



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

CHRISTINE E. LYNN COLLEGE OF NURSING

College of Nursing *Highlights*

- The Integrative Nurse Coach Association (INCA) will offer a 4-day intensive program in health and wellness coaching at the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center beginning on Feb. 9. Learn more [here](#).
- Forty students were recently admitted to the BSN Second Degree accelerated track to begin Jan. 2017. There were 251 applicants.
- In December, Dr. Rhonda Goodman took 18 BSN students and two faculty on a study abroad trip where they conducted health screenings for about 200 children in two schools in rural Guatemala. In addition to this, they conducted blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, and a foot care clinic. They installed 12 woodstoves, all donated by SNA, and College faculty and students.
- Dr. Rose Sherman, Professor, is the editor of [Nurse Leader](#).
- The College's NCLEX pass rate for 2016 was 96.15% as of the third quarter (9/30/16).



Study Shows How Social Media Sites Help Transplant Patients

Social media sites are increasingly popular as alternative sources of information for an array of health-related issues as well as support groups. Researchers in the College of Nursing conducted a unique study to explore how transplant recipients use social media for support and healing.

"Social support can have a profound influence on a transplant recipient's overall psychological integration of this life changing event," said Valarie S. Grumme, M.S.N., R.N., CCRN, co-author of the study and graduate student. "The Internet provides worldwide virtual contact and availability anytime and, if desired, with anonymity. Today, transplant recipients can use a diverse support network that includes transplant-related social media sites."

The study, co-authored by Shirley C. Gordon, Ph.D. and professor, found two major themes emerging from the data in this study: sharing overwhelming gratitude and finding sanctuary. To read more on the study, view [here](#).



Christine E. Lynn Supports Faculty Retention and Student Scholarships with Gift to College

The College received two gifts totaling \$275,000 from local philanthropist, business owner and nurse Christine E. Lynn. A \$250,000 gift will support the College's faculty talent retention fund, which assists in retaining the best and brightest faculty, and a \$25,000 gift will fund student scholarships.

"We are extremely grateful for Mrs. Lynn's generosity. These gifts demonstrate the love and commitment she has for improving health care in our community," said Marlaine Smith, Ph.D., dean of the College.

The College's faculty talent retention fund addresses the need to reward and retain its most accomplished faculty members, who are heavily recruited by universities throughout the country. The scholarship fund is intended to support students who plan to work in the local community upon graduation.

"An investment in FAU's College of Nursing is an investment in the health of the people in our community. As a nurse, I care about this," said Christine E. Lynn.



Caring is a Science, and we study it. Caring is an Art, and we practice. Caring is a Way of Being, and we live it.



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