Farewell and Thanks!

Pat Ebright PhD, RN, CNS, FAAN, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs will be retiring from the IUSON May 31st, 2016 after 16 years with the school.

She completed her undergraduate and graduate masters’ education at the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and Health, and her PhD at Indiana University. Her healthcare experience includes 46 years as a registered nurse, with the first 28 years working as staff nurse, nurse manager, and clinical nurse specialist in acute care hospital settings. For the past 18 years she has taught in undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs. Pat’s research focused on healthcare provider decision making in the context of actual care situations, and toward increasing understanding of the influence of work complexity on patient safety, quality of care, and the implications for system design and nursing education. She was a member of the first Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship class sponsored by the National Patient Safety Foundation, and completed a one-year informatics fellowship with the VA in Indianapolis. She continues to participate in research with the VA on transfers of care, and with Simon Cancer Center for patient and caregiver decision making regarding treatment options using cognitive task analysis interview techniques for data collection and analysis. Pat is looking forward to spending time in Indianapolis with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons, as well as in Glen Arbor Michigan playing more tennis, reading more novels, hiking, biking, and hearing about the much anticipated and wonderful accomplishments of nursing colleagues and graduates of the IUSON. Pat wants all CNSs to know that her participation in the education of CNS students, and also past service on the NACNS Board of Directors and conference attendance will always be a highlight of her career.

Preceptor’s Corner

The Annual CNS Preceptor Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the IU School of Nursing, Room NU 127. A lite dinner will be served, and parking validation for Vermont Street Garage will be provided. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Jasmine Mosley. Space is limited so RSVP early!

Congratulations

Sue Storey, PhD, RN, AOCNS was selected as one of ten nurse scientists in the country to participate in the 2016 Oncology Nursing Society Foundation-Oncology Nurse Scientist Intensive. The purpose of the intensive is to mentor PhD prepared nurse scientists in enhancing proposals for submission for research funding. The internship will be held on 4/26 & 4/27 prior to the annual ONS Congress meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Staci Sue (Wuchner) Reynolds PhD, RN successfully defended her dissertation on Friday, April 1, 2016. Title: Implementation Strategies to Improve Critical Care Nurses’ Knowledge of and Adherence to Evidence-Based Guidelines.
Cheryl Lynn Wolverton PhD, RN successfully defended her dissertation on Monday, April 4, 2016. Title: *Staff Nurses’ Perceptions of Nurse Manager Caring behaviors: Psychometric testing of the Caring Assessment Tool – Administration (CAT-Adm).*

Mitchell Knisely, PhD, RN-BC, ACNS-BC successfully defended his dissertation on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Title: *Understanding Patterns of Exposure to Pharmacogenetically Actionable Opioids in Primary Care.*

New Edition!

![Clinical Nurse Specialist Toolkit cover](image)

Congratulations on the recent release of the 2nd edition of *Clinical Nurse Specialist Toolkit: A Guide for the New Clinical Nurse Specialist*, Melanie Duffy, Susan Dresser and Janet S. Fulton, Editors. IUSON alumnae and faculty contributors include:

- Chapter 3: Finding a Place in the Organization – **Jan Powers**
- Chapter 9: Using the Internet: Guide to Internet-based Resources – **Barb M. Friesth** and Susan K.B. Jones
- Chapter 10: Leading Groups – **Melissa Lowder**
- Chapter 15: Reporting Out: Communicating with Multiple Audiences – Melanie Duffy and **Janet S. Fulton**
- Chapter 20: Participating in Interprofessional Education – **Jennifer L. Embree** and Janet S. Fulton

- Chapter 25: Secrets of a Joyful Life as a Clinical Nurse Specialist – **Janet S. Fulton**

**NACNS Elects New Officers**

Congratulations all around to Indiana CNSs recently elected to serve on the 2016-2017 National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) board:

- President-Elect: **Vince Holly, MSN, BA, RN, CCRN, CCNS**
- Board Member: **Jo Ellen Rust, MSN, RN, CNS**
- Nominating Committee: **Jennifer Kitchens, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CVRN**

**Professional Awards**

**Brandee Wornhoff, MSN, RN, CNS-BC** is the recipient of the 2016 Clinical Nurse Specialist Preceptor of the year award presented by the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Pictured below is NACNS President-elect Sharon Horner, Brandee Wornhoff and President Peggy Barksdale.

**Deanna L. Reising, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, ANEF** is the recipient of the Distinguished Scholar and Fellow (Nurse Academy) at National Academy of Practice.
Jan S. Fulton PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, ANEF, FAAN, Program Director, Clinical Nurse Specialist Tracks, was selected to receive an Indiana University Trustee Teaching Award for outstanding contributions to teaching.

Central Indiana – Affiliate of the Year! Again…

A special congratulations to the Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists is the 2016 recipient for the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists Affiliate of the Year award! This is the second time the affiliate has received this award. Congratulations to the affiliate members and leadership! Pictured below are affiliate leaders Francesca Levitt, Vince Holly, Jen Woodard, Kerista Hansell and Brandi Wornhorff.

IUSON Foundation at NACNS Conference

IUSON was an exhibit sponsor for the 2016 National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2016 Annual Conference in Philadelphia. In addition, IUSON sponsored a wonderful Foundation reception in support of the Dayhoff/CIO-CNS Fellowship! Pictured below is Janet McCully, Director of Development and alumna volunteer Myra Swintz at the exhibit.

Grants and Funding Awards

Dr. Yvonne Lu, received $25,000 from The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute for her grant titled “Engagement and Quality of Life in Under Represented Older Adults.”

Dr. Deanna L. Reising received $220,232 from the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation for her grant titled “Educational Innovation: Scalable Models of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPCP) Affecting Patient Outcomes.”

Dr. Deanna L. Reising received $12,000 from the Indiana University Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Level III for her grant titled “Using Peer Review to Develop Interprofessional Team Leadership Skills.”
Dr. Deanna L. Reising received funding from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing/Center for Disease Control for her grant titled “Impacting Diabetes Risk Factors in the Uninsured Population.”

News from ANCC

Attention Graduates from Adult Health CNS Program!!! The last application for this examination will be accepted on December 31, 2016. Eligible applicants may take the examination until the final test administration on October 31, 2017. If you graduated from the Adult Health program, plan NOW to apply for certification. The Adult Health CNS certification will be retired by ANCC. Holders of the certification will be able to renew, but no new certificates will be granted. This certification option is being replaced by the Adult/Gerontology CNS certification.

Library Assistance

When: Every Tuesday, from 1-3 p. m.
No appointment necessary

Where: Center for Research & Scholarship NU 338C

Contact: Caitlin Pike

Services Provided: Literature searches, End Note help, Classroom Instruction Consultation, Citation accounts for P & T

Prescriptive Authority

Clinical nurse specialists are eligible to apply for “prescriptive authority” as advanced practice nurses in the state of Indiana if they have completed an advanced pharmacology course and met other requirements. Check out the Indiana PLA website for details.

Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates!

Fall 2015 MSN Graduates
Shawn Baker, Sarah Rockwell, Tasha Searles

Spring, 2016 MSN Graduates

New Admissions

Welcome to our new admissions! Be sure to keep in touch with your peers through the newsletter!

Adult Gerontology CNS Students
Kristopher Elkins, Kara Howery, Lauren Perrey, Hannah Rawlinson, Elizabeth Weaver, Michelle Wood, Natalie Woodson

Pediatric CNS Students
Lauren Hedlund, Emily Storkman, Elizabeth Wertz, Emily Wing

Admission Procedures

Adult/Gerontology CNS program is accepting applications year-round. Interested nurses may apply for the program at any time; Students will be admitted on an ongoing basis until all openings are filled with qualified candidates. Students will start the program Fall semester, regardless of when the student submits the application and receives the letter of admission. For example, an applicant submitting in April 2016, if admitted, will start the program in Fall 2016. If the student is denied admission because the program has reached capacity, the student may reapply for admission the following Fall semester.

Pediatric CNS program applications are being accepted for the students to start in Fall 2017. Visit the Peds CNS section of our website; applications are accepted year-round.
For more information about CNS program enrollment, contact Lisa Thompson.

**Financial Resources for Graduate Students**

Students pursuing a graduate degree from the Indiana University School of Nursing can take advantage of a number of resources to help fund their education.

**Scholarships** are available for graduate nursing students. The IUPUI Office of Student Scholarships offers an online resource for scholarship information and applications. Students can access details about campus-based scholarship awards as well as helpful tips on searching for external scholarships available through other agencies and organizations. Visit the IUPUI Office of Student Scholarships. The Indiana University School of Nursing also awards over $700,000 in scholarships each year to current undergraduate and graduate students. Review detailed information about available awards. In addition to institutional and private scholarships, students can also explore scholarships from national nursing organizations. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing and Johnson & Johnson are excellent resources for information about national nursing scholarships.

**Federal student loans**, including the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan programs, are also available for graduate students. These loans offer affordable interest rates and flexible repayment plans to assist students in covering their tuition, fees, book costs, and other educational expenses. For students interested in teaching, the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) provides loan funds to help registered nurses complete a graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. Participating IU School of Nursing students who agree to complete a core component of education-related courses in a qualifying program can receive NFLP funds to help cover the costs of their tuition, fees, and books. Following graduation, students who secure employment as full-time nursing faculty at an accredited school of nursing are eligible to receive a low interest rate, deferred repayment, and partial loan cancellation. Students maintaining full-time faculty employment for 4 years after graduation can have 85 percent of their loan forgiven.

Many graduate students also utilize alternative financial aid resources to help fund their graduate education. Veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents may be eligible to receive financial assistance for their education. Visit the IUPUI Office for Veterans and Military Personnel for additional information. Many of our students also take advantage of tuition assistance or reimbursement through their employer.

For answers to your questions and information about available financial resources for Indiana University School of Nursing graduate students, please contact Nathan Lohr, Assistant Director of Student Financial Services, at 317-274-5920.

**American Assembly for Men in Nursing**

AAMN is the only professional organization for nurses that has improved gender inclusion in nursing profession by offering an environment of belongingness and collective learning for its members to excel in the profession. IU Health AAMN is the only chapter in the state of Indiana. It is open to men and women with membership ranging from nursing students to nursing professionals.

Regular chapter meetings held every third Tuesday. Check out the AAMN website Questions? Contact Marsha Baker.

**Publications**

Students, Faculty, Alumni and Preceptors


Presentations

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Powers, J. (2016, March). Repositioning the complex ICU patient to prevent pressure ulcers. Cardiovascular Symposium Atlanta Chapter AACN, Atlanta, GA.

Reising, D. L. (2015, November). Evidence basis for IPE/CP. The Indiana University Center for Interprofessional Heath Education and Practice Retreat, Bloomington, IN.


Sweeney, J., & Kraus, R. (2016, March). Care settings are not universally equal: Tailoring the falls approach to prevent harm in the ED. 38th Annual Emergency Care Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.


Welch, J. L., Meek, J., Bartlett Ellis, R. J., Ambuehl, R., & Decker, B. S. (2016, April). Use of healthcare resources by CKO patients. Poster presentation at National Kidney Foundation SCM16, Boston, MA.


Questions for the Master’s Advisor?

If you have any questions regarding any of our masters programs, please contact Lisa Thompson at 317-274-2806.

Social Media

Follow IU School of Nursing on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Please share with anyone interested. Here’s how to find us:

- Facebook
- Twitter: @IUSONIndy
- Instagram: iusonindy

CNS Newsletter Submissions

The CNS Newsletter is electronically published and widely distributed bi-annually in the Fall and Spring.

Look for us on the IU SON careers page or find us on the IU SON MSN page

If you are an IU alumnus(a) or student and have something to include in the newsletter, please send to Jasmine Mosley.

Job Opportunity

Looking to take your career to the next level? Join us at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) strives to create a cancer-free world by integrating scientific research with excellence in education and patient-centered care, a strategy that leads to better methods of prevention, detection and treatment. The James Cancer Hospital has achieved Magnet® designation as part of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program®.

We are looking for a CNS to specialize with the Oncology GYN/GU population. At The James Cancer Hospital, the disease specific Clinical Nurse Specialists are expert clinicians serving in their specialized area of nursing practice who consistently improve our healthcare environment and outcomes by their influence on direct patient care, nursing standards and care delivery systems. The CNS works to improve outcomes and evidence-based practices. With other nursing colleagues to establish best practice models, create and monitor policies and design nursing practice standards. They also collaborate with other hospital leaders to enhance quality and patient safety.

Minimum Qualifications: Current Ohio RN license and Ohio Certificate of Authority as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Or at the time of hire must have current Ohio RN license and Ohio Certificate Authority as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. Significant clinical nursing experience preferred.

We offer a team-oriented environment with great pay, generous benefits, attainable career paths and free tuition toward furthering your education.

If you or if you know a colleague who would be interested, please contact Precious Suchora

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.