Abstract:
The Department of Nursing collection traces the history of the nursing program from the time of its proposal by the Delaware State College faculty in 1972 to current day. The majority of the records consist of course syllabi and reports exchanged with accrediting authorities and the Delaware Board of Nursing. The collection additionally contains a number of faculty publications and conference presentations, unidentified photographs, nursing degree program proposals and revision documents, records of pinning ceremonies, senior exit surveys and other miscellaneous subjects.

Scope and Content:

Series I: Faculty, is comprised of curriculum vitae for faculty members present in the department in 2014. Please note that CVs are restricted and will not be made available to patrons without written permission from the faculty member. The series additionally contains faculty scholarship, circa 2008-2012, in the form of published journal articles and conference presentations.

Series II: Photographs contains undated, unidentified photographs that are most commonly 4x6 prints. There is one CD of photos present. The original order and groupings of these photographs as they were found by the archivist at the time of transfer has been preserved. It is estimated, however, that this is not the original order in which the photographs were taken or developed.

Series III: Reports has three sub-series to denote reports prepared for accrediting institutions, the Delaware Board of Nursing and internal university administrators. Although the majority of the reports are drafted by the nursing department to these entities, in the case of accrediting institutions there are some responses in the form of visitation reports. If such responses exist they are foldered separately and chronologically.
Series IV: Subjects consists of subject matter records that do not fit into any other series. The significant subject found here include Delaware Board of Nursing meeting minutes, DSU faculty and student handbooks, nursing degree program proposals and revisions, and senior exit surveys.

Series V: Syllabi is composed of course syllabi dated between 1991 and 2014. They are grouped according to semester and course levels. This is in accordance with the original order in which the records were received.

Administrative History:
The nursing department was initially proposed by the faculty of Delaware State College in 1972. Within the initial written proposal it was noted that the DSC admissions officer had received, “a substantial number of inquiries and applications indicating a desire to matriculate in a Nursing Program at Delaware State College.” Secondly, although the proposal acknowledged that other nursing programs were available in Delaware, the DSC program would “accommodate not only students with superior academic records, but academically talented students with educational deficiencies as well.” See Box 7, folder “Proposed department of Nursing, June 1972.”

In 1973 a formal proposal was submitted to the Delaware Board of Nursing in order to receive support for the program. Thereafter a request for funding was submitted to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare which was successfully attained in 1974 with the understanding that the program would serve the “minority” and “disadvantaged.” Funding was renewed in 1977. See Box 7, folder “Department of Health, Education, and Welfare public health service grant extension, March 1977.”

The first nursing students were admitted to Delaware State College in January 1975. Statistics for the first class are unknown, however by 1977 there were 67 enrolled pupils, of whom 38 were black. The program received 65 to 70 applicants per year and each incoming class size was capped at 30 individuals.

In 2019, like in the 1970s, the successful completion of the nursing program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing which was founded in 1978. The nursing curriculum involves four years of academic study. The first two years consist of pre-professional, classroom courses. During the sophomore year students must apply for the professional phase of the nursing major which entails clinical study and nursing theory as taught through laboratory work. Clinical studies take place at health care agencies including hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and community health settings. For current information about the nursing program, see https://chbs.desu.edu/departments/nursing.

Arrangement:
This collection is arranged according to the following hierarchy:
Series I: Faculty
  Sub-Series I: Curriculum Vitae
  Sub-Series II: Faculty Scholarship
Series II: Photographs
Series III: Reports
  Sub-Series I: Accreditation
  Sub-Series II: Delaware Board of Nursing
  Sub-Series III: Internal
Series IV: Subjects
Series V: Syllabi
Series I, II, and IV are arranged according to alphabetical order. Series III and V are ordered according to chronological order. Series II, consisting of photographs which have been preserved according to original order in which they were received. Photographs that were found grouped together in binders, envelopes from the developer, or folders remain in the order and groupings in which they were received at the time of transfer to the archives.

Box and Folder Listing:
Box I:
Series I: Faculty

Sub-series I: Curriculum Vitae RESTRICTED
Cayme, Lyra Secillano, 2014
Chenjo, Anna, 2014
Crampton, Chavon, 2014
Dampeer-Moore, Jodi, 2014
Evans-Mitchell, Stephanie A., 2014
Gwanmesia, Eunice B., 2014
Hendricks, Vivian E., 2014
Kuhl, Wendy, 2014
Livingston, Lisa, 2014
Maximo, Venerando J., 2014
Meyers, Sara J., 2014
Mills-Wisneski, Sharon M., 2014
O’Neal, Michelle, 2014
Richardson, Agnes M., 2014
Sando, Carol R., 2014
Scialla, Michele Agostino, 2014
Stringfield, Yvonne Nazareth, 2014
Thomas, Tamekia L., 2014
Williams, Denise M., 2014

Sub-series II: Faculty Scholarship
Adepoju, Joseph A. – “A study of the health beliefs and practices of the Yoruba living in the USA” conference presentation, June 8-13, 2010
Adepoju, Joseph A., Mary P. Watkins, and Agnes Richardson “A survey of a HBCU’s senior year nursing students’ perception of the HIV/AIDS Phenomenon: A follow-up study” conference presentations and article, December 2009
Agostino, Margaret-Rose – “Female sexual health: Breaking the silence in provider-client interactions” article, April 2011
Agostino, Margaret-Rose – “Speed-walking through the steps of evidence-based practice and nursing research” presentation, October 10, 2011
Agostino, Margaret-Rose – “Identifying and overcoming barriers in nursing research” presentation, n.d.
Agostino, Margaret-Rose – “Telephone support for first-time breastfeeding mothers: Building a foundation for healthier tomorrows” presentation, July 2010
Dampeer, J.M. – “Predictors of success for baccalaureate nursing students on the National council of Licensure examination of registered nurses at an HBCU” presentation, n.d.
Evans-Mitchell, Stephanie – “Recognizing and reporting the impaired professional” presentation, October 12, 2011
Richardson, Agnes M. – “The HD committee CLAS standards initiative” presentation, n.d.
Richardson, Agnes and Cynthia Loubier – “Intersectionality and leadership” article, 2008
Sando, Carol R. – “Standards of Best Practice: Simulation,” presentation, 2011
Sheffler, Sylvia J. – “Uterine cancer” article, January 2010

Series II: Photographs
Binder of photographs [folder 1 of 3], n.d.
Binder of photographs [folder 2 of 3], n.d.
Binder of photographs [folder 3 of 3], n.d.

Box 2:
Christmas party, 2002
Pinning ceremony, n.d.
Pinning ceremony, n.d.
Pinning ceremony and unknown event [CD-ROM], 2005
Unidentified conference, n.d.
Unidentified events and pinning ceremonies, n.d.
Unidentified photographs, n.d.

Series III: Reports
Sub-series I: Accreditation
Report of Self-study submitted to the National League for Nursing [folder 1 of 3], February 1987
Report of Self-study submitted to the National League for Nursing [folder 2 of 3], February 1987
Report of Self-study submitted to the National League for Nursing [folder 3 of 3], February 1987
Report of Self-study to the National League for Nursing supplementary materials, February 1987

Box 3:
National League for Nursing report of visit for accreditation, March 24-27, 1987
Department of Nursing progress report to the Board Review for Baccalaureate, July 1991
Department of Nursing self-study report to the National League, October 1995
National League for Nursing report of visit for accreditation, October 24-27, 1995
Department of Nursing self-study report prepared for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, February 2003
Evaluation team report on the accreditation review of the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Delaware State University, April 14-16, 2003
Department of Nursing executive summary for self-study report for National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.
Department of Nursing self-study report to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission [folder 1 of 2], September 2003
Department of Nursing self-study report to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission [folder 2 of 2], September 2003
Substantive Change – New Master of Science Degree program in Nursing, National League for Nursing, February 15, 2006
Focused program report standard VII. Education Effectiveness submitted to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Inc., March 15, 2006

Box 4:
Department of Nursing self-study report for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education regarding a master’s program, March 2007
Response to Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education team evaluation report by the Department of Nursing concerning the review of the Masters of Science in Nursing program, June 2007
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education evaluation team report on the accreditation review master’s degree program in nursing at DSU, April 23-25, 2007
Department of Nursing interim report prepared for the Commission Collegiate Nursing Education, December 1, 2008
Department of Nursing interim report prepared for the Commission Collegiate Nursing Education, March 27, 2009
Continuous improvement progress report, commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 2010
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education action notification request to DSU regarding the nursing master’s program, July 22, 2011
Department of Nursing self-study report for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. [folder 1 of 2], September 2011
Department of Nursing self-study report for the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. [folder 2 of 2], September 2011
Unplanned substantive change: Delaware State University undergraduate nursing program approval status changed to conditional approval, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Inc. [folder 1 of 2], September 28, 2013
Unplanned substantive change: Delaware State University undergraduate nursing program approval status changed to conditional approval, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Inc. [folder 2 of 2], September 28, 2013
Follow-up Report standard 4 and Standard 6: Delaware State University undergraduate nursing program, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. [folder 1 of 2], February 15, 2014
Follow-up Report standard 4 and Standard 6: Delaware State University undergraduate nursing program, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. [folder 1 of 2], February 15, 2014

Sub-series II: Delaware Board of Nursing

Box 5:
Annual report to the Delaware Board of Nursing, 1977
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1985
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1986
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1988
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1990
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1992
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1993
Quarterly reports to the Delaware Board of Nursing, 1994
Quarterly reports to the Delaware Board of Nursing, 1995
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1997
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1998
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 1999
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2002
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2003
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2004
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2006
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2007
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2008
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2009
Annual report to Delaware Board of Nursing, 2010
Department of Nursing NCLEX outcomes improvement plan submitted to the Delaware State Board of Nursing, 2013

**Sub-series III: Internal Reports**

**Box 6:**

Department of Nursing annual report to the Dean of Academic Affairs, 1990-1991, 1991
Department of Nursing annual report to the Dean of Professional Studies, 1991-1992, 1992
Department of Nursing annual report to the Dean of Professional Studies, 1992-1993, 1993
Advisory Board meeting, February 2, 2009

**Series IV: Subjects**

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education letter acknowledging DSU’s voluntary decision to withdraw, October 2, 2012
Cottrell, Joy memorial park project, n.d.
Delaware Board of Nursing diamond jubilee, 1984
Delaware Board of Nursing meeting minutes, 2007
Delaware Board of Nursing meeting minutes, 2008
Delaware Board of Nursing meeting minutes, 2010
Department of Nursing admissions brochure, n.d.
Grant applications, 2009-2010
HIV/AIDS awareness conference, October 13, 1992

**Box 7:**
Pinning ceremony event invitations and programs, 1979-2013
Press release announcing baccalaureate nursing program, December 23, 1974
Program proposal – Bachelor’s degree in Nursing, c. 1974
Program proposal – Master of Science degree in nursing, February 23, 2005
Program revisions proposal, 2008
Program revisions proposal, 1994
Program start-up materials, 1974
Proposed department of Nursing, June 1972
Proposed nursing program submitted to the Delaware Board of Nursing, 1973
Proposed nursing project, 1977-1979, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
  public health service grant extension, March 1977
Proposed plan for accelerated Development of the nursing program, February 28, 1974
Student handbook, 1995-1997, 1995

Box 8:
Survey, 2007 senior exit interviews, 2007
Survey, 2008 senior exit interviews, 2008
Survey, 2009 senior exit interviews, 2009
Survey, 2011 senior exit interviews, 2011
Survey, 2014 senior exit interviews, 2014

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Series V: Syllabi

Box 9:
Spring 1991 100-level courses, 1991
Spring 2001 200-level courses, 2001
Fall 2002 300-level courses, 2002
Fall 2002 400-level courses, 2002
Spring 2003 200-level courses, 2003
Spring 2003 300-level courses, 2003
Spring 2003 400-level courses, 2003
Fall 2003 100-level courses, 2003
Fall 2003 200-level courses, 2003

Box 10:
Fall 2003 300-level courses, 2003
Spring 2004 100-level courses, 2004
Spring 2004 200-level courses, 2004
Spring 2004 300-level courses [folder 1 of 2], 2004
Spring 2004 300-level courses [folder 1 of 2], 2004
Spring 2004 400-level courses, 2004
Fall 2004 100-level courses, 2004
Fall 2004 200-level courses, 2004
Fall 2004 300-level courses [folder 1 of 2], 2004
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Fall 2004 300-level courses [folder 2 of 2], 2004
Fall 2005 200-level courses, 2005
Spring 2006 200-level courses, 2006
Summer 2006 500-level courses, 2006
Fall 2007 200-level courses, 2007
Spring 2008 200-level courses, 2008
Fall 2008 100-level courses, 2008
Fall 2008 200-level courses, 2008
Fall 2008 300-level courses, 2008
Fall 2008 400-level courses, 2008
Spring 2009 100-level courses, 2008
Spring 2009 200-level courses, 2009
Spring 2009 300-level courses, 2009
Spring 2009 400-level courses, 2009

Box 12:
Fall 2009 100-level courses, 2009
Fall 2009 200-level courses, 2009
Fall 2009 300-level courses, 2009
Fall 2009 400-level courses, 2009
Fall 2009 500-level courses, 2009
Spring 2010 100-level courses, 2010
Spring 2010 200-level courses, 2010
Spring 2010 300-level courses, 2010
Spring 2010 400-level courses, 2010
Fall 2010 300-level courses, 2010
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Fall 2011 100-level courses, 2011
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Box 13:
Fall 2011 400-level courses, 2011
Spring 2012 200-level courses, 2012
Spring 2012 300-level courses, 2012
Spring 2012 400-level courses, 2012
Fall 2012 100-level courses, 2012
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Spring 2013 400-level courses, 2013
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- Spring 2014 100-level courses, 2014
- Spring 2014 200-level courses, 2014
- Spring 2014 300-level courses, 2014
- Spring 2014 400-level courses, 2014
- Fall 2014 300-level courses, 2014
- Fall 2014 400-level courses, 2014

Colophon:
The Department of Nursing records were initially organized for transfer by Khadjina-iisha “Cookie” Shockley in spring 2019. In March 2019 the first transfer of materials was accepted by Tracey Joel Hunter Hayes, Library Director, and a second transfer was accepted by Rejoice Scherry, University Archivist. The collection was fully processed by R. Scherry in March 2019. No preservation concerns were noted at that time.