Introducing the 2019/2020 RN Residents

TTP Residents: Jessica Barrett, Joseph Boomer, Beatriz Cardenas, Rodlande Cenafils, Tatiana Centeio, Erica Doolan, Herline Dory-Edmond, Jason Driscoll, Melissa Elliott, Erica Ebner, Elyssa Erwin, Meriele Goaga, Amy Hart-Rodriguez, Amanda Lovell, Yaynet Mejia, Carrie Murphy, Isabella Rodriguez, Derek Terrell, Zuri Walker

Post-Baccalaureate Nurse Residency (PBNR) Program
Sponsored by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations

Introducing the RN graduates selected to be the 2019/2020 PBNR Program Residents:

- Danielle Bostick, UMass Dartmouth
- Joseph Bradstreet, UMass Lowell
- Daniel Coyne, UMass Boston
- Breanna Devine, Becker College
- Hannah Dingley, Fairfield University
- Karen Gonzalez, UMass Dartmouth
- Edvania Greeley, UMass Boston
- Shannon King, Boston College
- Thomas Langevin, Castleton University
- Emily Mason, Fairfield University
- Emily Matthews, Boston College
- Cindy Mei, Simmons University
- Abi Newell, Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Services
- Tara O’Hanlon, Westfield State University
- Bruna Robalo, UMass Dartmouth
- Ting Vuong, UMass Lowell

The VABHS developed and implemented the RN Residency Program in 2012. Guidance and support is provided by the NERVANA partners to ensure a comprehensive program. There are three distinct tracts of the RN Residency program: the PBNR trainee, the employee Transition to Practice (TTP)BSN and the employee Transition to Practice (TTP)ADN.

The PBNR trainee cohort is a highly competitive 12 month training program for BSN RNs. This training program is funded by the Office of Academic Affiliations. Upon completion, graduates are encouraged to apply for VA positions.

The VA Boston RN Residency program includes comprehensive curriculum components (didactic, clinical, experiential learning & evidence based practice). Supervision in the clinical area is provided by a qualified preceptor. A mentor is also matched with the RN Resident.

The RN Residency Program has two cohorts: the PBNR trainee and the RNTTP employee entry to practice. Both cohorts of the RN Residency programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
**Where Are They Now? Celebrating the professional accomplishments of our Nurse Residency Program Graduates**

Meghan Baraw, RN, Regis College  
A1

Hyunsue Chung, RN, Boston College  
A2

Sarah Collins, RN, UMass Amherst  
AG

Casey Crawford, RN, Curry College  
A2

Alison Goforth, RN, Boston College  
Private Employment - Denver, CO

Angela Goncalves, RN, Northeastern University  
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Madison Gray, RN, Westfield State  
A2

Kellie Hagerty, RN, UMass Amherst  
AG

Teresa Johnson, RN, University of Vermont  
3N

Bridget Keefe, RN, Norwich University  
SICU

Julia Klein, RN, Boston College  
Private Employment Manhattan, NY

Matthew Mann, RN, UMass Boston  
MICU

Rhea Schneider, RN, Regis College  
AG

Marianne Sevilla-Sacasa, RN, Boston College  
3N

Lauren Tetreault, RN, UMass Boston  
2N

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**Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Accreditation**

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) notified the VA Boston HCS Associate Director of Nursing /Patient Care Services, Ms. Cecilia McVey, on May 2017 that both the Federally Funded Traineeship Nurse Residency Program and the Employee Based Nurse Residency Program have been accredited for five years by the CCNE. Thank you & congratulations to the many dedicated contributors and participants! Next onsite accreditation survey visit will be Fall October 2021.
The sixth annual Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Symposium was held at VA Boston Healthcare System at the West Roxbury campus on Thursday, July 25, 2019. The event kicked off with introductions by Judith Wendt, MSN, RN & Cecilia McVey, MHA, BSN, FAAN, Associate Director, Nursing/Patient Care Services.

The keynote speaker was Patricia Underwood, PhD, APRN of the VA Boston Healthcare System. Her presentation was titled *Improving Diabetes Through Clinical Research and Nurse Interventions.*

Following Dr. Underwood’s presentation, nurses in the 2018-2019 VA Boston Healthcare System RN Residency Program presented their completed EBP projects. With the help of RN residency program staff, preceptors, nurse managers and mentors, projects were developed and implemented from questions arising in clinical practice. Project posters were also developed and displayed.

**The EBP projects included:**

- Uncovering Nurses’ Knowledge of Delirium & Identification in Clinical Practice - Teresa Johnson BSN, RN & Esther Chung BSN, RN
- Purposeful Hourly Rounding: An Effective Tool To Improve Patient Satisfaction - Sarah French BSN, RN, Sandra Miranda BSN, RN, & Marisa Vieira BSN, RN
- Counting Sleep - Madison Gray BSN, RN, Casey Crawford BSN, RN, & Brittany Heinricher BSN, RN
- The Mindful Nurse - Angela Goncalves BSN, RN & Nicole Condon BSN, RN
- Inpatient Post Fall Management - Sterline Desjardins BSN, RN, Alcione Monteiro BSN, RN, & Jenny Baron ASN, RN
- Hoyer You Doing? Barriers to Safe Patient Handling Lift System Use Among VABHS Nursing Staff on Acute Spinal Cord Injury Unit - Rhea Schneider BSN, RN & Alison Goforth BSN, RN
- Do We (Oral) Care? - Matthew Mann BSN, RN, Julia Klein BSN, RN, & Marianne Sevilla-Sacasa BSN, RN
- Harm Reduction: Naloxone Education Effectiveness at the VA - Kellie Hagerty BSN, RN & Sarah Collins BSN, RN (pictured middle)
- Best Practice For Assessing Health Literacy - Lauren Tetreault BSN, RN, Bridget Keefe BSN, RN, & Meghan Baraw BSN, RN
- Code Blue Preparation at VA Boston Healthcare System - Katherine Taylor BSN, RN, Kiara Corvelo, BSN, RN, & Jenny Pham BSN, RN
- Identifying Best Practice for End of Shift Report - Kassidy Dias BSN, RN, Rosemarie McGowan ASN, RN, & Kelly Resendes ASN, RN
- Lateral Violence in Nursing: Improving Unit Culture - Sara Lyman BSN, RN, Maytilda Park BSN, RN, & Anna Kogan ADN, RN
- Moving Patient Handoff to The Bedside - Sydney Vieira BSN, RN, Nancy Veiga ASN, RN, & Dinora Fernandes ASN, RN (bottom photo below)
Applying for 2020-2021 VA Boston HCS Post-Baccalaureate RN Resident Positions

The Boston VA Healthcare System is pleased to announce that applications for the 2019-2020 Post-Baccalaureate Nurse Residency program are being requested and accepted beginning December 1, 2019. The VA Boston Post-Baccalaureate Nurse Residency program has been developed to improve the quality of patient care by providing additional training and support to new BSN graduates. This is a 12-month program which incorporates a clinical, didactic, experiential learning and evidence-based practice curriculum.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make nursing history!

REQUIREMENTS:
- Must be U.S. Citizen.
- Graduated from a CCNE, CNEA, or ACEN accredited program with a BSN or Direct Entry MSN, between 08/2019 and 06/2020.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- Background & Security Investigation are required.
- Pass pre-trainee physical examination.
- Random Drug Testing is required.
- Obtain current, unrestricted RN license no later than August 1, 2020.

APPLYING:
If you meet the stated requirements above and are interested in this 12-month New Graduate BSN training program, please submit the following:

1. RESUME: no more than 2 pages.
2. PERSONAL STATEMENT: 400 words “Why I Wish to be Selected for the VA Boston HCS RN Residency Program”.
3. THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS: TWO from school faculty (one must be a clinical faculty) and ONE from Nurse Manager/Assistant Nurse Manager of Unit of Senior Capstone Experience (or if you are employed as NA or PCA– your current immediate Nurse supervisor) place sealed envelope or e-mailed directly from School Faculty/Nurse Manager to Nurse Recruiter at: BostonVAnurse@va.gov.
4. TRANSCRIPTS: Official from school, sealed envelope.
5. DD-214: submit if applicant is a Veteran.

COMPLETE APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS (COB) April 1, 2020.

Submit to: NURSE RECRUITER, VA Boston HCS, 940 Belmont Street (118), Brockton, MA 02301
Fax: 774-826-1115 E-mail: BostonVAnurse@va.gov Program is expected to begin August 17, 2020.