Have you heard?

Janet S. Fulton, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, ANEF, FAAN has been appointed to the position of Associate Dean for Graduate Programs at the Indiana University School of Nursing. Dr. Fulton is a professor with many years of experience as a practicing CNS and CNS educator in the area of adult health with a focus in oncology and gerontology. She has actively promoted the CNS role and practice nationally and internationally, having served as a member of the Executive Committee for the American Nurses Association Council of Clinical Nurse Specialists, president of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists and coordinator of the CNS Specialist Interest Group for the Oncology Nursing Society. Dr. Fulton has two published editions of the textbook Foundations of Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice; the second edition received AJN Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing. For the past 10 years has served as the Editor of Clinical Nurse Specialists: The Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice.

Congratulations Jan!

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!

AJN Book of the Year

The American Journal of Nursing (AJN) awarded 2nd place to Clinical Nurse Specialist Toolkit: A Guide for the New Clinical Nurse Specialist (2nd ed.) for the advanced practice category. 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

Congratulations PhD Graduates!

Mitch Knisely graduated with his PhD on June 30, 2016, and is now completing a post-doc at University of Pittsburgh.

Jenny Malita successfully defended her dissertation titled, “The decision making process in women diagnosed with estrogen receptor positive breast cancer experiencing side effects related to oral endocrine therapy”. She will be awarded her PhD on May 14, 2017

Fellowships in Geriatrics

Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist students Laura Basham and Ruby Elliott were selected for the Indiana Geriatrics Education and Training Center Fellows program. Fellows are selected from master’s in social work, nurse practitioner, and clinical nurse specialist majors. They participate in the care of older adults in a variety of practice settings within a multidisciplinary team.

Laura describes her clinical experiences with GRACE (Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders) team from the VA Hospital as having “really opened my eyes to the reality patients face once they are discharged from the hospital. I not only feel more confident in my ability to identify and address issues the older adult may experience, but also realize how much work there is to be done on the inpatient side to help these individuals successfully transition home.”

Ruby shares, “I found this to be a unique and rewarding experience. I could complete my clinical experience with care providers that specialized in my field of interest. I also got more in-depth training on topics of concern when caring for older adults, as well as information about how other disciplines can assist with providing patient care.

Adult Gerontology CNS students interested in learning more about the Indiana Geriatrics Education and Training Center Fellows program should discuss the program with Dr. Jan Powers, Adult Gerontology CNS track coordinator at the beginning of clinical course NURS-M570.

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.

Dayhoff/CIO-CNS Fellowship

IU School of Nursing is continuing to accept gifts to support the CIO-CNS Fellowship and the generosity of Nancy Dayhoff, IUSON faculty emerita. The scholarship was established by provide financial support for CNS students and to help assure the future of CNS practice. The plan is to award the first fellowship in Fall, 2018. Please consider giving today. Contact Janet McCully for more information.

NACNS Elects New Officers

Congratulations all around to Indiana CNSs recently elected to serve on the 2017-2018 National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) Board of Directors:

President: Vince Holly, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS
Board Member: Jo Ellen Rust, MSN, RN, CNS
Nominating Committee: Brandee Wornhoff, MSN, RN, CNS-BC

Emergency Nurses Elect New Board

Ron Kraus MSN, RN, CEN, ACNS-BC was elected to the Emergency Nurses Association National Board of Directors serving a 3-year term starting January 1, 2017.
A Note from Graduate Tasha Searles

Hi! I graduated from the Adult Gero CNS program December 2015 and promptly moved to Portland, Oregon where I took a position requiring an MSN, but not CNS degree, working in a weight management/ bariatric surgery/ diabetes outpatient clinic. CNSs, I learned, definitely are not used to full potential out here. The hospital CEO and all management personnel below him were not aware that CNSs were Advanced Practice Nurses and could do more than nursing education and research. With a good deal of work over the past year (and assistance from a coworker, who is a fellow Midwesterner and dual trained NP/ CNS) I am officially the first CNS within Legacy Health who is credentialed and can practice to full scope! I will continue with my practice in patient and staff education, patient navigation, and program development, but will also see patients for individual weight management visits, pre-operative assessments, and post bariatric surgery follow-up visits. Dr. Fulton always pushed us to go above and beyond, and be involved in change, so I just wanted to share this and thank IUSON for all I learned in the program!

Professional Awards

IUSON faculty member and certified CNS Dr. Rebecca Ellis has been named a recipient of the IU Trustees Teaching Award for 2017. She was recognized at the IUPUI Chancellor’s Academic Honors Convocation on April 12, 2017. Congratulations Dr. Ellis!

CNSs at IUH Lead EBP Initiative

CNSs at Indiana University Health are providing leadership for the system-wide Evidence-based Practice initiative. Here are just a few of the CNSs supporting the rollout of the program! Go team!!!!

Grants and Funding Awards

Dr. Yvonne Lu was awarded funding as a co-investigator of the Indiana Alzheimer’s Disease Center Outreach and Recruitment Core! This is the 30th year the center has been funded. The renewal brings $10.6 million in new funding to the School of Medicine.

Dr. Susan Rawl received $2,585,905 from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) for her grant titled “Comparing interventions to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Low-Income and Minority Patients.

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

Fall 2015 MSN Graduates
Congratulations to the following CNSs who are graduating with a post-MSN DNP, spring 2017!
Madelyn May, Michelle Peck

Fall 2016 MSN Adult/Gero CNS Graduates
Karen Denise Kerley

Spring 2017 MSN Adult/Gero CNS Graduates
Laura Baham, Ruby Elliott, Lindsey May, Michelle Wright

New Admissions
Welcome to our new clinical nurse specialist students starting in fall 2017.

Adult Gerontology CNS Students
Julie Airhart, Maryann Anthis, Christina Brown, Andrea Conley, Rebecca Craddock, Twila Dawn Drummond, Kimberly Lynn Flowers, Cary Ann Gibbs, Jennifer Kesler, Brittany Myers, Amanda Kay Obourn, Janette Richardson, Brooke Nicole Shuler, Alexandra R. Thullen, Maria Renee Thurston, Tiffani Tobe, Kelly Jo Woker
For more information about CNS program enrollment, contact Colleen Cleary at 317-274-2806.

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 Office of Student Scholarships for more information. The Indiana University School of Nursing also awards over $700,000 in scholarships each year to current undergraduate and graduate students.
For detailed information about available awards, please visit IU School of Nursing Scholarships. 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.
financial assistance for their education. Visit 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


Ellis, R., Keen, A., Lancaster, S., Embree, J. (In press). Enhancing nurse knowledge and attitudes about medication management for hospitalized patients with persistent pain. *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*


Presentations

Students, Faculty, Alumni and Preceptors


**Lu, Y.** (2016). *“Understanding Alzheimer's Disease”* Agape International Christian Church, Carmel, IN.


Online Preceptor Program!

Many thanks to all our CNS student preceptors! If you haven’t heard, IUSON and NACNS partnered to update and launch the new online CNS Preceptor Training program. “Developing Your Skills as a CNS Preceptor.” For more information, see the IUSON CPDLL Online Courses page.

Questions for the Master’s Advisor?

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

Social Media

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- 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 IUSON careers page or find us on the IUSON MSN page

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