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Respiratory Therapy Program Earns CoARC Honor

SU's Respiratory Therapy Program was recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) with the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award for the second consecutive year in 2022.

The award is presented as part of CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. From a program-effectiveness perspective, the CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program's success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.

In selecting programs for this recognition, the CoARC used objective criteria based on key accreditation metrics documented in the 2021 Annual Report of Current Status (RCS). These programs were required to have three or more years of outcome data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and meet or exceed established CoARC thresholds for the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination high cut score and retention.

MHEC Grant Helps Create Fast Track to B.S.N.

The School of Nursing continues its track record of success with multiple grant awards to support expanded undergraduate and graduate student enrollment, curriculum redesign to create a 12-month second degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) option (in addition to the current 16-month option), development of learning materials for undergraduate students and practicing nurses across the state, and expansion of the Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative from the Eastern Shore across the state.

A new five-year Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Nurse Support Program-II (NSP) grant, Fast Track to a B.S.N. Plus! (\$986,343), provides support to expand B.S.N. enrollment by 35% over the next five years through development of a 12-month second B.S.N. curriculum and expanded use of simulations, both manikin-based and using standardized patient actors.

BHIPP Program Celebrates 10 Year Johns Hopkins University Partnership

In 2022, SU, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Hospital Center celebrated 10 successful years of the BHIPP (Behavioral Health in Pediatric Primary Care) Program. The BHIPP Program is a partnership between SU's Center for Healthy Communities, University of Maryland's School of Medicine and Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health. BHIPP places graduate-level social work interns in pediatric primary care settings. The program provides children with behavioral and developmental concerns much needed services and the ability to be treated in a familiar and safe environment.

With the help of a second grant awarded to the Center for Healthy Communities, SU is expanding the BHIPP Program to both western and southern Maryland to support pediatric primary care providers in those areas. Since 2012, SU's BHIPP Master of Social Work Interns have provided nearly 9,000 contacts with pediatric patients in the pediatric primary care co-locations.