The College of Nursing begins the Spring 2015 semester with a strong start in clinical simulation. The current senior class of students continued the tradition of completing a complex code scenario. These students also treated a pediatric patient with Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA). This scenario allowed students to simulate taking care of an adolescent patient with diabetes. In order to complete the task of running the simulations with multiple groups, both simulation labs were utilized simultaneously.

Students from the Nurse Anesthesia Program and BSN students taking the Obstetrics clinicals this semester, completed an interdisciplinary scenario, in which the nurse anesthesia students simulated inserting an epidural.

The joint efforts of Dr. Rebecca Newton, Dr. Cathy Hughes, Dr. Michong Rayborn, Mrs. Jill Rushing, Mrs. Pat Gautreaux, Mrs. Kathy Johnson, Mrs. Maria Brown, Mrs. Jean Marks, and Mr. Xavier Agee have contributed to this successful start to simulation this semester.
Doctoral Student Serves as GNSA Student Liaison

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is a nationally recognized leader in nursing academia. The Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA), a branch of the AACN, has an essential role in providing high value programs, services, and resources to nursing students enrolled in master’s and doctoral programs. Tomekia Earl, a second year doctoral student volunteered to serve in the role of GNSA student liaison for the College of Nursing at USM. In this capacity, Tomekia will develop leadership skills, and serve as the voice for fellow master’s and doctoral students. As liaison, Tomekia collaborates with students from around the country, and engages in discussions relating to graduate education. “Serving as a liaison for master’s and doctoral students at the University of Southern Mississippi is an honor, and I am very excited to serve in this role!” exclaimed Earl.

Recent BSN Graduate Accepts Nurse Residency at Vanderbilt

Kaitlyn Pate, a December 2014 BSN graduate, is 1 of 5 students to accept a nurse residency with Vanderbilt. Kaitlyn will begin the residency program, February 26, 2015, where she will gain experience during rotations on the burn, burn OR, burn stepdown, hydrotherapy, pediatric and adult burns, and trauma units.

College of Nursing Recent Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Susan Hart’s article, “Engaging the Learner: The ABC’s of Service-Learning Teaching and Learning in Nursing” was accepted for publication in Teaching and Learning in Nursing

Dr. Sat Ananda Hayden receives the USM Fellowship for the Faculty Development Seminar on Writing and Speaking Pedagogy for Spring 2015, which includes a stipend to secure some of her time to dedicate to the fellowship.