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Graduate School News Highlights



From Bridget M. Newell, Ph.D. Interim Associate Provost for Graduate Studies

Transitions

The start of the fall semester is typically associated with change and transition. This year is no different. This fall, 59 new graduate students transitioned into the first semester of their first year of graduate school. Some of our graduate students transitioned into their last year or last semester of graduate work. Others, like the nursing graduate students who joined us in the summer, transitioned to the next stage in their graduate education. All these transitions bring with them the excitement of a fresh start, the challenges of a next step, and positive associations that accompany forward momentum. In addition to prompting us to look forward, times of transition provide the opportunity to look backward, assess where we are, acknowledge how far we've come, and anticipate what is to come. [Continue reading >>](#)

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Nursing Leadership Changes and Other Highlights

Did you know that Otterbein's Nursing Department has made four changes in leadership positions this year? Each of the new leaders is a faculty member who contributes in various ways to the success of students and our programs. Below, you can read their brief introductions, highlighting some of what they value about the Nursing Department and its students.

But first we'd like to highlight our students' recent successes. Our 2021 Family Nurse Practitioner students graduated in May and are beginning to work as advanced practice nurses in central Ohio. The 2021 cohort passed the national certification examination with a first-time pass rate of 97%. Congratulations and best wishes to them as they move forward in their careers. Now, let's learn about our new leaders!

Hello, I'm Regina Prusinski, DNP, CPNP-AC, FNP-BC, the new director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. This summer I've had the pleasure of starting our graduating class of 2022 on their clinical journeys working with our community health partners, OhioHealth, Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Grace Clinic, and many more. We can do so much for our community and our own students right now. We are working to continue to staff our own COVID testing center with FNP students on campus with the oversight of OhioHealth, while growing our primary care practitioner numbers by allowing rolling admissions. I look forward to working together as the innovative and inclusive team that we are. [Continue reading >>](#)

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