FAU to Host Information Session on Nursing Programs

Florida Atlantic University’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing will host an information session on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Treasure Coast campus in Port St. Lucie. Faculty and staff will provide an overview of FAU’s undergraduate and graduate degree programs in nursing.

**RN-BSN**

The RN to BSN program is on-line and designed for the registered nurse who wants to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Graduates of the RN to BSN program are prepared to continue the study of nursing at the graduate level and to advance to nursing positions of increasing responsibility and leadership.

**The Dual Degree**

The Dual Degree program is an innovative program designed for RNs holding a 2-year associate’s degree who wish to pursue their master’s degree at an accelerated pace. The program combines elements of FAU’s existing undergraduate and graduate nursing programs; however, it waives 20 credit hours in recognition of the students’ associate-degree preparation and allows earlier entrance into graduate-level nursing courses. Students obtain both the BSN and MSN degrees upon completion of the program.

**Family Nurse Practitioner**

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) graduate program prepares students for a more advanced level of practice in caring for patients of all ages, from children to older adults. The program focuses on health promotion, disease prevention and management of common, acute and chronic illnesses in primary care settings. Six hundred clinical hours are required in various settings, predominantly primary care, but also pediatric, women’s health and geriatrics. Clinical experiences are arranged by the student in the community of their choice.

Treasure Coast campus students who have graduated from the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing have been successful in obtaining national board certification and successful job placements. “We frequently receive calls from area physicians who are seeking our students to fill positions in their practices,” said Dr. Josie Weiss, coordinator
of the FNP program on the Treasure Coast campus. “Our students are very qualified and are in demand.”

**Doctor of Nursing Practice**

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is now offered on the Boca Raton campus. This program is designed for persons who desire advanced nursing education for practice at the doctoral level. Currently, this program is for persons who hold a master’s degree in nursing. In 2012, this program will be available for nurses with their BSN who desire to obtain their doctorate. This program is designed with the working nurse in mind, as classes are offered in a hybrid format on alternating weekends at the Boca Raton campus, with web assistance.

**A Rich History in Nursing Education**

FAU’s Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing is celebrating 31 years of excellence in nursing education as a well-established college with a strong national reputation for providing innovative, caring-based nursing education. All nursing programs are nationally accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

FAU’s Treasure Coast campus is located at 500 NW California Blvd. in St. Lucie West. The information session will be held in the MP building, room 106. For more information, contact Mary Curran, program assistant for the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing’s Treasure Coast campus office, at 772-873-3381 or mcurran@fau.edu.