

The Bona Nurse Bulletin

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From the Director's Desk

Summer is a beautiful and busy time of year in the Nursing Department. Our Master's Entry to Practice students remained in session and completed a collective 280 clinical hours in a variety of nursing specialties. Some of our RN to B.S. in Nursing students got ahead by taking summer classes to help them balance coursework with full-time employment. Many of our Dual Degree students returned home for a much needed summer break or participated in a variety of internship programs or worked as student aids. I've kept the faculty busy with our robust systemic program evaluation process, which ensures we continue to provide quality nursing programs that meet our mission. I hope you enjoy a recap of the wonderful things that occurred this summer in the Nursing Department.

- Dr. Perkins

Faculty Feature

Dr. Connie Perkins

PhD, RN, CNE



Dr. Perkins has published an article in the Journal of Professional Nursing titled Family Caregiving Competencies for Level One Nursing Education.

[Read the article here.](#)

Professor Marsha Tanner

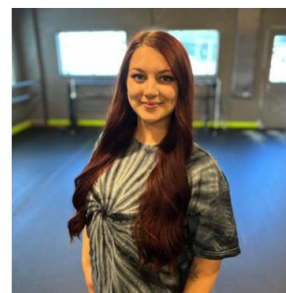
MSN, RN, CCRN, CEN



Professor Tanner is now a Visiting Clinical Faculty for the Nursing Department. She has taught Undergraduate- Transitions in Care and Advanced Health Assessment. Graduate- Adult Nursing Care 1, Adult Nursing Care 2, Critical Client Nursing Care, Psychiatric Nursing Care, and Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare.

Kyleigh Peterson

Administrative Assistant



Kyleigh has been hired to be an administrative assistant in the Nursing Department and will help with the coordination of our programs. Warm welcome to the Nursing Department family.

Bona Nurses in Action

Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital



Second year MEP Nursing students: Danielle Wolcott, Alayne Schobey, Claire Perovich, Angelina Padilla, and Julia Nunn. They completed 55 hours in the ICU, ER, and OB units during a 1 week clinical immersion. Dr. Perkins and Professor Tanner accompanied the students as clinical instructors.

OGH Nightingale Award



Current RN to BS in Nursing student Rachal Lundy, RN, was honored with the Nightingale Award for the second quarter of 2025. This quarterly recognition is given to one nurse who demonstrates outstanding patient care, excellence in patient and family education, fosters open and effective communication, and serves as a role model for colleagues. Congratulations!

Poster Presentation



Current RN in Nursing student Savana Carpellatti, RN, completed a Quality Improvement Project on mental health support programs for healthcare workers. Savana completed this as part of the GN residency program at Olean General Hospital.

The Alumni Stethoscope

Congratulations to our recent graduates for starting new nursing positions:

Mike Rappa, MS: Emergency Department Nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital

Esoshani Barton, MS, RN: Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse at New York Presbyterian Hospital

Adam Russ, MS, RN: General Duty Nurse on a cardiac telemetry floor at ECMC

Amanjit Rai, MS, RN: Touro University Family Nurse Practitioner certificate program student

Mason Perks, BS, RN: Medical Care Unit at Cuba Memorial Urgent Care

Sophia Ragonese, BS, RN: PACU at Strong Memorial Hospital

Regina Tkacik, BS, RN: Emergency Department Nurse at Olean General Hospital

Addison Greml, MS, RN: Pediatric Peri-operative Nurse at Duke University Hospital

Alumni Presentation



Dual Degree alumni in Nursing, Emma Mikolajczyk, BS, RN, and Regina Tkacik, BS, RN, completed a Quality improvement Project at Olean General Hospital on Empowering Patients and Families Through End-of-Life Education as part of the GN Residency Program

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Event Title	Event Date	Information
SBU Convocation	August 27, 2025	Faculty and staff gathered at the university to learn about updates on the new strategic plan for the university and to kick off the fall semester.
Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic	September 13, 2025 to September 14, 2025	All SBU Nursing Students, alongside faculty, participated in the RAM Clinic at the Olean Family YMCA. The free dental, vision, and medical services allowed 415 patients to be seen and treated.
Fall Break	October 13, 2025 to October 14, 2025	Students will have a fall break, and classes will resume on Wednesday, October 15th.
Mental Health First Aid	October 20, 2025	This certificate comes at no cost to the students and will be taught by the SBU Nursing and Occupational Therapy department faculty. Students will learn about strategies to help someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis.
MEP Poster Presentations	November 17, 2025	Soon-to-be graduating second-year MEP students will present a Quality Improvement Project that was formulated with local nurse leaders.
Kaplan NCLEX-RN 4-Day Review Course	December 8, 2025 to December 11, 2025	Second-year MEP students will complete a 4-day training course for their upcoming NCLEX-RN exams. They will complete a series of practice questions and formulate a study plan with a live instructor.
MEP Scope Ceremony	December 13, 2025	The second graduating MEP cohort will receive their Master of Science in Nursing. They will have a family member place their stethoscope around their neck to symbolize their new scope of practice as a nurse while honoring their support system. This ceremony symbolizes their new scope of practice as a future registered nurse.

Program Outcomes



The second cohort of Dual Degree in Nursing Students achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam this past summer



First-year MEP students (Christelle Valentine, Gabriella Alvarez, Kristan Moshier, and Emily Keating) completed training in palliative care with End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) modules built into targeted nursing courses.

Faculty Outcomes for 2024:

- Teaching: 90% of nursing faculty will be a 3.8 or higher for overall course evaluation scores as reported on the annual faculty evaluation form. **MET.** The average score our faculty receive in all nursing classes combined is 4.4/5!
- Scholarship: 90% of nursing faculty will score a combined 120 points or higher for teaching, scholarship, and service on the annual faculty evaluation form. **MET.** The average points earned was 234! We've raised the bar in response.
- Faculty Quality: 90% of faculty will maintain nursing practice hours, certifications and/or licensure as reported on the annual faculty evaluation form. **MET.** Actual level of achievement is 100%.
- Service: 100% of nursing faculty will attend all faculty meetings or provide evidence of reading the meeting minutes. **MET.** Actual level of achievement is 100%.

Clinical Corner

We are deeply grateful to our clinical partners for offering enriching hands-on experiences and access to direct patient care. This past summer semester, our students completed clinical rotations at Olean General Hospital, Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital, and UPMC Kane.

These Clinical placements allowed students to gain practical knowledge under the guidance of experienced faculty members.

Your contributions have made a lasting impact on our students and the nursing profession.

NSNA News



NSNA Elections

NSNA held its first meeting of the academic year and had elections for new officers.

Please welcome the new NSNA officers for 2025-2026:

President: Shannon Madigan (Dual Degree)

Vice-President: Alyssa Prine (Dual Degree)

Secretary: Gabriella Alvarez (MEP)

Treasurer: Giulia Arydes (Dual Degree)