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CASA Blog March 25, 2014

Here is what was in the CASA blog last week...

The first group of students to enroll in the California State University Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice program are preparing to graduate in May, with 21 months of studying and research completed. But before they hit that milestone, the students are preparing for their oral defenses on April 4, at San Jose State University and April 11, at CSU, Fresno.

The cohort includes 31 students from across Northern California in a pilot program that offers online education to nurses who already have lengthy experience working in the healthcare field and who possess a master's degree.

"We were looking for leaders," said Lori Rodriguez, the director of the DNP Consortium at San Jose State University. "We were looking at initiative, leadership potential, integrity and a rich practice background."

For the first cohort, 31 students were selected. At least 90 percent of the students reported they have been working 30 or more hours since enrolling in the full-time program.

Sylvia Ruiz, an administrative support coordinator with the DNP program, said some of the students have already received promotions and others are anticipating promotions upon graduation.

"They've received scholarly recognition," Ruiz said, with Rodriguez noting that four students were accepted to speak at the National DNP Conference in Nashville, Tenn. next fall.

While the program has been online, with students meeting in person for one to four days a semester of intensive training at one of the two campuses, Ruiz said the students formed bonds quickly.

"They found a network of people across the state with like minds," Rodriguez

added.

The culmination of the program includes the doctoral projects the students started on in their first year to change a healthcare outcome in the community. The projects had to focus on a group or community rather than an individual, with potential for a long-lasting impact. Of the graduating class, 16 students are scheduled to present their findings during their oral defense on April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229, with the public invited. The other 15 students will present their oral defenses April 11, from 8:30-5:30 p.m. at CSU, Fresno, with a location to be determined. Rodriguez said faculty members, other students and members of the healthcare community are anticipated to attend.

The students tackled a variety of projects, some in hospital-based settings and others in community locations. Some projects to be presented at SJSU include:

“Intent of High School Hispanic/Latino Adolescents Toward Tissue and Organ Donation: A Study of the Impact of a Culturally Sensitive Educational Intervention,” completed by Sharon Castellanos and overseen by Lynn Van Hofwegan.

“Backpack Homeless Healthcare Program: What Knowledge, Attitudes and Skills Do Backpack Homeless Healthcare Program’s Multidisciplinary Teams Believe are Critical in Order to Provide Effective Patient Centered Health Care Services to Unsheltered Homeless Population in Santa Clara County?” completed by Mercy Egbujor and overseen by Tamara McKinnon

“The Experience of Latino Parents of Hospitalized Children During Family Centered Bedside Rounds,” completed by Lisa Walker-Vischer and overseen by Constance Hill

For more information on the CSU Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice, visit <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/students/dnp/> or visit www.csufresno.edu/jointdnp.

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On Tue, Mar 25, 2014 at 7:01 AM, Lori Rodriguez <lori.rodriquez@sjsu.edu> wrote:
Here are 2 things. I will look on my other computer as well.

On Mon, Mar 24, 2014 at 8:22 PM, Sharon Castellanos <castellanos.sharon@yahoo.com> wrote:
Hello Lori,

Friendly reminder regarding info for press release: DNP. I'm on jury standby not at work please send to yahoo mail.

Tx
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