

Pulse NewsLetter

School of Nursing and Health Studies

School of Nursing and Health Studies receives major federal grant to address Hispanic health issues

A \$7 million federal grant will allow the School of Nursing and Health Studies to create a national center researching Hispanic health issues. CONGRATULATIONS to Dean Peragallo, the grant's principal investigator, on the creation of El Centro!!

You Are Invited to Attend the School of Nursing and Health Studies Research Conference Building Collaborative & Community Focused Evidence Based Approaches



October 19th 2007

The SONHS is co-sponsoring an evidenced based clinical research day on October 19th, 2007 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for students to interact with nurses from educational and hospital settings who will present their research ideas.

We have two opportunities available for student participation:

- Volunteer for the day as a conference worker
 - 10 volunteers are needed to participate in the day's activities. Help with moderating, time keeping, room set up, lunch and other conference logistics.
- Attend as a registrant
 - 20 scholarships covering the registration fee are available for students who wish to attend the conference.

To take advantage of either of these options, **undergraduate** students must sign up with Gloria Vallina in the Office of Student Services. **Graduate** students contact Nery Garcia at nerygarcia@miami.edu or 305-284-5611. These limited slots are available to SONHS students on a first come first serve basis until October 1st. Join us in this opportunity to participate in our research event.

General Announcements

Academic Alerts will be available on myUM on October 5th. Students who receive a grade of D or F in one or more classes will receive an alert. Students who receive a D+ or C- in a nursing course will receive an e-mail from the instructor. If you receive an alert or email, please check the reason for the alert and discuss it with your professor.

Last Day To Withdraw From A Class is Thursday, October 25th. To withdraw from a class you must see an academic advisor in the Office of Student Services and sign a course withdrawal (Drop/Add) form prior to this date. A "W" which denotes withdrawal will appear on your academic record. After October 25th, failure to attend a class will result in a failing grade (F).

New Computer Lab Hours are:

The computer lab is open for student use Monday—Friday



Monday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm

The lab is located on the first floor in room 123.

Fall Commencement will take place on Thursday, December 13th. The deadline to apply for graduation is Friday, October 5th. Apply on [myUM](#) or by visiting www.miami.edu/graduate. Go the academic menu and click on "Apply for Graduation." Applying by the deadline will ensure that you are cleared for your degree and listed in the commencement book. If you are not able to graduate this semester and wish to cancel your graduation, please see your advisor.

International Students are permitted to work on campus and this also applies to positions on the medical campus. Students must first obtain authorization from the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS); then submit a letter from the employer which must include the employer's information and the details of the position. The original I-94 document must also be included.

A copy of the handout "On-campus employment" for international students, which includes a sample employer letter, is available in the Office of Student Services.

Once the process is completed the ISSS issues the on-campus employment letter, which authorizes international students to work part-time during the semester or full-time during the summer break.

Undergraduate Student Announcements

Dear Students:

Welcome and Welcome back to the School of Nursing and Health Studies at the University of Miami. We are excited to have you with us and hope that you have made a smooth adjustment over the past few weeks. Please do not hesitate to drop in to the Office of Student Services for assistance or to say hello. If we don't have the answers we know where to find them and will help in any way we can to address your issues and concerns. Have a wonderful and productive semester.

Yenisey Cabrera
Advisor

Jude Dhaiti
Student Data

Kamilah Moss
Advisor

Deborah Paris
Director

Gloria Vallina
Assistant

Dear BSN and BSHS Students:

We are delighted to welcome you for the 2007-2008 academic year in the School of Nursing and Health Studies. We know you are as proud as we are to be UM CANES and we are working with you and the faculty to ensure that your education here in the SONHS is all that it can be. Our goal is to prepare you to be outstanding health care professionals and we welcome your input. Please feel free to meet with us at any time as we are here for you our students.

Best of luck as you pursue our educational goals. And GO CANES!!!

Elias Vasquez, PhD, NP, FAAN, FAANP
Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Programs

Dr. Rosina Cianelli, PhD, RN, MPH
Interim Associate Dean for the Undergraduate Program (October 1st, 2007)

Academic Advising Appointments for Spring 2008 will be available starting October 15th. To register, you must meet with an advisor and obtain a signed Course Request Form which you will take to the registrar's office at your registration appointment time.

Fall Recess is Friday, October 19th. Students who have clinicals on Friday will not have clinicals on that day. Students who have clinicals on Saturday, October 20th or Sunday, October 21st will have clinicals on those days. **Remember this is the date of the Research Conference so you are all free to attend!!!**

Registration Appointments for Spring 2008 will be visible on **myUM** on October 22nd. Do not confuse this with your advising appointment which you will schedule through the advising appointment website. The first registration appointment will be on November 5th. Appointments are assigned by the registrar's office according to academic standing.

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Need to speak with an academic advisor? Regular advising appointments may be scheduled through the advising appointment website at: www.student.umiamiadvising.timetrade.com

Graduate Student Announcements

Dear Ph.D. Students:

Welcome to all new and returning Ph.D. students for the 2007-08 academic year. I want to extend a special welcome to our four new students: Susana Barroso, Johis Ortega, Susan Watson, and James Weidel. We will be having a Ph.D. student and faculty get-together this fall semester and the date will be forthcoming. I am available to you by email, telephone, and in-person. Please keep in touch with me during the semester and let me know how you are doing.

Best wishes for a productive semester.

Gail C. McCain PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor and Senior Associate Dean, Ph.D. Program

Welcome to Our Incoming and Returning Master's Students!

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive semester for all! I am thrilled that you have chosen UM for your graduate nursing education. We have a superb faculty who will assist with your transition to advanced practice nurses.

My door is always open to you. If I cannot speak with you at the time you stop by, please email me for an appointment, jtrybulski@miami.edu. I value your input and will try to address your concerns.

JoAnn Trybulski, PhD, APRN, BC

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Associate Dean for Master's Programs
Associate Dean JoAnn Trybulski Honored

The School of Nursing and Health Studies is pleased to announce that Associate Dean of Master's Programs, Dr. JoAnn Trybulski has been elected as a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academies of Practice in Nursing. The National Academies of Practice (NAP) is composed of ten Academies from the professional disciplines in the health care field such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, and psychology. Only 150 Active Distinguished Practitioners are elected to each academy. This organization is prepared to face and discuss today's health care delivery questions from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Dr. Trybulski will be honored at an official NAP banquet in the Washington, D.C. metro area on November 3, 2007. The School congratulates Dr. Trybulski

Master's Candidacy Reminder

Master's students must apply for candidacy after completing 12 graduate credits and in any semester prior to their graduation semester. Students may not receive candidacy and graduate in the same semester. The *Application for Candidacy Form* may be found at www.miami.edu/sonhs in the Master's Student Handbook or on the Grad School's website at:

<http://www6.miami.edu/grad/docs/forms/MastersAdmissionToCandidacy.pdf>

Please return the form to Anne Stabb or Kathy Del Toro in the Office of Students Services, Schwartz Building (first floor) or fax it to the attention of Anne or Kathy at 305-284-4827.

School of Nursing & Health Studies Doctoral Students To Present At Consortium

Two of the school's doctoral students will present posters at the Research Consortium for Healthcare Professionals on October 19, 2007 at the University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies. The posters are:

Telehealth for Children with Special Health Care Needs: A Public-Private Partnership Service Delivery Model in Southeast Florida

Presenter: Mary Hooshmand, R.N., M.S., PhD Student, University of Miami

Cervical Cancer Women's Sexuality: Topics to Consider in Nursing Education

Presenter: Maria Teresa Urrutia, PhD Student, University of Miami, Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile.

Also authored by: Lauren Poupin, Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile and Ximena Concha, Auxiliary Professor, School of Nursing, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile.

Career Spotlight

Flight Nurse

A flight nurse is a highly trained registered nurse that normally has experience in not only advanced life support but also critical care. They need the combined skills of an intensive care nurse, emergency nurse and critical care nurse as they deal with a large variety of emergencies and under numerous conditions. For additional information please click [here](#).

Forensic Science

The forensic sciences form a vital part of the entire justice and regulatory system. Some of the different divisions, or disciplines, of forensic science have become identified primarily with law enforcement – an image enhanced by television and movies. This is misleading because forensic scientists are involved in all aspects of criminal cases, and the results of their work may serve either the defense or the prosecution. The forensic scientist's goal is the evenhanded use of all available information to determine the *facts* and, subsequently, the *truth*. For additional information please click [here](#).

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Looking for financial assistance?

The SONHS website posts new scholarship opportunities as they become available. For example, The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. offers awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. For details on this and other opportunities for School of Nursing and Health Studies students, visit www.miami.edu/sonhs click on current students, then scholarships and financial aid.

You too can be a Scholar or Fellow

The Honors Program Office is currently taking applications for a number of prestigious scholarships and fellowships. Eligible students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher. Go to www.miami.edu/honorsprogram for additional information.

Getting Involved

School Of Nursing & Health Studies Organizational Rush

Rush to get involved with your fellow students. We have several student organizations in the School of Nursing and Health studies. Please contact the representatives below to see how you can get involved!

Student Advisory Committee

The SAC bridges the gap between the student body and the SONHS. Student liaisons represent their class at meetings held approximately once a month with the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs and the Director of Student Services to discuss issues of concern. This provides an opportunity for student input from all levels and programs with a view to improving learning for all SONHS students.

Contacts: Ashley Anderson, Allie Moser, and Emily Stauffer (Senior Liaisons)

Contact Information: UMIAMISAC@aol.com

Nurses Student Association

The Nursing Student Association is dedicated to professionalism in nursing. It's a great way to connect with other nursing majors as well as participate in community service around Miami. We work together not only in the community but also in the classroom.

Upcoming Meeting(s): Sept. 24th at 5:30 in the School of Nursing & Health Studies, Rm: TBA

Contact Person: Ashley Anderson (President)

Contact Information: aanders6@umsis.miami.edu

Black Nurses Student Association

BNSA provides black nursing students with the opportunity to unite as a group, promote our common interests and goals, excel academically, and become actively involved with issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of black nursing students and the community at large. ALL students of every race are welcome to join our organization and benefit from what BNSA has to offer.

Upcoming Meeting(s): October 1st, October 15th (Locations TBA)

Contact Person: Tiffany Vickers (President)

Contact Information: tphany1@yahoo.com or (561) 315-2330

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Help others and help yourself. Research shows the tutors benefit from teaching others. Apply at the Academic Resource Center located in the University Center, N201. For more information please visit www.umarc.miami.edu or contact Shelia Dube at 305-284-2356.