

## THE UWI SCHOOL OF NURSING (UWISON), MONA



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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORK IN THE SCHOOL

The UWI School of Nursing has had a number of critical activities during the academic year. These include, but are not limited to, the implementation of the four-year BScN curriculum, installation of a new Head of School and an increase in the number of new faculty members at the Mona and Western Jamaica Campuses.

The School underwent a Quality Assurance Review, December 2–6, 2013. The School was also evaluated by the Nursing Council of Jamaica on January 23, 2014. The team from the Nursing Council comprised of approximately eight (8) members which included the Chairman and Registrar of the Nursing Council. Among the areas visited in the School during the Council evaluation were the Clinical Learning Centre and the Computer Lab.

The School received a positive feedback from the evaluation.

Drs. Steve Weaver and Eulalia Kahwa represented the School at the meeting of PAHO/WHO and the Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) in Washington DC, September 2013. The Head of School attended the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Epidemiology Information Workshop 59th Annual Scientific Research Conference during the periods, April 28–30, 2014 and May 1–3, 2014. The workshop involved the use of information software for analysing health research data while the Conference proceedings included a number of papers mainly with a non-communicable disease focus.

Mrs. Antoinette Barton-Gooden represented Jamiaca as a panelist on the Global Bridges Webinar held on International Nurses Day, May 12, 2014. The topic discussed was “Nurses role in tobacco dependency treatment.” Other panelists included Dr. Linda Sarna from UCLA and Dr. Grace Wong from New Zealand.

The Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference and Mary J Seiwright Day was held on May 29–30, 2014, under the theme “*Nursing and Midwifery Research: the pathway to quality healthcare.*” There were approximately 200 attendees. Both days featured a total of twenty-two (22) scientific presentations from nursing professionals and graduate students.

The UWI School of Nursing, Mona is working towards the goal of becoming a chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI), by June 2016. With this in mind, a regional nursing honor society was formed, the Caribbean Honor Society of Nursing (CHSN), and will operate for a minimum of 1–2 years prior to submitting a formal application for chapter status. As part of this activity, two major events were held: A Honor Society Leadership Training Workshop was held on May 28, 2014. There were forty-seven (47) nurses in attendance at the one-day workshop which was facilitated by Dr. Joanne McGlown, Director of the Global Business Development, STTI. She presented a detailed description of the stages involved in the development towards

Chapter status and the history and general operations of Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing. An Induction Ceremony was held on May 30, 2014, in which a total of 55 registered nurses and 4 undergraduate nursing students from UWISON were inducted.

As part of the objectives of the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre, an International Internship Programme was held during the period, June 2–26, 2014. There were 25 participants in the Programme, with one participant from the United States of America. Other participants were from the University Hospital, UWI Mona and WJC Campuses, UTech, NCU as well as from the Tertiary Level Institutions – EXED, Knox and Brown’s Town Community Colleges. International presenters included Professor Nancy Edwards, University of Ottawa, Dr. Donald Simeon, and Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd from Caribbean Public Health Agency. There were also local presenters from the UWI, Mona.

There was a web Meeting with Dr. Silvia Cassiani – Regional Advisor on Nursing and Allied Health – PAHO/WHO, University of Belize, University of Alberta and the UWISON regarding UWISON providing assistance to the University of Belize curriculum development for their nursing programme.

On June 19–20, 2014, the Caribbean Midwives Association in collaboration with the PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centre and United Nations Population Fund conducted a workshop for Midwifery Educators at the UWI School of Nursing. The Speaker for the Opening Ceremony was Dr. Mario Aguilar, Technical Advisor – Reproductive Health, Sub Regional Office, United Nations Population Fund. The master teacher for the workshop was Mrs Irene de la Torre from the University of Puerto Rico and she worked with seven (7) selected participants.

The Ministry of Health with support from UWISON hosted the 41st Annual General Meeting for the Regional Nursing Body, July 22–25, 2014. A team from the School assisted the Chief Nursing Officer – Jamaica, in coordinating and planning the Meeting. The meeting was held at the Regional Headquarters and the Education Day held at the School of Nursing building.

Curricula development for the Midwifery and Critical Care Nursing programmes is ongoing with the expected view of converting them into baccalaureate degrees and transferring them from the University Hospital to the University of the West Indies.

#### **EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS**

##### **St. Kitts**

The Head of School and the Undergraduate Programme Coordinator along with two members from the Nursing Council of Jamaica visited the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College in St. Kitts, February 2–6, 2014. The purpose of the visit was to assess the readiness of the School in St. Kitts to offer the BScN programme. As a result of this meeting, Dean Shirley Kelly and Ms Juliette Walyn from Clarence Fitzroy Briant College, St. Kitts visited the UWISON March 10–14, 2014. The visit was organized to provide them with first-hand knowledge of the structure and process and general operations of clinical simulation so that they can replicate these processes at their Institution.

##### **Western Carolina University**

Mrs Cheryl Clark from Western Carolina University visited UWISON on November 13, 2013 to discuss collaboration between the two Universities. A Memorandum of Understanding is now in place with that University.

##### **Duke University School of Nursing**

Eight (8) students in the accelerated BScN degree programme at Duke University School of Nursing visited UWISON August 11–24, 2013, to gain clinical experience/cultural immersion in in Community Health Nursing.

##### **Institute for the International Education of Students**

Three faculty members and twelve students from the Institute for the

International Education of Students (IES) visited the School during the periods December 2013 and April 2014. This was an observational visit where they were placed at three-health centre in Kingston and St. Andrew over a 3-day period.

#### PAPERS PRESENTED AT MAJOR CONFERENCES

- **Pitter, C.** (2013). "Gender-Based Violence in Pregnancy: Opportunities or Challenges for Midwives? Experiences from two Hospitals in the Kingston Metropolitan Area, Jamaica". Jamaica Midwives Association Annual Conference, Jamaica Conference Centre, October 30, 2013.
- **Aiken J.L.** (2013). "Preventing Re-admissions for Heart-Failure: The Role of the Nurse-led Clinic". Faculty Medical Sciences Annual Research Conference. The University of the West Indies, November 8, 2013.
- **Pitter, C.** (2014). "Gender-Based Violence in Pregnancy: Opportunities or Challenges for Midwives? Experiences from two Hospitals in the Kingston Metropolitan Area, Jamaica". Clute Institute International Academic Conference, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A., January 1–4, 2014.
- **Aiken, J.L.** (2014). "Preventing Re-admissions for Heart-Failure: The Role of the Nurse-led Clinic". The University of the West Indies Cardiology Symposium, The University of the West Indies, February 14, 2014.
- **Edwards, A., Waldron, N., Bennett, J., Anderson-Johnson, P.** (2014). "Knowledge and Medication Compliance in Rheumatic Fever". The 24th Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference and 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day, The UWI School of Nursing, May 29, 2014.
- **Thompson, R.A., Anderson-Johnson, P., Younger-Coleman, N.O., Bailey, K.A., Knight-Madden, J.M., Waldron, N.K., Wint, Y.B. & Kahwa, E.K.** (2014). "Factors Affecting Compliance with Medication Among Adults with Asthma in Jamaica". The 24th Annual Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference and 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day, The UWI School of Nursing, May 30, 2014.

## PUBLICATIONS

## Peer-reviewed Articles

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- Welsh, F. E., Duff, E. M., Campbell-Taffe, K., & Lindo, J. L. (2014). Lifestyles of Jamaican Men with Hypertension. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 1043659614531794.
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- Xuereb, G., Anderson-Johnson, P., Ragoobirsingh D. & Morrison, E. (2014). Impact of a Program to Improve Quality of Diabetes Care in the Caribbean. *Journal of Research in Diabetes*, vol. 2014, Article ID 149397, doi: 10.5171/2014.149397.
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## ABSTRACTS

- Wilson-Mitchell, K., **Bennett, J. & Stennett, R.** (2013). Factors associated with adolescent pregnancy; psychological distress and suicidal behaviour: An exploratory study. *The Canadian Association of Midwives*. November 6–8, 2013.
- Brown, K., **Norman-McPherson, A. & Anderson-Johnson, P.** (2014). Perceived levels and sources of academic-related stress among students enrolled in a Master of Sciences in Nursing at an Urban University in Jamaica. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(2). The 24th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day. May 29–30, 2014.
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- Haynes, C., **Anderson Johnson, P. & McPherson, A.** (2014). The lived experiences of obesity among young adults at a tertiary institution in Kingston, Jamaica. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(2). The 24th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day. May 29–30, 2014.
- Marshall, S., **Aiken, J. & Lindo, JLM.** (2014). Job Satisfaction and

Absenteeism among Registered Nurses at a Type B Jamaican Hospital. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(2). The 24th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day. May 29–30, 2014.

- **Pitter, C.** (2014). Gender-Based Violence in Pregnancy: Opportunities or Challenges for Midwives? Experiences from Two Hospitals in Kingston, Jamaica. The Clute Institute International Academic Conference. June 2014.
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- **Thompson, R., Anderson-Johnson, P., Younger-Coleman, N., Bailey, K, Knight-Madden, J., Waldron, N., Wint, Y. & Kahwa, E.** (2104). Factors Affecting Compliance with Medication among Adults with Asthma in Jamaica. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(2). The 24th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 25th Mary J. Seiwright Day. May 29–30, 2014.
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- **Vascianni, E., Anderson-Johnson, P. & Kahwa, E.** (2014). Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of Physical Activity among Peri-Menopausal



Women. *Caribbean Journal of Nursing* 1(2). The 24th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference & 25th Mary J. Seivwright Day. May 29–30, 2014.

## RESEARCH GRANT

“An educational intervention to improve disease knowledge among adolescents with sickle cell disease”. Investigators: **Antoinette Barton-Gooden, A.**, Dr. Monica Asnani & Dr. Jennifer Knight-Madden (Funded by the Principal’s New Initiative Grant, J\$1,500,000.00).

## PUBLIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Bennett, J.**

- Board Member, Women’s Health Network, Jamaica; Editor-in-Chief, *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*, Member of Editorial Board, *West Indian Medical Journal*.

**Dawkins, P.**

- Council Member, St. John Ambulance, Kingston Jamaica
- Member, Nursing Research Committee
- Member, Nurses Association of Jamaica
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Clinical Journal of Nursing Research*, University of Pennsylvania
- Expert Panelist, World Justice Project, Rule of Law Index

**Hepburn-Brown, C.**

- Manuscript Reviewer, *Clinical Journal of Nursing Research*, University of Pennsylvania
- Rater and Reviewer, McMaster University Online Rating of Evidence-based System Research (MORE)

**Kahwa, E.**

- Member, Editorial Board, *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*

- Member, Editorial Board, *Caribbean Journal of Nursing*

**Lopez, S.**

- Board Member, The Heart Foundation of Jamaica

**Lindo, J.**

- Chairman, Mona Heights Primary School
- President, Hope Pastures Citizens' Association
- Convenor and Past Chair, Keble Crescent Neighbourhood Watch
- Member, Mother's Union, Church of St. Margaret's
- Member, Kiwanis Club of New Kingston
- Social Development Commission Representative for Hope Pastures
- Member, St. Andrew Civic Committee

**Weaver, S.**

- Member, Lions Club of St. Andrew Central
- Member, Health and Wellness Committee, Lions Club of St. Andrew Central

## The UWI School of Nursing, Mona

### STUDENTS: Undergraduate

Category of Students	New	Returning		Total
	1st year	2nd Year	3rd Year	
BScN – Mona Campus	146	138	146	430
BScN – Western Jamaica Campus	24	21	28	73
BScN – franchised at EXED	56	68	69	193
BScN – franchised at Brown's Town Community College	40	35	42	117
BScN – franchised at Knox Community College	25	29	25	79
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>892</b>
BScN (post RN) online delivery.	64	102		166
<b>Grand Total Undergraduates</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>703</b>		<b>1,058</b>

### Postgraduate Programmes

Category of Student	Full-time	Part-time	Total
MPhil/PhD	–	6	6
MScN (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)	27	13	40
MScN (Family Nurse Practitioner; Mental Health/Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; Clinical Nurse Specialist-Gerontology Option)	17	24	41
<b>Total Postgraduates Students</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>87</b>