applied EBP course, and FMU graduates will know how to take a quality improvement (QI) project from start to finish! The students are all doing a great job. Next edition of the alumni newsletter will feature some of their finished posters! Dr. W-P

Fabien Pampaloni and Mike Onori gave an excellent presentation on the use of standardized patients in health care at the Carter Center for Health Sciences on Monday, October 3. The simulation for the junior 1 students this fall will include standardized patients, so this was a great introduction for them. This was a great educational opportunity for faculty and students.

STTI Fall Educational Program

On October 20, 2016, Dr. Louise Ward from Philadelphia, PA provided the fall educational presentation for the Chi Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. Her presentation was on "Health Promotion Inside-Out: Teaching in the Affective Domain." During her presentation, she discussed her experiences taking nursing students into prisons for transformational learning exchanges. Non-perishable food items were collected for the Felician Center in Kingstree. Our spring educational program in April 2017 will be a pharmacology update by Dr. Kelly Jones. If you are not a member of STTI, but you would like to be considered for induction as a nurse leader, please contact Dr. Karen Gittings at kgittings@fmarion.edu by December 1. If you were inducted into STTI in the past but led your membership lapse, please consider renewing your membership.



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National League for Nursing Education Summit

Dr. Karen Gittings, Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, Dr. Annie Muller, Dr. Gaye Douglas, Dr. Deborah Hopla, and Dr. Gaye Douglas traveled to Orlando, Florida from September 21 to 23, 2016 for the National League for Nursing Education Summit.

Francis Marion University's nursing program was honored to be named as an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education.



FMU Junior 1 Students Provide Health Screenings

The Junior 1 students in Health Assessment have participated in several health screenings this fall at various community sites. The screenings are funded through a Project REAL grant through FMU. Through the screenings, students assess blood pressures and obtain fingerstick glucose and cholesterol results. Students also use their smartphone apps to determine BMIs and recommended preventive health screenings. The students pictured below are at Johnson Controls., a local industry. The students also provided flu shots on September 28 in the LNB Lobby in collaboration with FMU Student Health Services.



Welcome to Dr. Tiffany Phillips!

FMU welcomes Dr. Tiffany Phillips, who is teaching in the graduate and undergraduate nursing programs. She practices as a family nurse practitioner with McLeod Occupational Health and McLeod Inpatient Services. Dr. Phillips received her BSN from MUSC in 2004 and her MSN/DNP in 2012 from MUSC.



Bright Pink Presentation

On October 19, 2016 Melissa D. Fana, M.D. provided a workshop at the Carter Center for Health Sciences on Breast and Ovarian Cancer Prevention: Risk Stratification and Management in Young Women. Attendees included nursing and physician assistant students and faculty members. For more information on this topic, see <https://www.brightpink.org/>

