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SIAST nursing faculty honoured

Darlene Scott wins award for Excellence in Nursing Education

November 15, 2010 - SIAST Nursing faculty and clinical coordinator Darlene Scott is being awarded the 2010 Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing Award for Excellence in Nursing Education (non-tenured) tonight.

Darlene is a registered nurse and has been a member of the nursing faculty of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) for 30 years.

"Darlene is a pioneering leader in Saskatchewan health care education in regards to increased patient safety and quality improvement through her work in interprofessional education (IPE)," said Chris Barlow, program head, Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan, SIAST Kelsey Campus.

Barlow said that "Darlene is an ongoing, determined champion of IPE, which teaches students from different health care disciplines to work together for better patient care."

SIAST has the most extensive portfolio of nursing programs in Saskatchewan and educates registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, nurse practitioners and licensed practical nurses.

"I'm very pleased that Darlene has been recognized for her exceptional contribution to quality nursing education," said Netha Dyck, SIAST dean of Nursing.

"Our students and their patients have benefitted from Darlene's teaching expertise and dedication to innovative clinical practice education."

Scott said winning the award is "an honour, because it's an award from my peers. It is humbling to get this recognition after 30 years of teaching."

The Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing conferred the award to Darlene “for being a pioneering and enduring champion in the exploration of non-traditional settings and academic partners to maximize relevant student learning opportunities.”

The award recognizes a recipient who demonstrates:

- Sustained teaching activities of high quality as recognized by peers and students;
- Commitment to mentorship of students and colleagues;
- Ability to introduce innovation in educational activities (such as in courses, practicum and programs);
- Leadership in influencing the quality of education within the academic and practice areas;
- Active engagement in promoting excellence in nursing education.

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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