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Department of Practice Learning - Supporting Education in Practice
Third Annual Health and Social Care Awards

16 July 2010
The Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston

Congratulations to the following practice placements and student nurses whose achievements were recognised and celebrated at this event.

Student Nominated Practice Award
Winner - Children’s Ward, The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
The Children’s Ward at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has been described as well organised and all members of staff offer excellent support to students. They are well driven, motivated and offer good quality training. Students are made to feel like a valuable member of the team despite being in training. Students are given the opportunity to work interprofessionally which helps to understand the roles within the departments.

Trust Nominated Practice Award
Winner - Graham Gordon, Ward 8, Birmingham Children’s Hospital NHS Foundation trust
Graham Gordon is a true role model and advocate for Children’s Nursing and has made many patient care improvements, actively engaging not only in teaching but also tutorial support for University students. As he retires at the end of this year it would be fitting to recognise his many achievements and contributions. He will be a great loss to the course and the speciality in general.

Student Nurses of Excellence
BSc Nursing RN
Winner - Kerry Holden
Kerry Holden is a highly motivated and enthusiastic student who is fully committed to being a nurse. Her personal tutor has said that Kerry was a pleasure to support over the three years of the programme and took her personal and professional development seriously.

Diploma Higher Education Nursing
Winner - Cpl Wesley Timblin QARANC
Wesley Timblin completed his course to an exceptionally high standard. He took every advantage and opportunity available to him to gain the fullest all round experience. A fully committed and dedicated soldier, he has always displayed the highest levels of maturity, enthusiasm and motivation. He is an inspirational leader, making him an outstanding role model to his fellow students both military and civilian. He is fully committed to his chosen profession and he has always strived to be the best he can be both clinically and academically. The combination of his professional approach, excellent communication skills and personality are all qualities which make him a great mental health practitioner.
Graduate Diploma Nursing RN
Winner – Claire Dilloway
Claire Dilloway achieved the highest average mark for the branch programme on the graduate Diploma Nursing RN programme. She put a lot of hard work, determination and effort into achieving this. Claire’s practice reports indicate that she has demonstrated compassion and empathy and that she makes the interests of patients her priority. This makes her the sort of person we want as a nurse of excellence as well as a student of excellence.

Student Practice Award
The Angela Gallagher Memorial Prize for Nursing and Midwifery
Winner - Nicola Payne
Nicola Payne distinguished herself in practice to the extent that her assessor wrote to the university and declared her to be an exceptional student and in the assessor’s opinion, “the best student nurse he had ever worked with”. She has shown outstanding commitment to the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment and completes her work to a very high standard. She also demonstrates leadership within action learning sets; in group work and in student presentations. She has also made a considerable contribution to extra-curricular activities including involvement in creating the Virtual Home for learning disability branch students and in supporting service users with disabilities to contribute to the programme. She has also participated in marketing initiatives within the university to promote learning disability nursing.

Wing Commander P.E.H. Thomas Memorial Trophy
Winner - Cpl Darren Bambridge QARANC
This award is made to a military student who has excelled in mentoring and supporting fellow students. The winner transferred from the Intelligence and commenced Registered Nurse training in September 2007. From arrival at the Defence School of Health Care Studies he applied himself diligently to his course, maintaining excellent academic and professional results throughout his three years of training. Whilst succeeding in all areas of his professional training he has also involved himself, and his cohort, in wider university and community ventures. Recognising and utilising his spare capacity he, as group leader, has supported and encouraged all members of his cohort to aspire to the high standards he sets himself. As well as providing support and mentoring to his fellow students in respect to their academic pursuits he has additionally set himself up as their military role model, assisting with physical and military training whenever required. Involving himself and cohort members with the wider community he has set up and maintained links with the local Acorns hospice, volunteering as a befriender and organising work parties to carry out maintenance and gardening. In short our winner is an individual who has not only excelled in his professional training but has selflessly acted in the support of his fellow students, university and the local community.
Get Involved!

Developing Tomorrow’s Nurses

We are holding an event aimed at getting the views and experiences of our practice mentors to feed into the planning and design of the new pre-registration nurse education programmes.

The event will be held on the
16 September 2010 from 09.30 - 12.00
at City South Campus (Edgbaston).

Practice mentors from all branches and practice areas are welcome - space will be limited to 50 attendees. Your views are valued so please book early.

To register your interest, please contact:
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New Graduate Curriculum

The new finalised NMC Standards for Pre-Registration Nursing Education are due to be published in September 2010. If you would like to contribute and monitor the progress of the curriculum developments at Birmingham City University then please log on to our blog where you are free to comment and give your views on any aspect of the curriculum and there is a short questionnaire for you to complete.

The blog will be ‘live’ from 31 August so please let us know your views by accessing the following link:
www.bcu.ac.uk/newgradcurriculum
Assessors of Excellence

Congratulations and thank you to our latest assessors of excellence. All have been nominated by students or colleagues using a form available on the DPL website.

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