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Advising Note

Students in undergraduate CDIS, HLAD, and graduate ADDS should contact advisor Shavron Kelley to complete their program study plans, if they have not already done so. Also, new undergraduate SOCW students who have not had their transcripts evaluated for general education requirements should contact Ms. Kelley to meet this requirement. If you're not sure whether either of these issues applies to you, play it safe: Check with Ms. Kelley to be sure. Email her at s-kelley@govst.edu.

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Don't Forget to Check the Online Schedule

Some things remain constant – like taxes. Course schedules, on the other hand, have been known to change. To make sure you're up-to-date on the latest scheduling information for your Winter Trimester courses, check out the [online schedule](#).

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Help! Where's My Classroom?*

Effective immediately, course locations will no longer be posted on the bulletin board across from the Welcome Center.

Classrooms have been assigned to all courses offered in Winter 2008. Prior to the beginning of class, students are encouraged to check the online schedule for room assignments.

The computers outside the Registrar's Office will be available to students who wish to view or print their schedule and check room assignments. Printed copies of the schedule will also be available from the Registrar's Office.

*From *GSU View*

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DNP Gets the Go Ahead

The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the College of Health Professions' new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at its December

meeting. The College is now awaiting final approval for the program from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Program graduates will be advanced practice nurses with expertise in nursing as well as organizational issues, leadership, and population health. The DNP has also been developed to address a critical shortage of nursing faculty. One of the major barriers to increasing the capacity to educate new nurses is the lack of qualified faculty. The recognized shortage of nurses can be reduced by educating new nurses, which is another goal of the DNP.

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CHP Presents Professional Practice Doctorate Panel January 10

CHP will present "Advancing Professional Practice: An Expert Discussion on the Professional Practice Doctorate," on Thursday, January 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. The professional practice doctorate degree is a credential that is quickly gaining ground as professions adapt to the growth in knowledge in fields like nursing, physical therapy, and education.

The College of Health Professions is one of the growing number of colleges that are developing and offering these degrees. The college launched its first professional doctorate degree, the [Doctor of Physical Therapy](#), this summer, and a new Doctor of Nursing Practice is projected to accept students for Fall 2008 admission.

The program panelists are:

- Dr. Steven Crow - President, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Dr. Donna Hathaway - Dean of Nursing, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis
- Dr. David Gale - Dean for the College of Health Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University
- [Dr. Linda Samson](#) - Dean of the College of Health Professions, Governors State University
- [Dr. Eric Martin](#) - Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Governors State University

The free event is open to the public and will be held in Sherman Hall. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

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Mayfield Appointed Assistant Provost

Dr. Sandra Mayfield has stepped down as chair of the [Department of Communication Disorders](#) (CDIS) to accept her new appointment as assistant provost.

Dean Linda Samson said Mayfield's work as department chair was impressive.

Mayfield succeeded Professor Emeritus Jay Lubinsky as chair when Lubinsky retired in January 2007. She led the department through the reaccreditation process for the Master of Health Science in Communication Disorders with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) during the year. ASHA completed its site visit in October; ASHA's Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) will announce its formal decision on reaccreditation at its spring meeting.

"We continue to have outstanding leadership in the department," Dean Samson said. "[Dr. William Yacullo](#) is currently serving as acting chair."

She added that the appointment of the new CDIS department chair will be announced soon.

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Health Administration Site Visit

The [Department of Health Administration](#) welcomed its site team visitors from the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) December 5 – 7. The visit was part of the department's reaccreditation process for the Master of Health Administration (MHA) – a process which has been in the works almost since the program's last accreditation visit.

Department Chair [Dr. Kyusuk Chung](#) said the visit was a success.

"About 30 MHA alumni showed up at the luncheon to show their wholehearted support," he said. "We also received overwhelming support from preceptors, advisory board members, and our current students."

Chung said the team noted four program strengths and no weaknesses. He added he expects the program will receive six years reaccreditation when CAHME makes its final decision.

The visit followed an intensive self-study and review process undertaken by the department's faculty. The self-study generated a three volume report that examines every facet of the program.

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ADDS Golding Earns CRADC

Congratulations to [James Golding](#). The Department of Addictions Studies lecturer recently received his Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Counselor credential through the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association.

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The Writing Center

Written communication is one of the most powerful skills health professions students need master. But writing ain't always easy, and sometimes we need help.

Not to worry. [The Writing Center at GSU](#) has a crack team of writing consultants who are there to help you with that term paper, research project, or documentation conundrum.

The Writing Center helps students in three ways.

1. Writing Center tutors are on duty in the University Library from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tutors can help you narrow your research focus and answer your questions about APA documentation issues.
2. The Writing Center provides online assistance as well. The online writing center offers a twenty-four hours response to your writing with guidance on your own particular writing difficulty. The online writing center also offers links to resources, such as documentation styles (APA and AMA) and where to put that comma.
3. The Writing Center also offers one-on-one assistance in half hour appointments for more intensive writing issues. Appointments must

be made in advance. To make an appointment, call 708.534.4508.

Whatever writing issues you need to work on, the Writing Center provides outstanding support. Our advice: see the University Writing Center pros early, and see them often.

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Stressed? Need help?

Governors State University's [Counseling Center](#) provides confidential counseling services for currently enrolled GSU students. For personal counseling, contact Katherine Helm at 708.235.7334.

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Career Assistance

The [Office of Career Services](#) is ready and able to help you get your career off the ground. OCS can meet with students and alumni one-on-one to develop resumes, cover letters, job search strategies, and more. The OCS also holds workshops and keeps postings for local employers.

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Disability Accommodations

Students who have disabilities, and who intend to request extended time on professional licensing exams, should contact [Access Services for Students with Disabilities](#), located in the Academic Resource Center.

Registering will ensure students with disabilities receive the accommodations they need as CHP students and, when they seek additional time on licensing exams, provide necessary documentation that accommodation was provided in their undergraduate or graduate program.

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Upcoming CHP Information Sessions

Master of Health Administration

The Department of Health Administration will hold information session for its [Master of Health Administration](#) (MHA) degree program on the following dates:

January 19, 2008
February 16, 2008

The MHA information sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon in the E-Lounge. For more information, contact Dr. Rupert Evans at 708.235.2131 or by e-mail at r-evans@govst.edu.

Master of Occupational Therapy

The Department of Occupational Therapy will hold information sessions for its [Master of Occupational Therapy](#) (MOT) degree program on the following dates:

Saturday, January 12, 2008
Saturday, April 5, 2008

The MOT information sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-127 on all dates. For information about MOT information sessions, contact Mary Tracy at 708.534.7270 or by e-mail at m-tracy@govst.edu.

Master of Social Work

The [Master of Social Work](#) program will hold information sessions on the following dates and campus locations:

Saturday, January 12, 2008, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Honors
Saturday, February 9, 2008, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Honors

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