



# School of Nursing Ashland Campus Annual Newsletter 2022-2023

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## Our Graduates at a Glance

- ◆ In June 2022, 27 students in the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education (OCNE) program graduated with their Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.
- ◆ 32 Accelerated Bachelor of Science students completed their program of study in September 2022. 4 of these students will be continuing on to graduate school to become Family Nurse Practitioners.
- ◆ Over 90% of graduates had employment offers by graduation or were accepted to graduate school to become advance practice nurses.
- ◆ 18 graduates have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.



**Greetings from  
Tracy Flynn  
Campus Associate Dean**

Hello! On behalf of the faculty and staff of the OHSU School of Nursing on the Ashland Campus, I am delighted share a brief update on our activities. We have been busy here in Southern Oregon! Since June of 2022, admitted 62 students to our program. We have been incredibly fortunate to hire 11 new faculty, which will enable us to expand our program this year and admit an additional eight students with our regular cohorts this Fall. Our I-CAN and Street Nursing teams are running at full steam serving our communities, and our students are taking full advantage of our beautifully-renovated Simulation and Clinical Learning Center in Britt Hall. As I look around our campus, I'm reminded every day how fortunate I am to work with such caring and gifted students, faculty, and staff in this extraordinary environment. We would love to meet you; please give us a call anytime at 541-552-5833 to schedule a campus visit or to learn more about our program.

### Street Nursing



Foot Clinic in Action

The Street Nursing Team expanded this academic year thanks to new funding from a four-year HRSA grant. Faculty members Rachel Richmond RN, MSN and Helena

Turner PMHNP worked with senior leadership students during the fall term to develop new protocols and expand the reach of the team. In the fall term, Felecia Shaw was added to the team as Administrative Coordinator. She has been invaluable in her role of supporting team growth in the areas of supplies, partnerships, and meeting the goals of the educational grant. In winter term, Nabha Goldfeder RN, BSN joined the team as a clinical instructor. The street team is currently operating three foot clinics each week in Medford and Ashland locations, and making two to three visits a week to people experiencing homelessness on the street. Currently there are six junior level OCNE students, one mental health NP graduate student, and two master's in nursing education students participating on the street team. In addition to direct care, care coordination, and advocacy; the team is working to expand to Klamath Falls with a foot clinic opening up there in the Spring.

### Interprofessional Care Access Network

The Interprofessional Care Access Network (I-CAN) has resumed home visiting to address social determinants that result in barriers to navigating health and health related services. Bridget O'Connor, BSN, RN, joined I-CAN as the Faculty in Residence in January. Bridget, along with nursing, dental and nutrition students, is partnering with Ashland Fire and Rescue, Family Nurturing Center, La Clinica Health Center, and Southern Oregon Headstart. I-CAN has been shown to improve health and health outcomes of medically fragile individuals, families, and people who call 911 for non-emergent reasons. I-CAN will celebrate its ten year anniversary in September 2023!



Bridget O'Connor preparing for a client visit with students

### Student Support Programs

Ensuring student success is a top priority by all who work at the OHSU School of Nursing. As such, we're excited to share several programs currently available to students, designed to promote equitable access to basic resources for all. Thanks to grant funding from Vision 2025 Learner Nutrition Support, each OHSU SON campus has been allotted funding specifically to address student food insecurity. On the Ashland Campus, the funds currently support a student food pantry, available to all students with no screening criteria. The pantry is fully stocked with items available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, along with a variety of snacks and drinks. Additionally, thanks to funding available through the Street Nursing Team grant, fall term saw the launch of a new stipend program. Through a simple application process, stipends with a variable award amount based on need are available to any Ashland or Klamath Falls student facing housing instability, food insecurity, or economic hardship.



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## Welcome New Staff and Faculty!

On The Cover:

**Tracy Flynn, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE<sub>CL</sub>**

Campus Associate Dean



Angela Adams  
Instructor



Sarah Aitken  
Instructor



Allison Fahrner  
Instructor



Francesca Gardella  
Instructor



Nabha Goldfeder  
Instructor



Jessica Kinser  
Instructor



Lisa McConnell  
Instructor



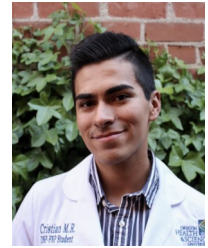
Brandon McCowan  
Student Inclusion and  
Success Coordinator



Rosemary Medina  
Instructor



Tina Matiyow-Hoff  
Instructor



Cristian Mendoza-Ruvalcaba  
Instructor



Bridget O'Connor  
Instructor



Felicia Shaw  
Administrative Coordinator



Shannon Sheats  
Instructor



Jenny Shirley  
Instructor



Rebecca Soto  
Administrative Manager



Jay Strazdas  
Instructor

### Upcoming Events and Dates

- Street Nursing Lecture Series coming in May 2023.
- OCNE Annual Conference, May 5, 2023.
- Sigma Theta Tau Induction, June 15, 2023.
- Convocation will be livestreamed, June 16, 2023.
- Darby / La Sor Endowed Lectures coming in Fall 2023.