

The Bona Nurse Bulletin

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From the Director's Desk

Fall was a wonderful season to welcome new and returning nursing students back to campus. All students performed clinical hours in the surrounding community and coursework to work towards achieving their nursing goals. We ended our semester with a Christmas give back project where nursing students wrote holiday messages in cards for residents of The Motherhouse and patients at OGH. Enjoy this edition of the Bona Nurse Bulletin that recaps some of the great work achieved by our team and students.

- Dr. Perkins

Faculty Feature

Dr. Perkins Presents Work Nationally and Locally



Dr. Perkins presented a poster titled Emotional Intelligence, a Practice Ready Skill for Students and Faculty at the AACN Transform Conference in Anaheim, California. She also gave a podium presentation titled Tabletop Escape Room: Immersive Experience to Transform Practice at the NYONL Conference in Tarrytown, NY.

NSNA News



We're excited to announce that the official SBU Nursing merchandise online store is now live! This is a great way to show off your SBU Nursing pride while directly supporting NSNA initiatives and events. Check out the store and place your order before February 18, 2026.

<https://sbunursing26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Bona Nurses in Action

OGH Nightingale Award



Alyssa Richardson, RN, RN-BS students from OGH received an award highlighting her hard work, innovation, and standard of excellence.

Poster Presentation



Second Year MEP students presented their Quality Improvement Project Posters to their peers and community. Angelina Padilla was presented with the People's Choice Award which was voted on by attendees.

RN-BS



Local nurses entering the RN to BS in Nursing program in 2025 received a grant from the Career Pathways Training Program that covers their tuition. Pictured above (left to right): Alyssa McMichael, Liz Karnes, Savana Carapellatti, Morgen Kasprzyk, Alyssa Richardson, and Rachal Lundy.

Clinical Corner



First year MEP students (seen above at the Warming House giving out bags filled with warm weather items to patrons that they collected) completed clinical hours at local healthcare and community sites: OGH Medical-Surgical Unit, OGH Dialysis, Cattaraugus County Department of Health, Arnot Ogden Medical Center, CASA-Trinity, St. Elizabeth Motherhouse, and The Warming House. Second year students completed a preceptorship and project at OGH, UPMC Cole, and Oishei's Children's hospital.



Congratulations to Rhonda Chamberlain, MSW, BSN, RN manager of the Emergency Department at OGH for receiving the Daisy Nurse Leader Award. Rhonda precepted a second year MEP student for her quality improvement project.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Event Title	Event Date	Information
SBU Spring Convocation	January 16	Faculty and staff met to discuss artificial intelligence in education, innovation, and the future.
First day of class	January 20	Students returned to campus for the start of the Spring 2026 semester.
Mental Health First Aid	February 23	Class will be required for MEP students and will be offered to RN-BS and Dual Degree students as indirect clinical hours.
Mid-term break	Feb 28- March 8	A break to provide students with a short pause from classes to rest, recharge, and prepare for the remainder of the academic term.
AACN Student Policy Summit	March 30-31	Two MEP students will be given the opportunity to advocate in Washington, D.C. with Dr. Perkins. This is funded by Dean Banik and the Nursing Department.
Visiting Scholar Guest Speaker: Dr. Wendy Johnson	April 7 4:30 pm–5:30 pm	Dr. Wendy Johnson will speak to faculty and students on kinship medicine. This event is open to the public. If you interested in attending, feel free to reach out to Dr. Perkins for details: cperkins@sbu.edu
NSNA Conference	April 8-11	An annual convention that brings nursing students together to learn, network, explore specialty nursing areas, attend educational workshops, and connect with nursing leaders. The nursing department will sponsor two NSNA Officers to attend the conference in Houston, TX.
Dual Degree Scope Ceremony	May 14	The second graduating class of Dual Degree students will celebrate with faculty their BSN achievement with faculty.
JCC Pinning and Graduation	May 15	Third year Dual Degree students will receive their pins and officially mark the completion of their Associate of Applied Science Degree from JCC.
Graduate Student Commencement Ceremony	May 16	The MEP students who graduated in December will be invited back to celebrate the successful completion of their advanced academic program.
Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony	May 17	Dual Degree students will celebrate the successful completion of their undergraduate academic program.

Program Outcomes



From left: Alayne Schobey, Claire Hoffman, Julia Nunn, Danielle Wolcott and Angelina Padilla at the MEP Scope Ceremony in December.

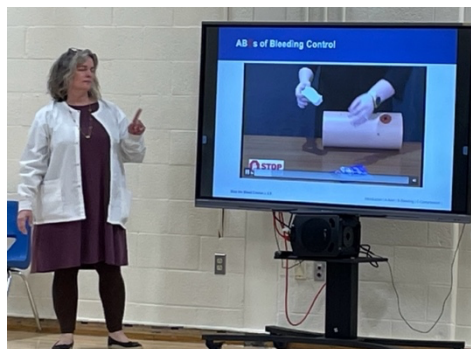
MEP program Outcomes from the 2024 graduating cohort:

1. The completion rate of MEP students will be 80% or higher over the three most recent calendar years when excluding students who have identified factors such as family obligations, relocation, financial barriers, and decisions to change majors or transfer to another institution of higher education. Met. 88%
2. The employer or academic progression rate of MEP graduates will be 80% or higher. Met. 85%
3. The NCLEX-RN® pass rate for the MEP program will be 80% or higher for all takers (first-time and repeaters who pass) over the three most recent calendar years. Met. 86%
4. Overall program quality and satisfaction will be 80% (4.0/5.0) or higher annually as measured using exit surveys, alumni surveys, and employer surveys. Results pending employer surveys.

The Alumni Stethoscope

Congratulations to our recent graduates for starting new nursing positions:

Alayne Schobey, MS, RN accepted a position at UPMC Chautauqua on the Labor and Delivery Unit. Julia Nunn, MS, RN accepted a position at ECMC on the Post-Orthopedic Unit. Claire Hoffman, MS accepted a position in the Emergency Department at UPMC Cole.



Cheryl Wintermantel, BS, RN is a Bona alumni from the RN-BS nursing program who is also a valued preceptor. Cheryl has precepted students in the undergraduate programs since she graduated as well as interacted with the MEP students in MEP 514 this fall. Cheryl is the school nurse for Allegany-Limestone School District. Thank you for sharing your talents with so many students.