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UHD RN-BSN Nursing News

Since spring 2020, we have faced the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. In a time of chaos and uncertainty, all of our nursing classes and activities went online. Our faculty revised course structure, format and syllabi and adjusted to the new delivery mode. Our students, many working in the healthcare setting and carrying much family responsibilities at the same time, strove to achieve academic excellence. They attended lectures on time, participated in class discussions, and worked in groups using various methods. We are proud of our devoted faculty and students. It is their hard-work that makes the RN-BSN program successful in this difficult time. With the vaccination being widely available to Houstonians, we are resuming normalcy. We miss our campus, our fellow classmates, our colleagues, our face to face lectures and our classroom vitality. Although almost everything was online, UHD RN-BSN program gained progress in the past year. We further substantiated our partnership with Houston Community College-Coleman (HCC-Coleman). Our students' enrollment has increased dramatically with our flexible yet high quality coursework and increasing impact in Houston communities.

Quick Updates

Faculty and students strive to achieve excellence in the online environment.

Nursing program has dramatic increase in students' enrollment.

UHD nursing students engage in scholarly activities.

Nursing faculty actively engage in community practices



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*UHD RN-BSN Star Student
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Our students enjoy learning in and outside the classroom. Three students participated in research regarding the impact of alcohol use and depression on adults' physical performance under faculty guidance and gained valuable experience. They will present their work and poster at the 20th UHD Students Research Conference as well as nationwide academic conference. Moreover, our faculty also constructed two online nursing courses (NURS 4210: Information Management and Health Informatics and NURS 3230 Trends and Issues in Nursing). These online offerings will be available for students in the first semester of the program in addition to the current face-to-face and hybrid classes.

Our nursing faculty actively engage in community practices. They exhibited at the Reach for the Stars STEM Festival at Rice University and used games to introduce nursing to over 200 girls of grades 5-8. Moreover, Dr. Dune continues to offer educational consulting to partners in excellence in the Texas Medical Center and Downtown areas; Dr. Ge is attending the Community Health Worker Instructor course series to enhance her expertise in community work.

Highlighted UHD RN-BSN Student

Hi, my name is Desiree' Frantz and I am University of Houston-Downtown's (UHD) RN-BSN Program's Star Student this year. You may know me from Gator-LEADERShip or have seen me at one of UHD's food distributions. I am an honored, non-traditional, first-generation college student. Outside of academics, I am a Grace Congregational Church member, a full-time registered nurse, and a single mom to a charming young man who learned how to roller-skate, rollerblade, skateboard, and made his first all-A's report card this year. I obtained my Texas Core Complete associates in arts as well as associates of science in nursing degrees from UHD's sister college, Houston Community College. I then transferred to UHD where I am currently working on my bachelor's in nursing. Since attending UHD, I have further developed my leadership, teamwork, and collaboration skills as well as discovered an interest in nursing research. I have had the opportunity to work on a nurse research project with Dr. Linda Dune and Dr. Song Ge and hope to present this project at the UHD Scholars Academy Student Research Conference in April. Through UHD's RN-BSN program, I feel more adequate as a health professional and more prepared to step into any leadership roles that may present themselves to me in the future.

We would like to thank all the non-UHD speakers for giving enlightening and inspiring talks to our nursing students.

- Dr. Shuang Liu, a physicist delivered a talk titled "How to make protein microarray and its applications" in Spring 2022.
- Jingru Fang, a biochemistry Ph.D. candidate delivered a talk titled "How do we combat emerging and re-emerging RNA viruses that are life-threatening?" in Spring 2022.
- Dr. Hua Hao, a biostatistician delivered a talk titled "Sensor-based mobile health approaches for personal air pollution and pediatric asthma studies" in Spring 2022.
- Mengchi Li, a nursing Ph.D. candidate delivered a talk titled "Electronic wearable devices to improve physical activity in community-dwelling older adults" in Spring 2022.
- Jack Li, a Canadian nurse delivered a talk titled "An in-house training program for perioperative nurses in Canada" in Spring 2022.
- Dr. Jiale Hu, Assistant Professor and Director of Research and Global Outreach from Virginia Commonwealth University delivered a talk titled "Crisis resource management in anesthesia settings" in Fall 2021.



Dr. Song Ge was exhibiting the work of nurses for girls between 5-8 grades during the *Reach for the Stars STEM Festival* at Rice University in April 2021.