

GAANN Scholars Program

Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Needs (GAANS)

This program provides fellowships, through academic departments and programs to assist graduate students with excellent records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their course study in a field designated as an area of national need. Grants are awarded to programs and institutions to sustain and enhance the capacity for teaching and research in areas of national need. The School of Nursing currently has four GAANS Fellows enrolled in the academic programs within the school.

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/gaann/workshop.html>

Bridget Logan:



Bridget Logan is a recent graduate of the UMass School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner master's degree program. Her area of expertise is adolescent health and school health services. She is currently working toward her PhD in nursing with emphasis on women and children's health. Bridget and her husband live in Gill, Massachusetts where they are raising three young children, and where Bridget works part time in the Gill-Montague Regional School District as a school nurse. bridgetl@nursing.umass.edu

Ellen Furman:



Ellen is a graduate of Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing, Worcester, Massachusetts, class of 1976; University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts with a BS in 2003; graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts with MS (gerontological clinical specialist tract) in 2006. Ellen is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. Her area of research is undernutrition in older adults. Clinical nursing experience includes acute, chronic, and long-term care. Ellen resides in Westfield, Massachusetts with her husband. She has 4 children. efurman@student.umass.edu

Renée Crizer:



Renée Crizer is a RN and recent magna cum laude graduate from Fitchburg State College. Her past experience as a caregiver for a family member with cancer fueled her interest in oncology research. Of particular interest to Renée is the impact of a supportive caregiver on the health of a cancer patient as well as the holistic wellbeing of the caregiver. Renée is currently a member of Sigma Theta Tau's Epsilon Beta Chapter and the Oncology Nursing Society. rcrizer@nursing.umass.edu

Lisa White:



Lisa White is a new RN and 2006 graduate of UMASS SON 2nd Bachelor's Track (first bachelor's a BA in English from UMASS-Amherst in 1991). Her background is in local and regional government administration. Current interests are in elder care and community health nursing. She is currently enhancing her graduate education working part time as a public health nurse serving several towns in Franklin County and gaining clinical experience providing nursing care at a long term care and rehab facility. lisaw@student.umass.edu

Susan Bonis:



After 32 years of clinical nursing, Susan is looking at a fresh face to her career. She had been teaching nursing at UW-Eau Claire when she was offered a wonderful opportunity to pursue her PhD at UMass-Amherst. Her clinical experiences are varied; most recently as a staff nurse in GI and Surgery Center. Her teaching experience includes nursing fundamentals, health and physical assessment, pediatrics, and wellness: body-mind-spirit. Her goal is to teach nursing and to focus on developing nursing educational strategies that promote the human and caring aspects of nursing and life-long learning. mbonis@nursing.umass.edu

