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Meet the Faculty

New Faculty Member-
Nancyruth Leibold,
EdD, RN, MSN, PHN, CNE



Personal information - family, hobbies, interests

I am married to my college sweetheart, Craig Leibold and we have a son and Norwegian Elkhound. I enjoy reading, travel, nature, hiking, and spending time with family.

Nursing background

I have over 35 years of nursing experience in critical care, medical/surgical nursing, public health nursing, and nursing education. I have served as a Staff Nurse, Travel Nurse, Nursing Coordinator, Director of Nursing, and Nurse Educator.

Educational background

I have an EdD from College of Saint Mary, MS in Nursing from Creighton University, and BSN from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

What do you like best about teaching nurses?

I enjoy interacting with learners and watching them develop in their nursing careers!

What brought you to SMSU?

I am very excited to be a part of the Nursing Department at SMSU! I enjoy working with RN to BSN learners in online courses! It is truly a joy to see learners develop! I am also thrilled to be working with Laurie Johansen!



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SMSU RN to BSN Program Curricular Changes

SMSU is pleased to announce the continued success of our RN to BSN Program. The journey from the launch of our nursing program in 2013 until today has been filled with many milestones: 1) acceptance of an ever-increasing number of nursing students 2) successful accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) 3) building of community partnerships, 4) engaging faculty who embrace professional values in the context of higher education, and 5) our first nursing graduates.

The support of the students, university, and community has led to continual improvements in the nursing program, including the curriculum. A revised curriculum was approved in the fall of 2015, which creates the following changes to the nursing program.

The updated RN to BSN Course Catalog now includes:

I. Corequisite Nursing Liberal Education Course (3 credits)

(may be taken during nursing program)

a. Choose one statistics course

i. FIN 230

ii. MATH 200

iii. PSYC 200

II. Nursing Major Required Courses (28 credits)

a. NURS 300

b. NURS 310

c. NURS 320

d. NURS 330

e. NURS 375

f. NURS 400

g. NURS 410

h. NURS 430

i. NURS 440

j. NURS 450

III. Nursing Major Required Elective (2 credits)

a. NURS 435

Enrollment opportunities are currently available for fall 2016 and spring 2017, for prospective students interested in our nursing program and this new nursing curriculum. Information can be found at <http://www.smsu.edu/academics/departments/nursing/>. We also welcome contacts from interested parties via phone or email.

Scholarships

Minnesota Nurses Association Foundation Scholarship Recipient



The Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) is a vital nurse organization in Minnesota, influencing health care policy and practice. The mission of the MNA is to 1) promote the professional, economic, and personal well-being of nurses, 2) uphold and advance excellence, integrity, and autonomy in the practice of nursing, and 3) advocate for quality care that is accessible and affordable for patients and consumers. The purpose of MNA is to advance the professional, economic, and general well-being of nurses and to promote the health and well-being of the public.



It is because of the MNA that SMSU RN to BSN nursing student, Staci Roslansky, was recently awarded a Minnesota Nurses Association Foundation (MNAF) scholarship, as a means of helping nursing students advance their professional development. Staci Roslansky (pictured left) and her co-worker received their scholarship award from Darlene Mechtenberg, RN, BSN, MNAF member. Staci has been an SMSU nursing student since 2014, with graduation plans in 2016. Scholarships for students like Staci make a tremendous difference not only to the student, but the profession of nursing and those they serve. We are proud to have Staci recognized by the MNAF.

Avera Marshall Nursing Scholarship Recipient

The development of the SMSU RN to BSN Program has been greatly supported by Avera Marshall. The SMSU RN to BSN Program assists in meeting the health care needs of the region by providing a local opportunity for professionals to advance their education and pursue their career goals. A strong health care workforce is essential to provide access to quality medical care in our rural areas.

The Avera Marshall Nursing Scholarship was developed to encourage nurses in the region to build upon existing knowledge and skills in order to advance their education. On an annual basis, this scholarship benefits one nursing student who is a resident of the region. We are proud to announce that Angela Maasch is this year's recipient of the Avera Marshall Nursing Scholarship. By supporting our nursing students with scholarships, Avera Marshall is helping to build and sustain a skilled rural health care workforce for our entire region.



Left to Right: Lonnah,
Angela Maasch, & Cyndal



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RN to BSN Applications

The SMSU RN to BSN Nursing Program continues to admit nursing students every fall and spring semester. We are still accepting applications for fall 2016 and spring 2017.

Information is available at

<http://www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/rntobsn/>.

SMSU Nursing Student Resources

SMSU McFarland Library

SMSU's McFarland Library has several databases that will help you find articles pertaining to research in Nursing. Databases are located in the 'A to Z Database List' link near the bottom of the library homepage (www.smsu.edu/library). Databases that contain health related topics include CINAHL Complete, Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition, Psychology Journals, and SportDiscus, to list a few. Our online reference book collection is CREDO Reference. If you click the Find a Book tab, a link in the list to the left (under 'All Collections') will take you to Nursing and Allied Health collection of 27 ebooks.

Another helpful tool is also at the bottom of the library homepage: Research Guides. Follow the links from Research guides, to Topic Guides, to Nursing Program (<http://libguides.smsu.edu/nursing>). Within this guide are pointers for off-campus access, recommended databases, suggested websites, and citation help. Also available—research consultations! Schedule a time to meet with a librarian from the link on the library homepage.

These tools and more are available to you in-person and online at www.smsu.edu/library.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan. 11 Spring 2016 Classes Began
- Mar. 7-11 Spring Break
- Mar. 24 Fall 2016 Registration Begins
- Apr. 29 Last Day of Classes
- May 7 Commencement
- May 23 Summer 2016 Session Begins
- Aug. 18-21 Gold Rush Days
- Aug. 19 Convocation
- Aug. 22 Fall 2016 Classes Begin
- Oct. (TBA) Homecoming
- Nov. 30 Undergraduate Research Conf.
- Dec. 9 Last Day of Classes