



College of Nursing *Highlights*

- College Choice recently ranked the College of Nursing in the Top 50 of both the best Master's degree programs and Best Online Master's degree programs for 2017.
- Congratulations to Dr. Linda Weglicki, who was selected as an Ambassador of the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research.
- The second edition of *Advanced Nursing Research: From Theory to Practice*, written by Dr. Ruth Tappen, won third place in the Nursing Research category of the 2016 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year awards.
- Five College of Nursing faculty recently completed the first 30 hours of the Integrative Nurse Coaching Certificate Program with Dr. Barbara Dossey, Susan Luck and their colleagues.
- Dr. Shirley Gordon became President-elect of the National Board for Certification of School Nurses, Inc.
- Under the direction of Drs. Marlene Brennen and Rhonda Goodman, the Student Nurses Association is forming a Future Nurses Club at Village Academy.



2016 BSN Graduates Excel in National RN Licensure Exam

The excellent work of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing faculty and students paid off. Our undergraduate students received a 96.30 percent pass rate on the NCLEX for 2016 - one of the highest rates in Florida and the nation.

Our faculty increased the use of learner-centered approaches to teaching, including engaging students in the study of stories of nurse-person situations in practice. They developed more robust high fidelity simulation experiences, and more fully integrated the tools of Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) into the curriculum for student assessment, remediation and preparation for the NCLEX exam.

“We are so proud of the success of our students and acknowledge our outstanding faculty and staff, who were dedicated to helping our students achieve this important milestone in their nursing careers,” said College of Nursing Dean Marlaine Smith.



Using Aesthetics to Understand the Experience of Mental Illness

Dr. Beth King, assistant professor and certified psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, created a unique gallery display at the Palm Beach County Action Alliance for Mental Health Voice Awards.

The display featured 16 sculpted aesthetic representations of heads created by FAU College of Nursing undergraduate students enrolled in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Situations in Practice. Each head depicted a nursing situation in which the student cared for a person living with the challenges of mental illness. The description that accompanied the sculpted head explained how the student came to understand not only the complexity of the illness but the uniqueness and beauty of the person experiencing it.

The gallery garnered tremendous attention and accolades for the art and, most importantly, for the students' expressions of caring. It was a wonderful display of student work and Dr. King's commitment to helping students understand caring for persons with mental health situations.



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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