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## Post Registration BSN Program

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# NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

**Feb 16, 2009**

-Family Day-University closed

**Feb 16-21, 2009**

-No classes-mid-term break

**Feb 26, 2009**

- Begin registering for spring/ summer session courses –Registration on-line only

**March 13, 2009**

- Last day to withdraw from Term 2 courses without academic penalty.

**April 1, 2009**

- Deadline to register for clinical course NURS 484 PHC Practice. Clinical placement request deadline is April 10, 2009.

**April 8, 2009**

-Last day of classes

**April 9-30, 2009**

-Final exams

**April 10, 2009**

- University Closed - Good Friday

**May 27, 2009**

- Spring Convocation

**June 2009**

- Registration for fall/winter courses begins

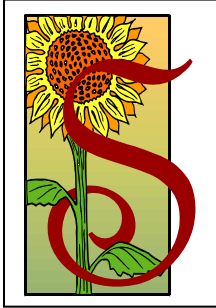
### Message from Karen Wright, Assistant Dean Undergraduate Programs

Welcome to the Winter Term of the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

We continue to monitor the progress of each student in the Post Registration Program.

As the Program will be discontinued in 2013, we will gradually be reducing the number of classes that can be offered. This of course will be based on student numbers and availability of teachers. Students will need to make decisions about their classes so they can complete the program in a timely fashion. Our academic advisors and admissions officers, Rachele Smith, Shelley Bueckert, and I are available to assist you in planning your classes and completion dates. I wish you success in the Program.

**Karen Wright, PhD**  
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs



## **Post Registration BSN Program SPRING/SUMMER SESSION COURSES**

Registration for Spring/Summer session classes begins Feb 26, 2009

### **NURS 411.3 Policy, Politics & Professionalism (on campus) – June 1-12, 2009**

Instructor: Joan Sawatzky [joan.sawatzky@usask.ca](mailto:joan.sawatzky@usask.ca)

*Note: All other nursing courses are pre or co-requisites to NURS 411.3.*

### **NURS 483.3 Cultural Diversity & Aboriginal Health (on-line) - May 4-June 5, 2009**

Instructor: Arlene Kent-Wilkinson [arlene.kent@usask.ca](mailto:arlene.kent@usask.ca)

### **NURS 484.3 Primary Health Care Practice (Clinical) - May 4-June 26, 2009**

**Deadline to register is April 1, 2009**

Instructor: Velna Clarke [velna.clarke@usask.ca](mailto:velna.clarke@usask.ca)

*Note: Pre-requisites NURS 318.3, NURS 413.3 and NURS 448.3*

For information and request forms relating to NURS 484 clinical placements, please refer to the following web address <http://www.usask.ca/nursing/students/undergrad/clinical.php>

### **NEPS 400.3 Management in Health Systems (Equivalent to NURS 416.3)**

**On campus - June 8-26, 2009**

Saskatoon Instructors: Susan Bazylewski [bazylewski@sasktel.net](mailto:bazylewski@sasktel.net)

Brendalynn Ens [brendalynne@cadth.ca](mailto:brendalynne@cadth.ca)

Regina Instructor: Lauren Larson [laureen.larson@rqhealth.ca](mailto:laureen.larson@rqhealth.ca)

*Limit of 10 Post Registration BSN students per section*

### **NEPS 427.3 Partnerships with Community (Equivalent to NURS 448.3)**

**On campus – May 4-15, 2009**

Saskatoon Instructor: Hope Bilinski [hope.bilinski@usask.ca](mailto:hope.bilinski@usask.ca)

Regina Instructor: Sandra Lynn Jansen [sljan@shaw.ca](mailto:sljan@shaw.ca)

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## Spring/Summer Session Textbooks

After you have registered for a class, please contact the University Bookstore to order the required textbook. **Early orders will avoid delays in receiving the book(s) prior to the course start date.** Please note that normally there is only a 14-day period (from the receipt date) in which to return a textbook to the Bookstore.

Textbooks can be found online at  
[www.uofsbookstore.com](http://www.uofsbookstore.com)

To order textbooks phone 306-966-4476 OR fax 306-966-7416

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

If you wish to order textbooks by mail or fax, you will find a form in your student handbook

The Bookstore will need the following information from you:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Method of payment:</i>	<i>Book information:</i>
Address (including postal code)	C.O.D (mail only); or	Course number & title
Phone number	Visa/MasterCard	Title, author, edition,
Email Address	(number, expiry date; courier)	year....

## Tentative Schedule for 2009-2010:

### Term 1 (September – December 2009)

**NURS 318.3** Health Assessment

**NURS 413.3** Teaching and Learning for Health

**NURS 448.3** Nursing in Community Settings

**NURS 476.3** Health and Aging (on-line)

**NURS 478.3** Rural Nursing

(NEPS 400.3 Management in Healthcare Systems (on-campus)\* **Equivalent to NURS 416**)

(NEPS 427.3 Partnerships with Community (on-campus)\* **Equivalent to NURS 448**)

### Term 2 (January – April 2010)

**NURS 416.3** Management in the Healthcare Systems

**NURS 426.3** Health Program Planning (on-line)

**NURS 483.3** Cultural Diversity & Aboriginal Health (on-line)

**NURS 484.3** Primary Health Care Practice

**NURS 486.3** Forensic Nursing in Secure Environments (on-line)

**NURS 491.3** Research in Nursing

(NEPS 323.3 Research for Professional Practice (on-campus)\* **Equivalent to NURS 491**)

### Spring/Summer Session (May to August 2010)

**NURS 483.3** Cultural Diversity & Aboriginal Health (on-line)

**NURS 484.3** Primary Health Care Practice (clinical)

**NURS 411.3** Policy, Politics, & Professionalism (on-campus)

(NEPS 400.3 Management in Healthcare Systems (on-campus)\* **Equivalent to NURS 416**)

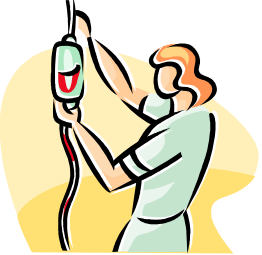
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More information regarding course offerings for 2009-2010 will be posted in the June Newsletter

# Important Reminders!



## PLAR



**Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** has been offered by the College of Nursing for one course in the Post Registration BSN Program, *Nursing 318.3 Physical Assessment*. If you have learning in place and recent applicable professional practice that would allow you to challenge the course, call **Karen Wright at 306-966-6228** to discuss your eligibility and the process. Dates for PLAR have not yet been determined. The future offering of PLAR will be determined based on the number of students interested and eligible. **Two suggested dates for the next offerings of PLAR are May 2009 and December 2009.** If you are interested in PLAR, please send an email to [rachelle.smith@usask.ca](mailto:rachelle.smith@usask.ca) by **March 13, 2009** indicating your month of preference.

## Exams and Invigilator forms

We must know where you will be writing exams. Be sure to complete and return the Exam Request Form that is included with the materials for each course to the College of Nursing. Forms **MUST** be received 3 weeks prior to the exam to ensure that there are enough exams and supplies at the exam locations.

## Program Requirement: Current Registration

A Requirement for completion of the Post Registration BSN Program is maintaining active registration every year. It is your responsibility to provide this proof of registration on a yearly basis. If you have not sent in your 2009 licensure, please do so immediately.

## Clinical Placement Request Forms:

### NURS 484.3 Clinical Health Care Practice

The deadline to register for NURS 484.3 is April 1, 2009. For information and clinical request forms relating to NURS 484, please refer to the following web address:

<http://www.usask.ca/nursing/students/undergrad/clinical.php>

If you are planning to take the course in Spring/Summer session, the clinical request form will need to be returned to Joanne Gartner by **April 10<sup>th</sup>** in order to process your request.

Once your clinical placement has been confirmed, please find out what CPR certification is required for that area. Forward the current certification to the College of Nursing for our records. This must be received before you begin your clinical experience. Please fax your certification to Liz at 306-966-6703.

## Graduation/Convocation

If you have met the requirements to graduate, complete the online application to graduate form available at the following link: <http://students.usask.ca/academic/convocation/application/>

For more information regarding graduation/convocation, visit the Nursing website:

<http://www.usask.ca/nursing/programs/postreg/convocation.php>



## .....*Did you know?*

1. The **T2202a forms** for the 2008 income tax year will be online by the end of February 2009. You will require your NSID and password to access the forms online at: [www.usask.ca/fsd/t2202a](http://www.usask.ca/fsd/t2202a)
2. You can learn how to **search for courses** by visiting the following link and clicking on “Course Offerings Search: Find out when courses are offered”:  
<http://students.usask.ca/academic/registration/tutorials/>
3. You can learn how to **register for classes** using PAWS by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.usask.ca/nursing/students/undergrad/timetables.php>
4. The **Dean’s blog** can be found at: <http://blogs.usask.ca/nursdeans/>
5. **Awards and scholarships** are available to students. They can be found at:  
<http://www.students.usask.ca/moneymatters/awards/> Most awards have a deadline date of July 31.
6. You can get help with your **writing skills**. See the following link:  
<http://www.usask.ca/ulc/?q=node/102>
7. You can get **help with Stats**. See the following link: <http://www.usask.ca/ulc/?q=node/10>

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## **Master’s Degree of Nursing**

The shortage of nurses across Canada has implications for nursing education and career choices for nurses. As a result, many governments are considering or are already implementing increases in enrolment for baccalaureate nursing programs. This increase means that the current faculty number will have to be augmented as well. Coupled with the fact that the average current faculty member is within 10 years of retirement, this means that there will be many faculty positions available in the next few years.

The minimum educational requirement for a faculty position is a Master’s Degree. Similarly in the service arena, the shortage of nurses is also driving a reassessment of the situation. Indications are that there will be more advanced nursing practice positions in the near future, for which a Master’s degree will be a requirement.

If you are interested in more information about or enrolling in the Master’s of Nursing program at the University of Saskatchewan, please contact Dr. Lynnette Stamler, Assistant Dean Graduate Studies at 306-966-1477 or Tammy Morrison, Graduate Studies and Admin. Support at 306-966-8239.