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2022 NURSING GRADS LAND 100% PASS RATE

All 17 nursing students passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on their first attempt.

A 100% first-time pass rate shows that Dordt's nursing program prepares students for practice, says Dr. Deb Bomgaars, director of the nursing program.

"NCLEX is the licensure exam used by the U.S. and Canada that graduates must pass in order to obtain a nursing license so they can practice," she explains.



D. Bomgaars

Dordt's nursing program is designed to prepare students for the NCLEX through how course exams are written, an NCLEX review, practice questions, and faculty advising.

"The NCLEX is meant to be a gate for students to ensure they can think critically enough to provide safe care," says Deb Kleinwolterink, instructor of nursing. "It is a tough exam. The students need to prove they have the knowledge and critical thinking skills to provide safe patient care and achieve positive patient outcomes."

The results for the class of 2022 reveal that Dordt's investment in its students and the preparation the program uses pays off.

"Dordt prepared me to pass the NCLEX through its strong, supportive curriculum that grew in complexity each semester, culminating in the final semester designed specifically for NCLEX preparation," says Emily (Zylstra, '22) Moe. "During the last semester, professors also served as our support partners by helping us create individual study goals. And on the NCLEX test days, our professors prayed that we might have peace and wisdom."

Moe now serves as a registered nurse in the cardiac stepdown unit at the University of Iowa.

Hannah Burgsma ('22), who works in a Michigan health care facility in a neuroscience unit, agrees. Burgsma shares that it can be a challenge to stay motivated when putting in countless hours of reviewing and practicing content, but Dordt's faculty encourage students to put their studying into perspective.

"Our nursing professors not only encouraged us to put in these hours for the sake of passing the NCLEX, but because these hours we put in could save a patient's life someday and bring hope and healing to our patients."

As she begins her nursing career post-NCLEX, Burgsma says she often thinks of something Professor of Nursing Dr. Kate Vander Veen told her during her time at Dordt.

"Dr. Vander Veen told me, 'Don't go into each room alone. Take the strength, love, wisdom, and healing power of the Holy Spirit with you,'" says Burgsma.

With caring faculty who have years of experience in the field and a state-of-the-art nursing facility that includes a simulation lab, Dordt's nursing program provides students with a safe place to learn before they practice in the field.

"Dordt's nursing program prepares students to be distinctively Christian nurses, ready to step into the complex health care system with critical thinking, clinical judgment, and skills needed to provide safe care," says Melanie Wynja, assistant professor of nursing and the program's simulation director.

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FACULTY NOTES

Professor of Business

Dr. Rebecca Niemeyer Rens

recently had an article published in the *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*. The article is titled "Leadership Adaptability within Higher Education," and the article abstract can be found at doi.org/10.33423/jhetp.v22i9.5357.



Dr. Melanie Wynja, a professor of nursing, earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Morningside University. She completed a project-based degree program; her culminating project was entitled "Primary Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Intervention Protocol."

Professor of Theology

Dr. Gayle Doornbos

was the keynote speaker at the launch of the Albert M. Wolter's Centre for Christian Scholarship at Redeemer University. Her speech was entitled "Capacious, Conditioned Curiosity: A Neo-Calvinist Vision of Christian Scholarship." The speech "argued that neo-Calvinist curiosity is capacious (broad) yet tethered to creation and creaturely, conditioned, or directed by the God we love, that for which we hope, and the Triune One in whom we have faith," explains Doornbos.



Professor of Language Studies

Dr. Leendert van Beek recently completed a new Dutch translation of a volume of sermons by Charles Haddock Spurgeon, titled *Pasen* ("Easter"). This is van Beek's ninth volume in the series and will be published by Boekhout in the Netherlands.

Professor of Health Sciences **Dr. Joseph Keryakos** published research in the *Journal of Young Pharmacists* added supporting evidence to the newly published clinical guidelines for the treatment of patients with heart failure. The guidelines are available at newsroom.heart.org/news/acc-aha-hfsa-issue-heart-failure-guideline.



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