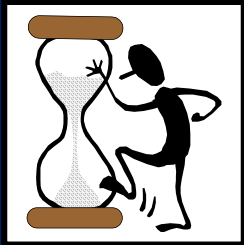


September 2011

ATS Insider

Semester
Countdown:
13 weeks until break



Student Services
welcomes
Ellen Matthews, LPC!
Ms. Matthews is
offering course
instruction,
personal
counseling, and
career
development
counseling to all
students!

Student Convocation
Dates:
Wed, Sept 21
Noon
5:45 pm

Wed, Oct 26
Noon
5:45pm

Wed, Nov 16
Noon
5:45pm

The Insider's
Student Contributors:
Stacy Sampson

If you are interested in
contributing to the
newsletter, contact
Student Services.

Welcome Back!

ATS Faculty, Staff, and Administration would like to wish all students a warm welcome back to a new academic year! We are looking forward to a wonderful semester and to some much-needed updates! As you have seen, there are many changes taking place at ATS, including a new building for the General Education courses! This will give our ever growing student body some additional space to move around! If you have any suggestions, please put them into the Suggestion Box, located in the Main Building Lobby, next to clinical and class schedule postings.

Student Services?... What is That?

Student Services is an entire department whose mission is to offer services to students! So, do you know where your Student Services Offices are? Do you know which faculty and staff members are in the Student Services Department? Do you know what services are offered to YOU? If not, please keep reading!

Student Services is a department that was created in order to ensure that students have the resources necessary for success. This includes access to tutoring, and help with study and time-management skills. This includes the Tutoring Center, which allows students to seek tutoring with

multiple faculty and student tutors at various times.

In addition to resources, Student Services is establishing a Student Government. This will allow students to gain leadership experience and have a voice at ATS. Elections for Student Government Offices will happen this semester! Please keep an eye out for postings.

In August, Student Services held a Mock Interview and Resume Review Day, where students were able to gain experience with the job application and interview processes. This will be conducted each semester for all senior students.

Student Services also advocates for mental health services, community service opportunities, and much more! This semester, Student Services now offers in house counseling by Licensed Professional Counselor, Ellen Matthews.

Stop in to the Student Services Offices with any questions, concerns, or interests! The main Student Services Offices are located in the Main Building, directly across from vending. The Student Services Office, Tutoring Room, and NCLEX Room are all located here. The office of Ms. Matthews, MA, LPC is located in the Annex.

Nursing Certifications: Special Topics in Specialty Fields

Topics in Oncology by: Stacy Sampson

My goal in nursing is to become certified in oncology once I become a RN. I currently work in the Cancer Center at Hillcrest Hospital, and I find the field interesting. I think that it will be a rewarding career. One of the issues that comes up with many patients is sexual health while having cancer. I found the article, *Identification of Barriers to Sexual Health Assessment in Oncology Nursing Practice* (Julien, Kline, & Thorn, 2010) to be helpful.

The article discusses how cancer can affect a patient both physically

and psychologically. It explains that after treatment and recovery, being able to perform sexually becomes a priority in many patients' lives. The authors feel that performing a sexual health assessment should be included in the initial assessment of the patient and that it is a fundamental part of holistic nursing care. In addition, the authors report that the relationship between nurses' knowledge of sexual health where it related to their practice as a nurse is something to be explored, as oncology nurses often fail to complete an assessment on sexual health initially and throughout care of these patients.

Patients must be offered holistic care, and part of that includes sexual health. Oncology nurses should inform patients of their limitations or abilities regarding sexual activity.

In my work experience, there are many patients that are concerned about sex after cancer, and those concerns and related issues must be addressed. Nurses have the responsibility to ensure that patients are aware of their options at all times, including options related to sexual activity, as sexual health is a component related to quality of life and relationship satisfaction.

Tragedy Aboard Bus

Students and faculty aboard homebound bus from Columbus miraculously escaped with their lives after a six hour journey! Amidst speeding traffic, no air conditioning for four hours, no available bathrooms, and no news from the service man, students and faculty stayed in good spirits, even without the non-permissible beverages! Thanks to everyone for their humor and cooperation in the emergency situation. We learned some valuable lessons that day, including that Pilot offers hot showers and you CAN fit twenty people on a bus made for ten!

Announcements

46th Annual National Career Development Association Poster & Poetry Contest. Submit your original poem or poster on the theme of "My Career Dreams" to be eligible for school-wide, state and national prizes and honors! For entry forms and contest details, see Ms. Matthews. Deadline for submission is November 16th, 2011.

Discounted Stress Reduction Sessions for Students! The Reiki Clinic at Ursuline College offers discounted stress-reduction and healing sessions to students. Thirty to 45-minute sessions available for a \$10 donation. The Reiki technique is based on meditation and healing touch. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Ann Winters at (440) 442-4160 Ext. 224 or awinters@ursulinesisters.org.

The Reiki Clinic is located at the Ursuline Academy of Cleveland, 2600 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124. Brochures and additional information also available in Ms. Matthews' office.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.atsinstitute.edu

Student Recognition Section!



- Congratulations to Chiniqua Davis, LaKeya Wilson, and Angela Polansky, our Students of the Month for the Summer 2011 Semester! These students won \$25 gift cards for gas!
- Congratulations to Angela Polansky, the Student of the Semester for Summer 2011. Angela won a \$100 gift card for gas!

- Congratulations to all students earning President's Awards for the Summer 2011 Semester! These students earned a 3.0 or higher, with a full course load! Great job!
- Congratulations to Amber Hall, RN and ATS Alumnus who was recently hired at Euclid Hospital in the CCU.

JOB POSTINGS

**NURSING ASSISTANT POSITIONS
LAKE HEALTH
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
3-11:30PM, 7AM-7:30PM, 7PM-7:30AM
WWW.LAKEHEALTH.ORG/CAREERS
HUMAN RESOURCES: 440-354-1981



**NURSING ASSISTANT POSITION
MANOR CARE
PARMA LOCATION**

MANOR CARE IS ONE OF OUR CLINICAL SITES. BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE FROM ATS, AND PROVIDE SOME FACULTY REFERENCES!

**NURSING ASSISTANT POSITIONS
COMMUNICARE, PINE VALLEY CARE CENTER
MULTIPLE SHIFTS, PART TIME AVAILABLE



**CLINICAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
UH CASE MEDICAL CENTER
PEDIATRIC SURGERY
PART TIME, DAY SHIFT**



Position Requirements:

Completion of a Medical Assistant Program OR two (2) years of satisfactory performance in a Patient Care Assistant role or equivalent OR enrollment in an accredited Basic Nursing Program. Experience in a large teaching hospital preferred. Ability to organize changing work assignments. Basic knowledge of medical terminology. Familiarity with using: Wheelchair; EKG equipment; Patient assistive devices; and Patient care equipment specific to assigned population. Demonstrates strong interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills both written and verbal, as well as, exhibiting strong organizational skills and work ethic. Demonstrates a professional demeanor when responding to patients/customers. Basic computer data entry skills.

**SEE INDEED.COM FOR MORE JOB OPENINGS
SEE STUDENT SERVICES FOR MORE JOB SEARCH TIPS!**



Scholarships

Ohio Nurses Association offers multiple scholarships, including:
Minority Student Scholarship, for students who are members of minority races
Traditional Student Scholarship, for students who have been out of high school for less than two years

Students Returning to School to Major in Nursing Scholarship, for students who have been out of school for more than two years

All applications are due January 15th of each year

See Student Services or the following website for applications:

www.ohnurses.org

Look on the ATS Website to see when our ADN students will qualify for CampusRN scholarships!

The direct path to a goal may be short and straight; but nothing worthwhile can be reached simply or quickly