



CHS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Amidst Challenging Circumstances: The Year 2024 and Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun's Leadership

The year **2024** stands as a testament to the steadfast leadership of **Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun** within the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**. Through unwavering commitment, Dr. Mangarun has successfully guided his constituents through various complexities, demonstrating resilience and determination. His visionary leadership has been pivotal in steering CHS, ensuring that all activities—ranging from instruction, research, to extension—remain cohesive, impactful, and aligned with the overarching goals of the college, even amidst challenging circumstances.

One of the standout achievements under Dr. Mangarun's guidance is the procurement of a **high-fidelity manikin** worth 22 million pesos. This state-of-the-art equipment significantly enhances the training laboratory of the **Nursing Department**, providing students with advanced, hands-on learning experiences that are critical for their development as healthcare professionals.

Another landmark accomplishment is the groundbreaking for the **4-storey building** dedicated to the College of Health Sciences. After nearly two decades without a dedicated facility, CHS will finally have its own building—a milestone that symbolizes progress, identity, and pride for the entire college community.

Dr. Mangarun's leadership is further evident in the awarding of **four permanent faculty positions**, which strengthen the academic workforce. These positions offer stability and security to faculty members, while simultaneously enhancing the college's ability to attract and retain talented educators committed to delivering quality education.

Under his administration, the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** program earned re-accreditation at **Level III** by the **Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc.**, valid from February 1, 2024, to January 31, 2028.

In addition to infrastructure and workforce development, CHS has made significant strides in faculty professional growth and global engagement. **Four faculty members are**



currently pursuing their Ph.D. degrees, demonstrating the college's commitment to academic excellence and the professional development of its educators. This pursuit of higher education not only enhances the credentials of the faculty but also enriches the academic environment within CHS.

Faculty members have also been sent to participate in various **conferences and conventions, both locally and internationally**. This exposure allows them to stay updated with cutting-edge developments in their respective fields, bringing back best practices and innovations to enrich the learning experience for students.

The college has also prioritized **student development** by sending student leaders to leadership training programs, both locally and internationally. These opportunities enable students to build networks, collaborate, and sharpen their leadership skills, preparing them to take on greater responsibilities and contribute meaningfully to the community and healthcare sector.

Beyond academic and professional pursuits, **CHS remains deeply committed to community service**. The college has launched several **community outreach programs aimed at serving the underprivileged**. These include medical missions and health lectures targeting various groups such as the elderly, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and other marginalized populations. These initiatives not only address immediate healthcare needs but also foster a culture of compassion and social responsibility among students and faculty alike.

Dr. Mangarun's visionary approach goes beyond addressing immediate concerns. He continues to lay a strong foundation for **long-term success and growth**. His ability to inspire collaboration among faculty and staff, combined with his dedication to fostering a culture of **innovation**, has reinforced CHS's reputation as a hub for academic and professional excellence.

The administration's unwavering commitment to cultivating a positive and empowering academic environment is further reflected in their dedication to **holistic development**—supporting both students and faculty. Through consistent guidance, vigilant supervision, robust support systems, and uplifting encouragement, they ensure that CHS remains attuned to the evolving demands of the modern work environment. This adaptability equips faculty members with the necessary tools to enhance their teaching and research, while instilling in students the motivation and confidence to excel in their academic and professional journeys.

As the College of Health Sciences continues to navigate an ever-changing landscape, the **resilience** and **dedication** demonstrated throughout 2024—paired with these



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transformative achievements—serve as an **inspiration**. These milestones ensure that CHS remains steadfast in its mission to produce **highly skilled, compassionate, and innovative healthcare professionals**.



A. STUDENTS

In education, supporting students is fundamental to fostering a positive and nurturing learning environment. At the heart of our mission is a steadfast dedication to providing comprehensive support that addresses the diverse needs of every learner. This includes offering personalized academic guidance to help students navigate their educational paths, promoting emotional well-being through counseling and mentorship programs, and equipping them with practical resources to overcome challenges and thrive.

Our commitment extends beyond academics, emphasizing the holistic development of students. By creating an inclusive and empowering atmosphere, we aim to inspire confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging. Through these efforts, we ensure that every student has the opportunity to excel not only academically but also personally and socially, preparing them for success in their educational journey and beyond.

Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination (PNLE) 2024

In the May 2024 Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination (PNLE), the College of Health Sciences (CHS) at MSU-IIT achieved a historic milestone by attaining a perfect 100% passing rate, with all seven examinees successfully passing the board. This achievement underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and its dedication to producing competent, compassionate, and globally competitive nursing professionals.

Building on this exceptional accomplishment, MSU-IIT sustained its remarkable performance in the November 2024 PNLE, where all 77 examinees also achieved a flawless 100% passing rate. This consistent success further cements CHS's reputation as a center of excellence in nursing education.

Key Events and Milestones

1. First CHS Alumni Homecoming

- **Date:** December 19, 2024
- **Venue:** CHS Hall, MSU-IIT

CHS hosted its first-ever college-based alumni homecoming, reuniting graduates from various batches to celebrate shared legacies and honor the contributions of faculty members who played pivotal roles in their academic and professional journeys.



2. Student Achievement in Powerlifting Championship

A sophomore nursing student showcased exceptional talent by winning three medals at the Dewfoam Mindanao Powerlifting Championships 2024, held on November 23-24 at the Atrium Robinsons, General Santos City. This achievement highlights the holistic development of CHS students.

3. 'Pagpangga: A New Vision for Senior Care'

- **Date:** November 23, 2024
- **Venue:** CHS Hall, MSU-IIT

The event, organized by Project ABEL and CHS Executive Council (CHS-EC), engaged students, youth advocates, and community members in discussions about improving the quality of senior care in the Philippines.

4. Community Health Nursing Orientation

- **Date:** September 20, 2024
- **Platform:** Zoom

In partnership with the Iligan City Health Office, CHS held an orientation for Level 2 nursing students, focusing on public health engagement despite challenges posed by the Pagpakanao holiday.

5. 19th Capping, Badge Investiture, and Candle Lighting Ceremonies

- **Date:** September 13, 2024
- **Venue:** MSU-IIT Gymnasium

The ceremonies marked a significant milestone for 129 second-year nursing students as they transitioned to hands-on clinical practice. This symbolic event highlighted their readiness to embrace the responsibilities of the nursing profession.

6. Leadership Training and Turnover Ceremony

- **Date:** September 7, 2024
- **Venue:** CHS Hall, 4th Floor SET Building

The CHS-EC hosted a leadership training and turnover ceremony with the theme "Passing the Torch: Strengthening Leadership, Unity, and Service in the College of Health Sciences."

7. 10th International Nursing Summer School Participation

Two Level 4 BSN students represented CHS at the 10th International Nursing Summer School in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, held from July 22 to August 3, 2024. The delegation earned a special award, showcasing CHS's global engagement in nursing education.



8. 15th Pinning and Ringhop Ceremony

- **Date:** July 5, 2024
- **Venue:** Frostybites Garden Hall, Iligan City

The College celebrated the achievements of newly graduated nurses during the 15th Pinning and Ringhop Ceremony, signifying their entry into the nursing profession.

9. Participation in Medical Missions

Senior nursing students actively contributed to a medical mission organized by the Iligan City Government on February 20, 2024, further demonstrating CHS's commitment to community service and healthcare.

10. Recognition at the Gawad Serbisyo Awards

- **Date:** August 16, 2024
- CHS-EC was recognized as one of the top-performing organizations during the inaugural Gawad Serbisyo Awards, held by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Services.

Summary

The College of Health Sciences at MSU-IIT has demonstrated outstanding performance and unwavering dedication to excellence in 2024. Through its achievements in licensure examinations, community service, international collaborations, and holistic student development, CHS continues to uphold its commitment to producing globally competitive nursing professionals and fostering a culture of academic and professional excellence.

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Building on this success, MSU-IIT sustained its exceptional performance in the November 2024 PNLE, once again attaining a flawless 100% passing rate. All 77 examinees showcased their proficiency, readiness, and dedication to the nursing profession, further cementing MSU-IIT's reputation as a center of excellence in nursing education.



MSU-IIT proudly tied with 15 other universities for the top spot, achieving a perfect overall passing rate with 77 examinees. This distinction places the institution among the country's top-performing nursing schools, a recognition granted to institutions with 50 to 99 examinees and a minimum passing rate of 80%.

These achievements underscore the unparalleled quality of education and training provided by MSU-IIT. They highlight the collaborative efforts of faculty, staff, and students in upholding the highest standards of nursing education. By fostering a culture of academic rigor, innovation, and resilience, MSU-IIT continues to prepare its graduates to excel in their professional roles and contribute meaningfully to the healthcare sector.

CHS Alumni Reflect on College Legacy at First Homecoming

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)**, formerly known as the College of Nursing, hosted its **first-ever college-based alumni homecoming** on December 19, 2024, bringing together graduates from various batches to celebrate their shared academic roots and express gratitude to the faculty who guided them through their formative years.

The event was filled with nostalgia and appreciation, as alumni reflected on the pivotal role CHS played in shaping their careers. “I had a very strong foundation,” said **Dr. Karen Siladan**, a pioneering alumna of CHS, during her speech. She credited her clinical instructors for instilling the essential skills that made her career journey smoother. “Dili nako maglisod [sa skills],” she added confidently.

Another alumnus echoed this sentiment, saying, “Thankful kaayo [ko] kay naa jud quality education [sa MSU-IIT] with the help of our clinical instructors.”

Celebrating Alumni Success

Dean Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, MAN, RN, expressed pride in the accomplishments of CHS alumni, particularly their recent success in the **Philippine Nursing Licensure Examination (PNLE 2024)**, where the college achieved a **100% passing rate**.

“The success of our alumni is also our success,” Dr. Mangarun remarked. “Hopefully, the knowledge we instill in them will never fade.”



Looking Forward

During the event, alumni provided valuable recommendations for improving the college's practices, particularly in supporting students to excel in board exams. Dr. Mangarun also shared updates on the ongoing construction of the first CHS building at the MSU-IIT Hinaplanon campus. "The 3rd level of the building will be a hospital simulation," he revealed, reflecting the college's commitment to innovation and excellence in nursing education.

Building Connections Across Generations

The homecoming also featured lighthearted moments, including games like the "**Bring Me**" **nurse edition**, which fostered camaraderie among attendees from different batches. Despite a modest turnout of fewer than 50 registered participants, the event saw strong representation from the **2024 batch, Invictus Medicus**.

Addressing the challenge of increasing attendance in future gatherings, **Asst. Prof. Nona Krislin G. Jopillo, MAN, RN**, an alumna from the 2014 batch (Les Desireux) and the college's Alumni Focal Person, emphasized the need for thorough planning and representation from all batches.

"Dili paman gud established amo a alumni members, and must be represented from each batch," Prof. Jopillo explained.

Gratitude and Giving Back

The event organizers extended heartfelt thanks to alumni sponsors, including **Ashley Cao Hok**, **Karen Siladan**, **Frances Lavinie Escalante**, **Nicolai Indangan**, **Elenore Espinosa Pirante**, and **Celine Wee**, whose generosity contributed to the event's success.

Currently enrolled nursing students were also invited to join the celebration, fostering a spirit of intergenerational connection. One student nurse shared, "Kung mu-graduate ko, mu-sponsor pod ko para makapakaon og students," reflecting the theme of this year's homecoming: **giving back to their alma mater, Dakilang Pamantasang Mindanao**.

A Legacy of Excellence

The first CHS alumni homecoming served as a testament to the enduring legacy of the college and its faculty, celebrating the achievements of its graduates while building a foundation for stronger alumni connections in the years to come.



Lifting the Tides: Nursing Student Clinches Three Medals at Powerlifting Championship

A sophomore nursing student from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** has made waves in the world of powerlifting, securing **three medals** at the **Dewfoam Mindanao Powerlifting Championships 2024**, held on November 23-24 at the Atrium Robinsons in General Santos City.

In his debut competition, **Mohammad Raafi Pangandaman** proved that determination and perseverance can lead to greatness. Competing in the **Under 93 kilograms** division, Raafi claimed two gold medals in the **Junior** and **Collegiate categories** and a silver medal in the **Novice category**.

A Rising Powerlifting Star

Raafi's stellar performance included lifts of **202.5 kg in the squat, 105 kg in the bench press, and 255 kg in the deadlift**, totaling an impressive **562.5 kg**. His achievements have earned him a spot in the **National Championships**, scheduled for February 21, 2025.

Balancing the demands of academics and athletics was no easy feat for the first-time powerlifter. "I am both a powerlifter and a nursing student, and it wasn't easy to make sacrifices for one or the other," Raafi shared in a social media post. "But despite the challenges I faced, I persevered. It takes a lot of mental strength and physical wellness to be able to pull through." His journey stands as a testament to his resilience and commitment to both his studies and his sport.

Team Success

Raafi's success was further amplified by his collaboration with **John Robert Mamaug**, a senior Computer Science student from the College of Computer Studies. Together, the duo dominated the **Collegiate Team category**, securing first place, and achieved second place in the **Novice Team category**.

Aiming for National Glory

With the National Championships on the horizon, both Pangandaman and Mamaug are determined to bring home further accolades, representing not just their colleges but also the **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**.



The journey of these students is a powerful reminder of how academic excellence and athletic achievement can go hand in hand, inspiring others to pursue their passions with grit and determination.

'Pagpangga: A New Vision for Senior Care' Engages Youth in Senior Welfare

Project ABEL and the College of Health Sciences Executive Council (CHS-EC) Community Extension Committee recently hosted the event **"Pagpangga: A New Vision for Senior Care"** on November 23 at the CHS Hall. This significant gathering brought together students, youth advocates, and community members to discuss the state of senior care in the Philippines. Originally planned during National Elderly Week, the event aimed to explore how the youth can be actively involved in improving the quality of life for older adults.

"We have the vision; we can do the legwork; we have the energy; we have the vigor," said **Hannah Valerie Acama**, Project Manager of Project ABEL, when asked why youth involvement is crucial in senior welfare.

The event featured insightful contributions from **CHS Dean Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, RN, MAN, DScN, and **Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete**, RN, MAN, DScN—experts in gerontology within the college—who highlighted the numerous challenges older adults face and explored ways society can better support them.

"Aging is a continuation, not a transformation," Dean Mangarun emphasized, stressing the importance of recognizing the continuity of a person's identity and life experiences. Prof. Poblete expanded on this by advocating for a holistic approach to elder care, pointing out that aging brings changes not only in physical health but also in emotional and social well-being—areas that must be addressed to ensure comprehensive support.

Acama also highlighted the significance of collaboration with CHS-EC, noting that incorporating nursing perspectives was essential for understanding and improving elderly care. "We believe in the perspectives they could offer. The primary aim of this initiative, as reflected in the title, is to revitalize senior care by involving all sectors—not just key institutions like the DOH. The youth can play a significant role too," she said.

Kean Maegan Lacastesantos, CHS-EC Board Member and co-coordinator of the event, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that community service should extend beyond hospital



settings. “What I always say, even during my MX days, is that community work—serving others—shouldn’t be limited to our hospital duties. Let us look beyond and just be ourselves when serving others and the community,” Lacastesantos shared.

To encourage active participation, attendees engaged in a pitching activity where they shared ideas on how they could help the elderly. Acama hopes these ideas will eventually be translated into action, believing that these projects could be implemented in the community with proper funding and support.

“I believe it always starts with awareness, with information dissemination, but at the same time, we should have the intention to help. It goes both ways—you have the intention to help, but you also need to take action,” Acama explained.

The event demonstrated the power of collaboration in creating real change. As Acama put it, this initiative is about more than just raising awareness; it’s about turning good intentions into concrete actions that can make a lasting difference for the elderly community.

Additionally, Acama emphasized the sense of responsibility that comes with being part of a state university, highlighting how initiatives like this reflect a commitment to serving others.

“As someone in a state university, I feel that I owe something to the masses because this is free education. I want to give back, and this is my way of doing so,” Acama shared.

CHS Holds Orientation for Nursing Sophomores, Encourages Students to Engage in Public Health

Despite logistical challenges posed by the Pagpakanaog holiday, the Iligan City Health Office (CHO) successfully conducted a Community Health Nursing (CHN) orientation for MSU-IIT College of Health Sciences (CHS) Level 2 nursing students today, September 20, via Zoom.

This online event aimed to introduce students to the processes and current status of public health in Iligan City, preparing them for their first community exposure next week on September 27.

Venus Sanchez, Nurse IV and Head of Technical Services at CHO Iligan, delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining the types of services offered by the health office. She highlighted specific targets and achievements aimed at improving the health of Iligan residents.



Sanchez emphasized the nurse's role in providing proper health education to communities, aimed at eliminating health risks and improving population health outcomes. "Before ta mahimong nurse, mag teacher sa tag una," she stated. "Our number one role as [public health] nurses is [towards] advocacy," she added.

Sanchez also noted the ongoing construction of super health centers in barangays Digkilaan, Del Carmen, and Kabacsanan—efforts to enhance health services for Geographically Isolated and Depressed Areas (GIDA) in the city.

Meanwhile, Level 2 nursing student **Katrina Lumando** shared her eagerness to join the public health workforce after passing her licensure exam.

"During the orientation, I was overwhelmed by the information, but at the same time, I felt motivated... I want to specialize in Public Health Nursing after the boards, God willing," Lumando revealed.

The 3-hour orientation was organized by CHS administration and faculty, hosted by **Asst. Prof. Johanna Jiel Padogdog-Cortes**.

It is worth noting that another previously scheduled orientation for **Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital (GTLMH)** clinical exposure had been canceled earlier this morning.

129 Nursing Students Honored in the 19th Capping, Badge Investiture, and Candle Lighting Ceremonies

On September 13, 2024, the **19th Capping, Badge Investiture, and Candle Lighting Ceremonies** marked a pivotal milestone for 129 second-year nursing students as they transitioned from classroom-based learning to hands-on clinical practice. Held at the MSU-IIT gymnasium, the event symbolized the students' readiness to embrace the responsibilities and values of the nursing profession.

A Message of Inspiration

The program opened with an inspiring message from **Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, Dean of the College of Health Sciences (CHS). He congratulated the students and reminded them of the values and responsibilities they carry as they don their caps and badges. "This moment marks not just a milestone but also a commitment to uphold the highest standards of care and compassion in your journey as future nurses," he said.



Alumni Wisdom

The ceremony also featured **Michael Zaimyr Khalif P. Guinta, RN**, a distinguished alumnus, as the guest speaker. Sharing wisdom and life lessons, he urged the students to embrace their agency and chart their own paths. “You hold the power to define who you are. Do not let others dictate your journey,” he encouraged, leaving a profound impact on the audience.





Symbols of the Nursing Profession

The ceremony celebrated the symbolic transition of the students into the clinical phase:

- The **cap** represents their role as student nurses, ready to step into the world of practical nursing.
- The **lamp** symbolizes the light of knowledge and their commitment to compassionate care.
- The **badge** signifies their formal entry into the nursing community and their adherence to its professional standards.

A Celebration of Commitment

The event stood as a testament to the dedication of the students and the unwavering support of the College of Health Sciences in guiding them toward excellence. It served as a reminder of the noble path ahead as they embark on the journey to become competent and compassionate nursing professionals.



The 19th Capping, Badge Investiture, and Candle Lighting Ceremonies not only honored tradition but also ignited the spirit of service and care within the next generation of nurses.



Handing Over the Reins: CHS-EC Hosts Leadership Training and Turnover Ceremony

The College of Health Sciences - Executive Council (CHS-EC) held its Leadership Training and Turnover Ceremony on September 7, 2024, at the CHS Hall, 4th Floor SET Building, under the theme, "Passing the Torch: Strengthening Leadership, Unity, and Service in the College of Health Sciences."

Assoc. Prof. Elvie A. Paler, CHS-EC adviser, opened the event with an inspiring address on the vital role of unity in leadership. She emphasized how collaborative efforts among student leaders significantly contribute to the excellence and success of the student body.

Through the guidance of outgoing chairperson Shakira Farhana T. Derico, who is also the director of MSU-IIT Youth Chain of Peace (MYCOP), incoming CHS Executive Council officers reinforced their understanding of team dynamics and honed their skills in goal-setting to advance the organization's mission.

A workshop led by Mr. Elmar Albios from the Office of Student Development Services (OSDS) followed, where he outlined the permit processing and essential guidelines for planning successful events both within and outside the campus.



The official handover of responsibilities took place, alongside the awarding of Certificates of Recognition to the outgoing officers, acknowledging their dedication and hard work.



Kevynne De Guzman, the incoming college governor, delivered an acceptance speech, expressing her commitment to upholding the values of leadership, service, and action.

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from Edmark John Baga, CHS-EC Training and Development Chairperson, marking a new chapter of leadership in the college.

CHS Students Shine at 10th International Nursing Summer School; Special Award Earned

Adrajie Ramos Dida-Agun and Bhylle Gayle Pacina, both incoming Level 4 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), participated in the **10th International Nursing Summer School (INSS)** held from **July 22 to August 3, 2024**, at Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. They were accompanied by CHS faculty member **Dr. Neil M. Martin**.



A Global Platform for Learning and Exchange

The 13-day program, hosted by UMY's **Department of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine and Health**, attracted participants from across the globe. Themed "*Harmony in Healthcare: Summer School on Islamic and Cultural Integration in Nursing Practice*," the event featured a



mix of educational and cultural activities aimed at fostering learning, cross-cultural exchange, and collaboration among nursing students.

Educational Highlights

Participants engaged in a diverse set of activities, including:

- **Lectures and Tutorials:** Focused on cultural competence, psychosocial concepts, and transcultural nursing principles.
- **Skills Lab and Community Service:** Practical sessions enhancing clinical and community engagement skills.
- **Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCE) and Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ):** Assessing clinical knowledge and application.
- **Poster Presentations:** Students created digital or hand-drawn posters on *Traditional Medicine-Based Culture*, promoting awareness and appreciation of cultural practices in healthcare.

Cultural and Social Programs

The event also offered enriching non-academic experiences:

- **Workshops and Tours:** Participants explored the art of Gamelan music, pottery making, and visited landmarks such as Kraton Yogyakarta, Sonobudoyo Museum, and Malioboro.
- **International Night:** Celebrating diversity through traditional ethnic garments.



Recognition and Achievements



During the closing ceremony, several participants were recognized with special awards:

- **Bhylle Gayle Pacina** (MSU-IIT CHS, Philippines) earned the **Best Dressed** award during International Night.
- Other awardees included **Jehann Lopez** (St. Anne Lucena, Inc., Philippines) for Best Male Participant, **Amatullah Faatima** (Islamic International University Malaysia) for Best Female Participant, and **Nurul Asyiqin** (Islamic International University Malaysia) for Best MCQ with a score of 21 points.

Comprehensive Objectives of the Program

The INSS 2024 aimed to cultivate a broad range of competencies in participants, focusing on:

1. Psychosocial concepts and cultural competence in nursing.
2. Principles of transcultural nursing and culturally sensitive interventions.
3. Communication skills and assessment of psychosocial and cultural needs.
4. Ethical, legal considerations, and the impact of cultural diversity on healthcare systems.
5. Collaboration, advocacy, and reflective practice.

Bridging Knowledge and Culture

The **10th INSS** combined education, culture, and social engagement to develop participants' skills, knowledge, and global perspectives. The program continues to stand as a testament to the value of international collaboration in shaping future leaders in nursing.

MSU-IIT CHS takes pride in its students' active participation and achievements, reflecting the college's commitment to excellence and global engagement in healthcare education.

Swimming with the Sharks: A Freshman's Glimpse into Nursing School

The CHS Hall was alive with a mix of hushed voices, hurried footsteps, and nervous energy as freshmen gathered, each holding tightly to their ambitions. Some exchanged shy smiles, while others laughed nervously, unsure of what lay ahead. The sound of zippers being traced and feet shifting betrayed the unease beneath their composed exteriors. Yet, there was a shared sense of excitement—students eager to connect, to feel like they belonged.

The day began with a welcome address from CHS Governor Adrajie R. Dida-Agun, followed by a stunning performance from sophomore Beatriz Kathryn C. Aballe. Dressed in a flowing black



gown, Beatriz's voice filled the room—gentle yet powerful, capturing the audience in awe. The quietness of the crowd was broken only by bursts of nervous laughter and chatter, as freshmen entered in various sports attire, channeling their own creativity to fit the 2024 Olympics theme.

As the freshmen soaked in the moment, seniors looked on with a mix of nostalgia and encouragement. Their memories of first entering this unfamiliar space came flooding back—facing both excitement and uncertainty. Seniors offered advice, sharing heartfelt stories from their own experiences, creating a sense of community and hope. The day became a reminder of the academic journey that lay ahead—one that, while filled with challenges, could also be navigated with strength and support.

The room pulsed with energy, and Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, Dean of the College of Health Sciences, addressed the students with a steady gaze. His voice resonated, capturing the attention of every freshman. "You are the chosen few," he said, referring to the top 120 out of over 4,000 aspiring nurses. His words sank in—a reminder that they had made it here through determination and resilience, not luck.

Freshmen were introduced to their teachers, each a 'shark' in their own right, and given practical advice from seniors on what to expect in their first year. The event closed with the freshmen writing letters to their future selves—reflecting on their hopes and fears. The room softened, pens gliding across pages, each thought a blend of excitement and uncertainty.

As applause filled the hall, the genuine warmth of their shared beginning resonated—appreciation for the Executive Council's efforts to create this space for connection. Despite the seniors' demanding final year, they invested time to ensure freshmen felt welcomed into college life.

Leaving the hall, freshmen carried not only memories but a clearer picture of the path ahead. The promise of growth hung in the air, made real by the support of peers and mentors alike. Today, they may be 'baby sharks,' but soon they'll be navigating the ocean with confidence and purpose.



OVCSS Hosts First-Ever Gawad Serbisyo Awards; CHS-EC Among Top Performing Organizations

Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Services (OVCSS), held its inaugural Gawad Serbisyo Awards on



August 16, 2024, at the University Gymnasium. This landmark event establishes a new tradition, recognizing the outstanding contributions of student organizations, student publications, and Resident Cultural Groups (RCGs) to campus life.

Among the top 10 best-performing student organizations honored was the College of Health Sciences-Executive Council (CHS-EC). The leadership body's dedication to expanding resources, engaging students, and addressing critical issues in health sciences has set a benchmark for other organizations across the Institute.

The award bestowed upon the CHS Executive Council highlights the group's commitment to excellence and its significant impact on the university community. "This achievement reflects our hard work, passion, and teamwork. This recognition motivates us to keep raising the bar and contributing positively to both our college and the university as a whole," said Adrajie Dida-agun, CHS EC governor. He emphasized the importance of active engagement, camaraderie, compassionate service, and leadership in shaping the university's culture of excellence.

"What makes it even more special is that we achieved this with a small team. It shows that our strength isn't in our numbers, but in the passion and commitment of every member," shared Edmark John Baga, an EC board member.

The Gawad Serbisyo Awards reflect MSU-IIT's dedication to nurturing the vital role these groups play in enhancing the student experience. By acknowledging their efforts, the university not only fosters a culture of excellence and innovation but also encourages collaboration and community engagement.

The Caduceus Uncovered: The Vision Behind the Words

The College of Health Sciences at MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) has long been recognized as a beacon of excellence in nursing education, research, extension services, and innovative programs. This steadfast commitment has solidified the college's reputation as one of the top institutions in its field, nurturing a community of learners and professionals dedicated to advancing health sciences.

Building on this legacy, **The Caduceus** now emerges as the Official Student Publication of MSU-IIT's College of Health Sciences. With a commitment to honor and excellence, **The**



Caduceus seeks to amplify the voices and stories within the college, fostering a deep awareness of the critical intersection between science, health, and community.

As a pioneer in this vital domain, **The Caduceus** is dedicated to delivering accurate, timely, and impactful information that educates and empowers communities across Mindanao. By highlighting crucial health issues such as the rising prevalence of chronic kidney disease (CKD), inadequate healthcare facilities, scientific breakthroughs, and public health initiatives, **The Caduceus** transforms complex medical information into accessible insights that resonate with everyday lives.

Designed by Fatmah Zuhra Lomondot, a freshman in the college, **The Caduceus** seal—featuring the snake-coiled staff of the Greek god Asclepius—epitomizes the publication's mission to serve as the harbinger of factual science and health stories for the college community and the general public. This emblem serves as a visual reminder of the publication's role in fostering a deeper understanding of health issues and promoting informed dialogue within the community.

A fountain pen, symbolizing **The Caduceus'** primary mission to disseminate credible information, inspires the public to engage in investigative pursuits and make well-informed decisions, providing the knowledge necessary to navigate complex health topics confidently.

Three-feathered wings, echoing the Institute's logo, signify the publication's alignment with the University's values of excellence, honor, and service in performing its journalistic duties. These wings represent **The Caduceus'** commitment to advancing conversations on science, health, and community matters, embodying MSU-IIT's mission to contribute meaningfully to society.

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On to Science, Health, and Community!



CHS conducts 15th Pinning and Ringhop Ceremony

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) proudly held its 15th Pinning and Ringhop Ceremony for newly graduated nurses on the afternoon of July 5, 2024, at the Frostybites Garden Hall, Purdue St., Celdran Village, Tubod, Iligan City.

This special occasion honored the seventy-eight nurse graduates of Batch 2024, **Invictus Medicus**, under the theme: *"Empowering Future Nursing Leaders: Building Strong Communities, Advocating for Healthcare for All, and Inspiring Nursing Excellence."*

The event commenced with a formal opening by CHS Dean Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, RN, who was joined by Assistant Dean Dr. Art Brian S. Escabarte, PhD, RN, Clinical Coordinator Mr. Rambe C. Ramel, Jr., MAN, RN, and Research Coordinator Dr. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca, PhD, RN, during the pinning ceremony.



The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Christi Fidelis E. Hinacay, RN, a distinguished alumnus of MSU-IIT CHS (Batch 2016-2017) and currently a Senior Intensive Care Unit Staff Nurse at the CDO Polymedic Medical Group. In his inspiring address, Mr. Hinacay reflected on the graduates' journey, acknowledging their hard work and perseverance through challenges, from return demonstrations to clinical duties. He posed a thought-provoking question to the graduates: *"Are you ready?"*

Drawing from his experience as a dedicated professional nurse committed to patient care, Mr. Hinacay emphasized the importance of attitude in overcoming challenges. *"Knowledge and experience are essential, but having the right attitude is what truly matters. With the right mindset, you'll move past panic and focus on what's most important—your"*



patients," he said, inspiring the graduates to approach their new roles with confidence and compassion.



The program continued with the presentation of plaques and tokens, followed by the recognition of academic awardees. DG Franz Ceasarius S. Sumaylo, Summa Cum Laude, delivered the Valedictory Address, while Anjela D. Basan, the Class Salutatorian, gave a heartfelt Tribute to Parents, with a response from the Parents' Representative, Genalyn S. Sumaylo.

Reya T. Seno, Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinator, led the graduates in reciting the **Nightingale Pledge**, a symbolic commitment to the ideals of nursing, followed by the **Nurse's Prayer**, led by CHS Faculty Dr. Roselyn M. Butalid, PhD, RN.

The ceremony concluded with closing remarks from Assistant Dean Dr. Escabarte. Serving as the Master of Ceremonies was CHS Lecturer Mr. Val Clinton S. Maybituin, MN, RN.

The Pinning and Ringhop Ceremony is a time-honored tradition in nursing, tracing its origins to the 12th century. It symbolizes the formal transition from student to professional nurse, marking a pivotal milestone in the lives of the graduates who have successfully completed the rigorous requirements of the nursing program.

CHS Senior Nursing Students Join Medical Mission

Senior nursing students from Block AAA of the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** participated in a medical mission organized by the **City Government of Iligan** on **February 20, 2024**. The team



was led by CHS faculty member and Clinical Instructor, **Assistant Professor Nona Krislin Gonzales Gomez-Jopillo, MAN, RN.**

The event, part of the “**Serbisyong Iliganon Caravan 2024**”, was held at the Barangay Del Carmen gymnasium and aimed to provide free medical care and address immediate health concerns of the residents. The initiative was organized by the **City Health Office** in collaboration with various government agencies, non-governmental organizations, non-profits, and healthcare volunteers.



Free Medical Services Offered

Hundreds of residents benefited from an array of free on-site medical services, including:

- Medical consultations
- Circumcision (tuli)
- STI/HIV counseling and testing
- Consultations for persons with disabilities (PWDs)
- Dental consultations and extractions

Nursing Students in Action

While fulfilling their community duty at Barangay Del Carmen’s Health Station, the CHS senior nursing students seized the opportunity to participate in the health caravan. This allowed them to:

- Respond to their calling as healthcare providers by delivering essential care and support.
- Share knowledge through health teachings.



- Apply and refine their nursing skills in a real-world setting.

The experience also enabled the students to expand their expertise and gain valuable insights into community health, preparing them for their future roles as registered nurses.



A Successful Community Initiative

The success of the **Serbisyong Iliganon Caravan 2024** can be attributed to the dedication of the medical mission team, healthcare volunteers, and the unwavering support of Iligan's local government officials. The program fostered a sense of community and solidarity, contributing to the overall well-being and development of society.

This hands-on experience not only enriched the nursing students' education but also reinforced their commitment to making meaningful contributions to public health.



B. RESEARCH

Despite the unprecedented challenges faced by educators, faculty engagement and active participation remain vital in fostering professional growth and academic excellence. The College of Health Sciences (CHS) firmly upholds the importance of creating opportunities that emphasize the value of professional development as a cornerstone of faculty success. Through continuous learning, skill enhancement, and collaboration, educators are empowered to adapt to evolving demands and elevate their teaching and research contributions.

CHS takes immense pride in recognizing its faculty members for their outstanding achievements in research competitions and exemplary teaching performance. These accomplishments underscore their dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge and shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals. By fostering a culture of innovation and excellence, CHS not only supports its educators in reaching their full potential but also reinforces its reputation as a leader in academic and professional development.

CHS Advances University's Vision of Becoming a Premier Research University

The **College of Health Sciences** is actively contributing to the University's vision of becoming a leading Research University. Faculty members are making significant strides through various publications and collaborative research efforts, showcasing their commitment to excellence in health sciences.

CHS Research Publications (2024)

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) continues to excel in contributing impactful research in the field of health sciences. Faculty members have demonstrated academic rigor and scholarly excellence, achieving significant publications in prestigious journals both nationally and internationally. Below is a comprehensive list of research contributions by CHS faculty members for the year 2024.

1. Nurses' Discharge Education and Patient Self-Management

- **Authors:** Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca, Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie Poblete, Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno, and Assoc. Prof. Rambe C. Ramel, Jr.
- **Publication:** *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing (MJN)*, 15(3), 3-15



- **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31674/mjn.2024.v15i03.001>

This study highlights the extent to which nurses' discharge education impacts patients' preparedness for self-management post-hospitalization.

2. Tea Tree Oil for Aeroallergen Allergies

- **Author:** Assoc. Prof. Geraldine S. Ridad
- **Publication:** *International Journal of Advancement in Life Sciences Research*, 07(01), 65–72
- **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31632/ijalsr.2024.v07i01.007>

This research evaluates the effectiveness of tea tree essential oil and jojoba carrier oil in alleviating aeroallergen-induced allergies.

3. Adoption of Electronic Medical Records in Developing Economies

- **Co-author:** Assoc. Prof. Jiddo Andrei Maranda
 - **Publication:** *DIGITAL HEALTH*, 10
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.1177/20552076231224605>
- A systematic review focused on physicians' perspectives regarding electronic medical record adoption in developing countries.

4. Women Public Healthcare Workers and Armed Conflict

- **Authors:** Assoc. Prof. Rambe Jr. Ramel, Assoc. Prof. Jiddo Andrei Maranda, Asst. Prof. Karen Veloso, Prof. Abdullah Junior Mangarun, Asst. Prof. Lynuel Santillana, and Asst. Prof. Jessica Orias
 - **Publication:** *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing (MJN)*, 15(4), 91-99
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31674/mjn.2024.v15i04.011>
- A qualitative exploration of the experiences of women public healthcare workers amidst armed conflicts in Southern Philippines.

5. Contraceptive Use Knowledge and Attitudes Among University Students

- **Authors:** Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno, Asst. Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana, and Asst. Prof. Jessica B. Orias
 - **Publication:** *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing (MJN)*, 16(1), 89-100
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31674/mjn.2024.v16i01.010>
- This study delves into the knowledge and attitudes of female university students regarding contraceptive use.



6. Online Health Information Access Among Non-Nursing Students

- **Authors:** Asst. Prof. Jessica B. Orias, Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete, Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno, and Asst. Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana
 - **Publication:** *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing (MJN)*, 16(1), 3-13
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31674/mjn.2024.v16i01.001>
- A qualitative study exploring how non-nursing college students access and utilize online health information.

7. Barriers to Healthcare Access Among Visually Impaired Individuals

- **Authors:** Assoc. Prof. Roselyn M. Butalid, Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca, Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno, and Assoc. Prof. Vincent G. Tabil
 - **Publication:** *The Malaysian Journal of Nursing (MJN)*, 16(2), 209-219
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.31674/mjn.2024.v16i02.021>
- This study identifies barriers faced by visually impaired individuals in accessing healthcare services in Iligan City.

8. Coping with Cancer Through Religion and Culture

- **Author:** Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete
 - **Publication:** *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2024.145702>
- A qualitative investigation into how Filipino cancer patients draw strength from religion and culture in coping with their illness.

9. Telemedicine Adoption in Developing Economies

- **Authors:** Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete and Assoc. Prof. Art Brian Escabarte
 - **Publication:** *UI Scholars Hub*, Vol. 19, Issue 4
 - **DOI:** <https://scholarhub.ui.ac.id/kesmas/vol19/iss4/9>
- A systematic review on enablers and barriers to telemedicine adoption in developing economies.

10. Access Control in Electronic Health Records

- **Authors:** Assoc. Prof. Minnie B. Mamaug and colleagues
 - **Publication:** *Informatics in Medicine Unlocked*, 49, 101552
 - **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.imu.2024.101552>
- A systematic review on access control solutions in electronic health record systems.

11. Spirituality and Resilience Among Nursing Students



- **Author:** Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca
- **Publication:** *The MSU-IIT Faculty Journal*
- **URL:** <https://journals.msuiit.edu.ph/tmf/article/view/685>

This research examines the relationship between spirituality and resilience among nursing students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

12. Behavioral Risk Scores for Noncommunicable Diseases

- **Author:** Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca
- **Publication:** *Asia Pacific Journal of Social Innovation*, 36(2)
- **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.62071/tmf.v36i1.692>

Factors affecting behavioral risk scores for noncommunicable diseases among CHS students were analyzed in this study.

These publications are a testament to CHS's commitment to advancing research and addressing contemporary challenges in healthcare and education.

Professional Development

To further strengthen research expertise, three faculty members participated in a hands-on training workshop on **Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis for Health Research** from September 18-20, 2024, held at the **College of Public Health**, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, **UP-Manila**.

International Collaboration

CHS is actively fostering global research partnerships. Ten faculty members attended the **7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024)**, which took place on September 25-26, 2024, at **Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia**.

Keynote Speakers:

- **Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, Dean of CHS, delivered a keynote address on **“Building a Robust Safety Culture: Enhancing Patient and Clinician Outcomes in Healthcare.”**
- **Assoc. Prof. Neil M. Martin** presented on **“Timeless Knowing and Being as Caring: A Theory Construct.”**

Leadership Roles:

Dr. Mangarun served as chairperson for multiple sessions, demonstrating CHS's active



leadership in international discourse. The conference, organized by Malaysia's Lincoln University College in collaboration with institutions from **Indonesia, India, and the Philippines**, featured over 90 presentations from international speakers and participants, including presentations from CHS faculty.

Student Engagement

Students, along with two faculty members, participated in the **International Conference on UN SDGs and Social Innovation (ICUNSSI)** held on September 18-19, 2024, at **Mindanao State University-IIigan Institute of Technology**. Notable student presentations included:

- **Ms. Mary Mananquil:** "Technological Caring in Nursing through TB Heal Mobile Application Development."
- **Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno:** "Prenatal Health Care Experiences of Teenage Pregnant Women in a Geographically-Isolated and Disadvantaged Area (GIDA) in Northern Mindanao, Philippines."
- **Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca:** "Needs Assessment of People with Disabilities: Basis for Designing a Sustainable Community Outreach Program."

The dedication and hard work of the **College of Health Sciences' administrators, faculty, and students** reflect the institution's strong commitment to achieving the University's mission of becoming a Research University. Through ongoing research activities, professional development, and international collaboration, CHS is advancing health sciences while addressing the evolving needs of our communities.



CHS Faculty Members Actively Participate in 7th Regional Health Research Conference

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** faculty members actively participated in the **7th Regional Health Research Conference**, held from October 22-24, 2024, at **Xavier University** in Cagayan de Oro City. This year's conference theme, "**Sustainable Health Solutions for a Greener Future: Bridging Health and Environmental Well-Being**," explored the intersection of health and environmental sustainability.



Among the presentations, **Assistant Professor Johanna Jiel P. Cortes** presented her study titled **“From Tragedy to Strategy: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Disaster Victims in a Selected Barangay in Iligan City as a Basis for Disaster Nursing Interventions.”** This research delves into the resilience of disaster victims and provides valuable insights for improving nursing interventions during disaster scenarios.

Associate Professor Rambe C. Ramel Jr. presented his study **“Assessing Nurses' Level of Sufficiency and Perceived Barriers in Providing Discharge Education: Basis for Reinforcement Program”** and earned **3rd place** in the poster contest. His work highlights the challenges nurses face in delivering discharge education, offering practical recommendations for implementing a structured reinforcement program.

Assistant Professor Queenie Ramel also contributed with a retrospective cross-sectional study entitled **“Predictors of Prolonged Length of Hospital Stay (PLOS) in the Surgical Ward of Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital: A Basis for Nursing Care Management.”** This research identifies key factors contributing to prolonged hospital stays, offering a framework for improving patient care management.

Additionally, **Associate Professor Art Brian S. Escabarte** participated in the **3-Minute Pitch to Policymakers** session, presenting **“HIPAK: A Retrospective Cross-Sectional Study on the Prevalence, Risk Factors, Harm Perception, and Attitudes Toward E-Cigarette Use Among University Students at Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology”**



(MSU-IIT)." His study addresses the growing prevalence of e-cigarette use among students and its implications for public health.

Furthermore, **Associate Professor Mamaug**, the former Dean of CHS, served as one of the facilitators at the conference, contributing significantly to the successful execution of the event.

These activities demonstrate **CHS's** ongoing commitment to advancing research in health, nursing, and medical sciences. The participation of faculty members in regional and national conferences, along with their publication efforts, highlights the college's dedication to fostering **academic excellence, innovation, and the integration of research into healthcare practice and policy**.

CHS Faculty Present Research at the 3rd International Conference on Persons Deprived of Liberty

Faculty members from the College of Health Sciences (CHS) of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) actively participated in the **3rd International Conference on Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL)**, held from October 9 to 11, 2024, at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) Obrero Campus, Davao City. Themed "**Beyond Barriers: Reconnect and Rebuild**," the event was organized by USeP in collaboration with the Social Entrepreneurship, Technology, and Business Institute (SETBI).

Research Contributions from CHS

Three CHS faculty members showcased their scholarly work during the conference:

- **Asst. Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana** presented her paper, "*Doing Time While Making Time for the Young: A Phenomenological Study on Mothers Deprived of Liberty in Iligan City Jail – Female Dormitory Towards Motherhood*," under **Track 2: Elevating Voices (Narratives, The Arts, and Creative Expression)** on the first day.
- **Asst. Prof. Jessica B. Orias** delivered her research titled "*Sagip-Piitan: Health Care Initiative Health Lecture Series and Hygiene Kit Project*," while **Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete** presented her paper, "*Evaluation of the Health Program for Older Adults in Iligan City Bureau of Jail Management and Penology: Basis for Formulation of Nursing Programs*," under **Track 3: Equity in Policy and Practice (Access, Quality, and Pathways to Campus)** on the second day.



Keynote Insights

The three-day conference featured distinguished keynote speakers who shared valuable perspectives on education and transformative programs for persons deprived of liberty:

- **Dr. Mnessha Gellman**, Associate Professor and Director of the Emerson Prison Initiative, delivered the keynote on the first day.
- **Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” De Vera III**, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), addressed participants on the second day.
- **Attorney Sean Addie**, Director of the Correctional Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, United States Department of State, delivered a virtual keynote on corrections-based education and reentry programs.

Other Attendees from CHS

The CHS delegation included faculty members who participated in discussions and workshops, contributing to the vibrant exchange of ideas:

- **Assoc. Prof. Rambe C. Ramel, Jr.**
- **Assoc. Prof. Jiddo Andrei G. Maranda**
- **Asst. Prof. Karlo Gayao**



Transformative Education for Reentry

The conference served as a platform to explore innovative educational strategies and policies aimed at facilitating the successful reentry of persons deprived of liberty into society. The active involvement of CHS faculty highlighted their dedication to advancing inclusive healthcare education and supporting marginalized communities through impactful research and initiatives.

Through their participation, MSU-IIT reaffirmed its commitment to addressing societal challenges and promoting equity in education and healthcare access for all.

MSU-IIT CHS Hosts Qualitative Research Methods Workshop for Nursing Faculty

On July 30-31, 2024, the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at Mindanao State University–Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) hosted a **Qualitative Research Methods Workshop** for faculty members from various institutions, including Iligan Medical Center College (IMCC), St. Michael's College (SMC) College of Nursing, and Adventist Medical Center College (AMCC) School of Nursing. The event was held at the CHS Hall in Iligan City.



Collaborating for Excellence

The two-day workshop was made possible through collaboration with the **College of Nursing, Silliman University (CON-SU)**, **Dr. Luz Sobong Porter Center for Leadership Excellence in Nursing (CoLEN)**, and **Metro Pacific Health (MPH)**. It aimed to enhance participants' skills in qualitative research, focusing on the **use of digital tools for data analysis, methodological rigor, and standardized research approaches**.





Expert Resource Persons

The event featured two distinguished resource persons:

- **Dr. Evalyn E. Abalos**, Co-Director of CoLEN, CON-SU
- **Dr. Chanell Jan C. Concepcion**, Head of Nursing Education and Training, MPH

Program Highlights

Day 1:

- Opening remarks by **Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, Dean of CHS
- Rationale provided by **Dr. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**, CHS Research Coordinator
- Sessions covering **research paradigms, qualitative traditions and methodologies, data analysis, and digital tools** (MS Office and NVivo)

Day 2:

- Focused discussions on **publishing in qualitative nursing journals** and **writing qualitative research proposals**
- Interactive group activities, including **concept paper development** and **output presentations** for feedback and critique





Continuing Professional Development

Participants earned **13.5 approved CPD credit units**, aligning with requirements for nurses' professional development and underscoring the workshop's practical relevance.

Advancing Research and Innovation

The workshop exemplified **MSU-IIT CHS's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and sustainable development**. By empowering nursing faculty with advanced research skills, the initiative contributes to building a more capable and research-oriented academic community, driving positive societal impact.

This collaborative event not only enhanced faculty competencies but also strengthened partnerships among institutions, ensuring a brighter future for nursing education and research.

CHS Faculty Garner Best Presenter Awards at 7th ICHAS 2024

Faculty members from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS) of Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** showcased their research excellence and brought home multiple **Best Presenter Awards** during the **7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024)**. The event was held on **September 25–26, 2024**, at the **Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia**.





Awardees and Presentations

The Best Paper Presenter Awardees were:

- **Assistant Professor Karlo Gayao**

Presented: “Demographic Characteristics and Impact of Social Media on the General Point Average of Nursing Students in Southern Philippines”

Co-authors: Analisah Ali, Hanifa Dimaampao, Apipah Maba, Johanisah Mayo

- **Assistant Professor Leah May P. Madjus**

Presented: “Transitioning from Online to Face-to-Face Clinical Duties: Exploring the Challenges Faced by Nursing Students Post-Pandemic”

Co-authors: Assoc. Prof. Gloria Sheila E. Coyoca, Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete, Asst. Prof. Jessica B. Orias, Charlize Noelle Batara, Aldrinne Faye Jovellano, Maria Joyce April Tagalog

- **Assistant Professor Roy D. Gumaya**

Presented: “Profile and Level of Competence in Medication Administration Process of Aspiring Nurses in a State-funded University in Southern Philippines”

Co-authors: Fatima D. Pandaog, Nor-Aine B. Jonaid, Assoc. Prof. Coyoca, Assoc. Prof. Poblete, Asst. Prof. Lorie Ann S. Balili

- **Dr. Neil Madulara Martin**

Presented: “Usage of Social Media and Its Extent on Multidimensional Body Self-Relations among Undergraduate Students of a State University in Southern Philippines”

Co-authors: Vincent Guiller Andangan, Kenneth Karl Go, Christian R. Patayon, Assoc. Prof. Poblete, Assoc. Prof. Vincent Go Tabil.





Other CHS Presentations

In addition to the awardees, other CHS faculty members presented notable papers during the open sessions:

- **Dr. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**

Presented: “*A Comparative Study on the Susceptibility to Medication Errors among Nursing Students at a University in Southern Philippines*”

Co-authors: Karl Michael E. Cabañog, Bless E. Celestial, Princess Hannan I. Tumog, Assoc. Prof. Poblete, Assoc. Prof. Reya T. Seno, Assoc. Prof. Tabil

- **Asst. Prof. Lorie Ann S. Balili**

Presented: “*Posttraumatic Growth: A Descriptive Correlational Study Among Breast Cancer Survivors in Southern Philippines*”

Co-authors: Nick Louie B. Magadan, Rahila D. Usman, Assoc. Prof. Coyoca, Assoc. Prof. Poblete, Assoc. Prof. Roselyn M. Butalid

- **Assoc. Prof. Carmela D. Ortega**

Presented: “*The Occurrence of Self-Diagnosis and Its Impact on Mental Health Among Students in Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology*”

Co-authors: Assoc. Prof. Poblete, Assoc. Prof. Seno, Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, Angela Grace C. Bamba, Hannah S. Bullanday, Nicole Anne D. Suson

- **Assoc. Prof. Fesanmie D. Amarillo**

Presented: “*Time Management Strategies and Academic Stress Among Nursing Students: A Correlational Study*”

- **Assoc. Prof. Vincent Go Tabil**

Presented: “*Day-Night Cycle of the Night Owl at the Lens of an Angel*”

Co-author: Dr. Neil Madulara Martin





About ICHAS 2024

The **7th ICHAS 2024**, an annual international conference, was organized by **Lincoln University College, Malaysia**, in collaboration with **Universitas Muhammadiyah Semarang (UNIMUS)** of Indonesia, **Central University of Kashmir** of India, and **MSU-IIT** of the Philippines.

This year's conference provided a platform for healthcare professionals and academics to share research, foster collaboration, and address pressing issues in health care and allied sciences.

CHS Excellence in Research

The success of the CHS representatives highlights MSU-IIT's commitment to research, innovation, and global engagement. Their outstanding performance underscores their dedication to advancing healthcare education and practice, both locally and internationally.

CHS Delegation Keynotes and Chairs in 7th ICHAS 2024

Faculty members from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** played prominent roles as keynote speakers and session chairpersons during the **7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024)**, held on **September 25–26, 2024**, at the **Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia**.

Key Contributions from CHS

Day 1 Highlights

- **Dr. Neil Madulara Martin**, the ICHAS International Affairs Coordinator (Designate), presented a paper titled "**Usage of Social Media and Extent on Multidimensional Body Self-Relations Among Undergraduate Students of a State University in Southern Philippines.**" His co-authors included **Vincent Guiller Andangan, Kenneth Karl Go, Christian R. Patayon, Assoc. Prof. Mae Lanie Poblete, and Assoc. Prof. Vincent Tabil.**
- **CHS Dean, Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, delivered a keynote speech titled "**Building a Robust Safety Culture: Enhancing Patient and Clinician Outcomes in Healthcare**" during **Session I**.



- Dr. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca, CHS Research Coordinator, chaired **Session II B: Open Paper Session**, contributing her expertise to the discussions.



Day 2 Highlights

- Dr. Mangarun served as chairperson for **Session IV B**, continuing his active participation in the conference.
- Dr. Martin delivered another keynote address titled "**Timeless Knowing and Being as Caring: A Theory Construct**", providing a theoretical framework that sparked insightful discussions. He also chaired **Session III: Open Paper Session**, showcasing his leadership in academic discourse.

About the Event

The **7th ICHAS 2024**, an annual international conference, was organized by **Lincoln University College, Malaysia**, in collaboration with **Universitas Muhammadiyah Semarang (UNIMUS), Indonesia**, **Central University of Kashmir, India**, and **MSU-IIT, Philippines**. The conference brought together a diverse group of international speakers and participants, featuring over **90 paper presentations** across various sessions.

The active participation of CHS faculty, through keynote addresses, chairing responsibilities, and paper presentations, highlights the college's commitment to advancing healthcare



education and research on a global scale. Their contributions underscore MSU-IIT's growing reputation as a hub of academic excellence and innovation in the health sciences.

CHS Concludes 13th Nursing Research Conference

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** successfully held its **13th Nursing Research Conference (NRC)** on **June 5, 2024**, at the CHS Hall. Co-hosted by **CHS Batch Invictus Medicus**, the conference carried the theme: "**Filipino Nurses: Setting the Course of Health Equity and Holistic Health through Translational Research.**"

This one-day event showcased **twelve student research presentations**, divided equally between **Quantitative** and **Qualitative** research. Additional highlights included a **Digital Poster Presentation** and **Parallel Sessions** covering various topics such as **Nursing Education**, **Health Impact on Society, Culture and Environment**, **Health Service Delivery**, and **Nursing Translational Innovations**.



Key Research Winners

Best in Oral Presentation (Quantitative)

1st Place: Evaluation of Polytetrafluoroethylene's Teratogenicity on Duck Embryo's Central Nervous Development: Basis for Prenatal Health Education

- Researchers: Axll Ross A. Campos, Kyan Marlu B. Luza
- Adviser: Associate Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca



2nd Place: Assessing Nurses' Level of Sufficiency and Perceived Barriers in Providing Discharge Education: Basis for Reinforcement Program

- Researchers: Madhelle P. Agsabay, Theodore Vincent M. Mejorada, Maria Cristina M. Penserga
- Adviser: Associate Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca

3rd Place: "HIPAK": A Study on the Level of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Cessation Intentions of E-Cigarette Users at MSU-IIT

- Researchers: Anjel Kaye L. Durias, Donetta Mae R. Torres
- Adviser: Associate Prof. Art Brian S. Escabarte

Best in Oral Presentation (Qualitative)

1st Place: Doing Time While Making Time for the Young: A Phenomenological Study on Mothers Deprived of Liberty in Iligan City Jail - Female Dormitory Towards Motherhood

- Researchers: Kimberly H. Lopez, Nathan Louise T. Penera, DG Franz Ceasarius S. Sumaylo
- Adviser: Assistant Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana

2nd Place: Exploring the Barriers to Healthcare Access Among Visually Impaired Massage Therapists in Iligan City

- Researchers: Jade Voltaire M. Butalid, Ma. Arvie Faith T. Escasiñas, Angelo David S. Nacion
- Adviser: Prof. Roselyn M. Butalid

3rd Place: Lived Experiences of Level IV MSU-IIT Nursing Students During Clinical Exposure in Special Areas Post-Pandemic

- Researchers: Rhod Vincent J. Tayong, Alta Xylene V. Alcular, Sammy Jr. V. Familiar
- Adviser: Associate Prof. Art Brian S. Escabarte

Best Digital Poster Presentation

1st Place: Level of Competency in the Medication Administration Process Among Aspiring Nurses at MSU-IIT

- Researchers: Nor-Aine B. Jonaid, Fatima D. Pandaog
- Adviser: Assistant Prof. Royce D. Gumayao

2nd Place: Consumption of Ultra-Processed Foods and the Nutritional Status of MSU-IIT Students: Basis for Health Promotion Interventions

- Researchers: Kirsten Ela M. Castillano, Earlyn Nicole M. Gabuyo, Philippe Allifor C. Vasquez



- Adviser: Assistant Prof. Reya T. Seno

3rd Place: Technological Caring in Nursing through TB Heal Mobile Application Development

- Researchers: Mary Carmelle B. Mananquil, Vea Kathrina P. Sajonia, Isabella Marie R. Sibe
- Adviser: Associate Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca



Special Awards

- **Best in Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Consumption of Ultra-Processed Foods and the Nutritional Status of MSU-IIT Students
- **Innovation:** Technological Caring in Nursing through TB Heal Mobile Application Development
- **Outstanding Research in Methodology:** Evaluation of Polytetrafluoroethylene's Teratogenicity on Duck Embryo's Central Nervous Development
- **Impactful Societal Contribution:** Technological Caring in Nursing through TB Heal Mobile Application Development

Inspirational Messages and Acknowledgments

CHS Dean **Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, RN**, welcomed attendees, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and knowledge-sharing in advancing nursing research.

Assoc. Prof. Boyle A. Sarcina, representing the Vice Chancellor for Research and Enterprise, lauded Filipino nurses as global healthcare champions who promote health equity through translational research.



Keynote Speaker **Assoc. Prof. Neil M. Martin, PhD, MAN, MBE, RN**, highlighted the importance of values and responsibility in the critical path of nursing research.



Conference Organizers and Participants

The event was judged by experts, including **Assoc. Prof. Lemuel Clark P. Velasco** (College of Computer Studies), **Assoc. Prof. Jude B. Positos**, and **Lecturer Froilan Jan S. Macapil, RN, LPT** (CHS). Panel mentors included healthcare professionals from **Don Gregorio T. Lluch Memorial Hospital**.

Mary Carmelle B. Mananquil, the 13th NRC Overall Chairperson, presented the conference rationale, while **Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**, CHS Research Coordinator, delivered the closing remarks.

The conference, a testament to the dedication and excellence of MSU-IIT's nursing students and faculty, continues to inspire innovative research addressing critical health issues in society.

CHS' Jopillo Wins Best Poster Presentation at AHLA Conference

Assistant Professor **Nona Krislin G. Jopillo** from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-IIigan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** has been awarded **Best Poster Presentation** at the **10th Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA) International Health Literacy Conference**. The event was held from **May 12 to 15, 2024**, at the **Pham Ngoc Thach Grand Amphitheatre**, Pham Ngoc Thach University (PNTU), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



Jopillo's winning poster, titled "**Factors Affecting Mental Health-Seeking Behaviors Among College Students at MSU-IIT**," was selected as one of the four **Best Poster Presentations** out of **146 entries** showcased during the poster presentation sessions.

Other CHS Presentations

Several CHS faculty members also presented their research at the conference:

- **Associate Professor Mae-Lanie Ong Poblete:** "*Exploring Factors Affecting COVID-19 Preventive Behaviors Among University Students in the Post-Pandemic: Basis for Nursing Health Education*"
- **Associate Professor Minnie Besin Mamaug:** "*The 'Elephant in the Room': Case Studies of Perceived Abuse Among Older Adults*"
- **Associate Professor Elvie Alicaway Paler:** "*Exploring Perceptions on Mental Health Counseling Among Parents and Students: A Qualitative Study*"





About the Conference

Hosted by the **Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine** in Ho Chi Minh City and co-organized by the **University of Cuu Long** in Vinh Long Province, Vietnam, the AHLA conference was held under the theme: "**Health Literacy in the Revolution of the Digital Age.**" The event featured distinguished keynote speakers, along with numerous paper and poster presentations from delegates across Asia.



AHLA's Mission

Since its establishment in 2013 and registration in Geneva, Switzerland, the **Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA)** has been dedicated to advancing health literacy research and best practices in Asia. Its mission includes addressing health disparities and enhancing the quality of healthcare through education and innovation.

Professor Jopillo's recognition underscores MSU-IIT CHS's commitment to impactful research and its active role in advancing health literacy and health equity on an international stage.

CHS Conducts Research Forum for Faculty and Students

As part of the **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** Research Week Celebration, themed "**Synergizing Innovation and Interdisciplinarity:**



"Pathways to a Sustainable Future," the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** held its **CHS Research Forum 2024** on **March 5, 2024** at the CHS Hall, located on the 4th floor of the Engineering and Technology Complex. This event aimed to bring together faculty members, researchers, and students to showcase their research achievements and foster intellectual collaboration.

The morning session began with an inspiring message from **CHS Dean, Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, MAN, RN**. He welcomed the participants and emphasized that this gathering was a celebration of the spirit of inquiry and intellectual pursuits that define the academic community. Dean Mangarun highlighted that the celebration of MSU-IIT's first Research Week was a significant milestone, marking a collective commitment to advancing knowledge and expanding the horizons of scholarship.



Research Achievements and Presentations

Dr. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete led the formal introduction, providing an overview of research achievements from **Publications (2023-2024)**, **International Conference Paper Presentations**, **Winners of Research Competitions**, **AD Scientific Index 2024**, and **Completed and Ongoing Researches**.

Following this, various faculty members and researchers presented their completed studies:

- Dr. Roselyn M. Butalid shared her research on "**Needs assessment of PWDs in Iligan City: Basis for designing a sustainable community outreach program.**"
- Assoc. Prof. Geraldine S. Ridad and Assoc. Prof. Minnie B. Mamauag presented "**Perceived Health Impact of Holcim Resource Development Company (HRDC) on Highly Impacted Communities (Phase 3, Nov 2021 – Apr 2022).**"



- Dr. Neil M. Martin showcased his work on the Water Sanitation Project (WASAP) in Barangay Luinab, Iligan City.

Afternoon Session: Realigning Research Agendas

In the afternoon, Dr. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete facilitated the realignment of the CHS research agenda to align with the **Regional, National, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** research initiatives. Assoc. Prof. Art Brian S. Escabarte provided the closing remarks, marking a successful conclusion to the day's activities.



Active Participation and Engagement

The forum witnessed a strong turnout with active participation from CHS faculty members and nursing students across all levels. The event provided valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration, contributing significantly to MSU-IIT's goal of becoming a research-intensive university.

The subsequent **Research Week activities** from March 6-7 further engaged CHS faculty and students in various initiatives, such as **FabLab Designing and Prototyping at MSU-IIT FABLAB MINDANAO**, **Research Proposal Writing for Externally Funded Projects** at the CED Amphitheater, and **iDEYA Start-up Basics 101** for students on March 4, 2024.



Recognition and Awards

During the **Closing Program** on March 8, 2024, **Dr. Ephrime B. Metillo**, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Enterprise (OVCRE), and **Dr. Gaudencio C. Petalcorin**, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented awards to outstanding researchers.

CHS Awardees:

- **Dr. Roselyn M. Butalid**
- **Dr. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**
- **Dr. Minnie B. Mamaug**
- **Dr. Mae-Lanie Ong Poblete**
- **Dr. Neil M. Martin**
- **Assistant Professors**
 - Johanna Jiel Padogdog-Cortes
 - Elvie A. Paler
 - Queenie Jane J. Ramel
 - Reya T. Seno

Additionally, **CHS received a Certificate of Recognition for Booth No. 15**, which won **1st Place** for the **Best College Booth Exhibit**.

A Week of Achievements and Innovation

The week-long event, which began on **March 4, 2024**, with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony led by **Chancellor Alizedney M. Ditucalan**, culminated with the presence of keynote speaker,



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Dr. Leslie Michelle M. Dalmacio, President of the National Research Council of the Philippines and Vice-Chancellor for Research at UP Manila.

In his closing speech, **Chancellor Ditucalan** highlighted the university's strategic plans, stressing MSU-IIT's commitment to becoming a research-focused institution. He emphasized that the celebration of Research Week demonstrated the university's capacity to foster innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration, contributing to a sustainable future.

With a diverse range of research presentations showcasing the innovation and perspectives of various colleges and centers, this year's event reinforced MSU-IIT's vision of influencing the future through research and scholarship.



C. EXTENSION

Strengthening college outreach efforts is essential for fostering an inclusive and holistic educational environment. These initiatives transcend traditional boundaries, bridging the gap between the institution and diverse communities. By actively engaging with various sectors of society, we create opportunities for meaningful collaboration, mutual learning, and shared growth.

Expanding these outreach activities not only enriches the overall learning experience but also empowers students and faculty to apply their knowledge and skills in real-world settings. Through community engagement, we cultivate a sense of social responsibility, foster cultural awareness, and inspire transformative change.

By investing in outreach, we reaffirm our commitment to education as a powerful tool for societal progress. These efforts not only strengthen the connection between the college and the community but also contribute positively to building a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate society.

Key Achievements and Initiatives

1. KASADYA Day: Celebrating Abilities and Embracing Diversity

- **Date:** December 6, 2024
- **Venue:** Barangay Poblacion Gymnasium, Iligan City
- **Participants:** Approximately 400

In partnership with the MSU-IIT WECARE Office and the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of Iligan City, CHS successfully hosted "KASADYA DAY: Celebrating Abilities and Embracing Diversity among PWDs." The event, part of the H.O.P.E. (Hinabang, Opportunidad, Paglaum, Edukasyon) Program, highlighted inclusivity and health care. CHS Level 3 nursing students actively participated by assisting in health checks and taking vital signs.

2. MOA Signing with Rogongon IP Community

- **Date:** November 26, 2024

CHS formalized its partnership with the Rogongon Indigenous People (IP) Community through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing at Sitio Salingsing, Barangay Rogongon, Iligan City. This collaboration aims to address health and educational needs in the IP community.

3. GAD Initiative for Older Adults: Optometric Medical Mission

- **Date:** October 14, 2024



- **Venue:** CED Amphitheater, MSU-IIT

In celebration of Elderly Month, CHS spearheaded an optometric medical mission for older adults in Iligan City. This initiative, in collaboration with the Research Center for Healthy Aging, provided vital eye care services to enhance senior citizens' well-being.

4. Leadership and Management Capability Building for Older Adults

- **Date:** October 7, 2024
- **Venue:** CED Amphitheater, MSU-IIT
- **Participants:** Approximately 100

CHS organized a seminar to empower older adults with leadership and management skills, emphasizing their role in community development.

5. Basic Life Support Training for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)

- **Date:** July 29, 2024
- **Venue:** BJMP-Iligan City

CHS collaborated with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) to conduct Basic Life Support (BLS) training for PDLs as part of the ongoing project, "Mga Nars Kaabay sa Kalusugan ug Kalawasan."

6. Participation in National Disability Rights Week Mini Medical Mission

- **Date:** July 19, 2024
- **Venue:** MSU-IIT Gymnasium

In collaboration with various local and national agencies, CHS actively participated in a Mini Medical Mission to celebrate National Disability Rights Week, providing essential health services to persons with disabilities.

7. Alumni and Community Day: Charter Day Celebration

- **Date:** July 11, 2024
- **Venue:** Iligan City Public Plaza

CHS supported the WE CARE Office in hosting Alumni and Community Day during MSU-IIT's 56th Charter Day celebration, emphasizing the university's community-oriented mission.

8. Medical Mission in Brgy. Tambacan, Iligan City

- **Date:** April 18, 2024
- **Venue:** Brgy. Tambacan, Iligan City
- **Participants:** 150

CHS faculty, in partnership with the City Health Office, conducted a medical mission to deliver essential health services to underserved populations in Brgy. Tambacan.

9. Launch of Health and Wellness Program for PDLs

- **Date:** April 26, 2024
- **Venue:** BJMP-Iligan City



- **Participants:** 400

CHS and BJMP launched a comprehensive health and wellness program for PDLs, focusing on holistic well-being and inclusivity.

10. National Women's Month and International Women's Day Celebration

- **Inclusive Dates:** March 1–31, 2024

- **Venue:** MSU-IIT College of Health Sciences

CHS celebrated National Women's Month and International Women's Day through a series of lecture discussions and events centered on empowering women and marginalized groups. Topics included sexual and reproductive health education, leadership, and equality.

Summary

In 2024, the College of Health Sciences at MSU-IIT successfully implemented a range of programs and initiatives that underscored its commitment to inclusivity, community service, and academic excellence. These efforts have strengthened partnerships, empowered marginalized groups, and advanced the health and well-being of communities. Through these accomplishments, CHS continues to uphold its mission of fostering holistic development and leadership in health sciences.



MSU-IIT CHS and Iligan PWDs Celebrate Kasadya Day

Inclusive Date: December 6, 2024

Participants: Approximately 400

Venue: Barangay Poblacion Gymnasium, Iligan City

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) at the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), in partnership with the MSU-IIT WECARE Office and the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of Iligan City, successfully hosted “**KASADYA DAY: Celebrating Abilities and Embracing Diversity among PWDs**” on December 6, 2024. Held as part of the H.O.P.E. (Hinabang, Opportunidad, Paglaum, Edukasyon) Program, the event brought together a diverse group of around 400 participants, including MSU-IIT faculty, PDAO staff, PWDs from various barangays, local officials, guests, and Level 3 CHS Nursing students, who contributed by assisting in health checks and taking vital signs.



Program Highlights

The event commenced with an invocation led by **Pastor Criselda C. Jarilla**, followed by a warm welcome address delivered by **Ms. Charito Huertas Nadorra**, representing Councilor Samuel "Tatay" Huertas.

Inspirational Messages

- **Associate Professor Jiddo Andrei Maranda**, CHS Faculty and Extension Coordinator, delivered an inspirational message, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and community support.
- **Professor Roselyn M. Butalid** provided an overview of the day's goals and activities.
- **Assoc. Prof. Vincent G. Tabil** introduced the distinguished guests in attendance.
- **Hon. Mayor Frederick W. Siao**, represented by **Councilor Betsy Zalsos**, extended a message of encouragement, underscoring the city's commitment to supporting persons with disabilities.
- Pastor Jarilla shared a faith-based message focusing on hope and resilience, inspiring participants to embrace challenges with positivity.

Activities and Awards

The day featured engaging activities, including:

- **Hypertension and Health Awareness Lecture** by **Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**, alongside the distribution of certificates and tokens to participants by **Conchita Areola**, PDAO Head and H.O.P.E. Program Leader.
- Contests showcasing the creativity and talents of PWD participants, including a **Christmas Caroling Contest**, **Slogan Making Contest**, and **Painting Contest**.



Winners of the Slogan Making Contest:

- **1st Place:** Barangay Sto. Rosario – “Walay imposible nga dili nila kaya. Walay limit nato isip usa ka PWD.”
- **2nd Place:** Barangay Saray – “Don’t judge a disability by visibility.”
- **3rd Place:** Barangay Upper Tominobo – “The only true disability is the inability to accept and respect differences.”

Closing and Reflection

The event concluded with a heartfelt prayer and reflection led by **Mrs. Charina L. Haynes.**

Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete served as the event’s Master of Ceremonies.

A Celebration of Unity and Diversity

Kasadaya Day was more than an event; it was a celebration of abilities, diversity, and resilience, fostering unity and understanding among PWDs and the broader community. Through the collaborative efforts of MSU-IIT, PDAO, and the CHS, the day underscored the power of inclusion and the shared goal of building a supportive and empowered community for all.

Successful MOA Signing between MSU-IIT and Rogongon IP Community

On November 26, 2024, the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) and the Rogongon Indigenous People (IP) Community successfully formalized their partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at Sitio Salingsing, Barangay Rogongon, Iligan City.

The MOA signing marked a significant step in the implementation of the institute-funded project titled “Culturally Tailored Maternal Healthcare: Examining the Needs of Young Higaonon Mothers” (S.O. No. 00279–2024). The event commenced with a traditional ritual led by four baylans of Sitio Salingsing, honoring the cultural heritage and customs of the Higaonon community.



Mr. Demalie Comonog, Community Service Center Head of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Provincial Office, opened the event with remarks emphasizing the importance of the partnership. He also introduced the Provincial Officer of NCIP Lanao del Norte, Mr. Buddy Landong.

Comonog later presented the MSU-IIT project team, led by Dr. Neil M. Martin, RN, MAN, MBE, alongside members Ms. Nona Krislin G. Jopillo, MAN, RN, LPT, and Ms. Johanna Jiel P. Cortes, RN, MAN, all from the College of Health Sciences (CHS). Joining the team were Associate Professor Jay Rome O. De Los Santos from the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) and Dr. Rizalina Gomez from the College of Education (CED).





Following the introduction, Mr. Comonog reiterated the MOA's key provisions to ensure the community's understanding and acceptance. The formal signing of the MOA then took place, witnessed by key representatives:

First Party:

Datu Melvin "Kiamo" Enluran, Chieftain of Sitio Salingsing

Datu Charlito Rondahan, Chieftain of Sitio Dungguan

Mr. Rody H. Undiman Jr., Sitio Salingsing Purok Leader

Ms. Flora Mae L. Cunto

Second Party:

Atty. Yaslani Bantuas, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, representing MSU-IIT
Chancellor, Professor Alizedney M. Ditucalan

Third Party:

Mr. Fundador Binahon Jr.

Additional witnesses included NCIP officials Ms. Mylene Lubas, Ms. Esedrita Daumar, Mr. Buddy Landong, and Mr. Demalie Comonog.

Advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Aligned with SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality), the project seeks to address disparities in maternal healthcare within the Higaonon IP community. By focusing on the specific needs of young Indigenous mothers, the research aims to promote equitable healthcare outcomes.

Objectives of the Project

Identify and Address Disparities: The study examines maternal healthcare gaps to provide actionable insights for improving services tailored to the needs of young IP mothers.

Empower Healthcare Decision-Making: By understanding cultural nuances, the project aims to empower mothers in their healthcare choices, fostering trust and engagement with healthcare systems.

Inform Policy Development: Research findings can contribute to the design of targeted public health programs and culturally sensitive policies that better serve Indigenous communities.

Enhance Cultural Competence: Training healthcare providers to respect and incorporate cultural traditions ensures more effective communication and delivery of care.



Broader Impact

By addressing these objectives, the project seeks to uplift the well-being of young mothers and the larger Higaonon community in Barangay Rogongan, Iligan City. Through partnerships like this, MSU-IIT continues to demonstrate its commitment to community engagement, cultural inclusivity, and impactful research that bridges gaps in healthcare delivery.

GAD Initiative Brings Vital Eye Care to Iligan City's Older Adults

In a heartfelt celebration of Elderly Month, the **Gender and Development (GAD) Initiative for Older Adults' Optometric Medical Mission** was held on October 14, 2024, at the CED Amphitheater, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT). Spearheaded by the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** and the **Research Center for Healthy Aging**, this initiative aimed to enhance the well-being of senior citizens in Iligan City through comprehensive eye health services.



Compassion in Action

The GAD-approved extension activity provided critical eye care services to 100 senior participants, offering screenings, consultations, and educational sessions on maintaining eye health and managing age-related vision issues. This initiative underscored the institution's commitment to serving the community and addressing the specific health needs of older adults.

A Community Effort

Organizers extended their heartfelt thanks to the **Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines, Iligan Chapter**, for their active collaboration with CHS' **GERIA team** and



the junior nursing students who lent their time and skills to assist participants throughout the day.

Special acknowledgment was given to the **Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists-Iligan Chapter** for their professional expertise and dedication. Optometrists **Dr. Lilibeth OD Imperial**, **Dr. Mary Ann Superable Nacion**, and **Dr. Rose May Maramot** were instrumental in conducting eye screenings and delivering health teachings tailored to the needs of older adults. Their contributions ensured that participants received personalized, high-quality eye care.

The unwavering support of the **MSU-IIT Gender and Development Center (GADC)** was also recognized, with gratitude expressed to **Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Prof. Nancy Q. Echavez** and **GADC Focal Person Asst. Prof. Yasmira Moner** for their vital roles in the success of the event.



Empowering the Elderly

"The encouragement and care demonstrated today reflect our shared responsibility toward our elderly population. Together, we are making a real difference," said **Assoc. Prof. Minnie Mamauag**, head of the Research Center for Healthy Aging.

The event not only addressed essential health needs but also fostered a sense of community and inclusion, reminding everyone of the importance of supporting and nurturing the elderly.

Looking Ahead

As the day concluded, participants and organizers alike expressed hope and enthusiasm for future initiatives aimed at improving the well-being of senior citizens. The medical mission exemplified the spirit of collaboration and compassion, serving as a powerful reminder of the collective effort needed to care for society's most vulnerable members.



Leadership and Management Capability Building Seminar for Older Adults

Inclusive Date: October 7, 2024

Number of Participants: Approximately 100 older adult leaders

Venue: College of Education (CED) Amphitheater, MSU-IIT

In a significant effort to empower senior citizens and enhance their leadership and management capabilities, the **Leadership and Management Capability Building Seminar for Older Adults** was held on October 7, 2024, at the College of Education Amphitheater, MSU-IIT.

Organized for Senior Citizen Leaders

The seminar was a collaborative initiative of the **Research Center for Healthy Aging (RCHA)**, the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)**, and the **Gender and Development Center (GADC)**. It was specifically designed for the officers of the Iligan Chapter of the **Federation of Senior Citizen Associations of the Philippines, Inc. (FSCAP)**.

Focused and Comprehensive Workshops

Titled “**Older Adult Capability Building Seminar for Leadership and Management**,” the program featured four interactive workshops that included:

- **Lectures on Leadership and Management**
- **Gender-Inclusive Communication Processes in Organizations**
- **Conflict Management Systems**

These sessions aimed to equip participants with updated knowledge and practical tools to navigate leadership challenges effectively.

Key Objectives

The seminar targeted several key outcomes:

- Enhance leadership skills among senior citizen leaders.
- Update knowledge of modern management practices.
- Introduce digital literacy concepts.
- Promote lifelong learning.
- Foster networking and collaboration within the FSCAP community.

Additionally, a **needs assessment survey** was conducted to evaluate the leadership capabilities, values, and competencies of the FSCAP officers, with support from CHS faculty members and junior nursing students.

Insights from Expert Speakers

The seminar was enriched by talks from esteemed faculty and specialists:



- **Prof. Minnie B. Mamaug**, CHS faculty member and RCHA Head, presented on “*Effective Communication, Gender Dynamics, and Leadership and Management Processes.*”
- **Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete**, CHS faculty member, discussed “*Basic Concepts of Gender Equality and Digital Management.*”
- **Asst. Prof. Yasmira Moner**, the University’s GAD Focal Person, delivered a session on “*Leadership and Gender Inclusivity.*”

A Milestone for Senior Leadership Development

This capability-building seminar marked a significant step toward empowering older adults in leadership roles, enabling them to lead with confidence and adaptability across various sectors. By addressing critical aspects of communication, inclusivity, and modern management practices, the program underscored the importance of equipping senior leaders with the tools to foster progress and collaboration in their communities.

CHS Conducts Basic Life Support (BLS) Training for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**, in collaboration with the **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) - Iligan City**, successfully conducted the second phase of its ongoing project, "**Mga Nars Kaabay sa Kalusugan ug Kalawasan: A Project for PDLs of BJMP-Iligan City.**" The activity, which featured **Basic Life Support (BLS) training**, was held on **July 29, 2024**, at the BJMP facility in Iligan City.





Training Highlights

The PDLs were trained in performing essential **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)** and **First Aid** techniques. These life-saving skills equip participants with the ability to administer chest compressions and rescue breathing, ensuring immediate and effective response during emergencies until professional medical help arrives.

The training session was led by **CHS faculty and lead trainer Clarence Bien L. Nebres**, with additional support from other CHS faculty members who facilitated the **return demonstrations** performed by the PDLs.



Partnership and Purpose

This initiative aligns with the **National Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Day** celebration, underscoring the significance of empowering individuals, including PDLs, with critical life-saving knowledge and skills.

Associate Professor Jiddo Andrei G. Maranda, CHS faculty and **College Extension Coordinator**, delivered the opening remarks, emphasizing the project's commitment to improving the health and well-being of marginalized populations through education and collaboration.

Continuing Impact

The "**Mga Nars Kaabay sa Kalusugan ug Kalawasan**" project reflects CHS's dedication to community engagement and its role as a catalyst for meaningful change. By extending



healthcare education to underserved groups, the program contributes to the broader goal of fostering inclusive and equitable healthcare in the community.



CHS Joins Mini Medical Mission to Celebrate National Disability Rights Week

The Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), through its College of Health Sciences (CHS), actively participated in a Mini Medical Mission on July 19, 2024, at the MSU-IIT Gymnasium. This event was part of the celebration of National Disability Rights Week and was conducted in collaboration with the Office of the City Mayor Frederick W. Siao, the Office of City Councilor Samuel “Tatay” Huertas, the National Council on Disability Affairs, the Philippine Councilors League, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iligan City, and the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO).

Medical Mission Highlights

The one-day event featured the participation of five volunteer doctors from the City Health Office, who provided health consultations, medical services, and free medicines. Other forms of assistance were also offered, showcasing the collaborative efforts of various organizations.

As part of CHS's extension activity, themed "Nursing Students' Care for Persons with Disabilities through Health Education," faculty, staff, and BS Nursing students contributed significantly by:



- Conducting **vital sign assessments**
- Providing **patient education**
- Distributing **health pamphlets** addressing common health concerns such as hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhea, leptospirosis, and HIV/AIDS

Mobility aids and assistive devices, including **wheelchairs** and **quad canes**, were distributed for free. Additionally, attendees benefited from meals, snacks, haircuts, eyebrow grooming, and sacks of rice sponsored by the **Office of the City Mayor** and **Councilor Huertas**.



Program Overview

With approximately **2,000 attendees**, the program began with a **welcome address** by **Dr. Rohane M. Derogongan**, Vice Chancellor for Student Services, representing MSU-IIT Chancellor **Prof. Alizedney M. Ditucalan**.

Distinguished guests included:

- **City Councilor Samuel "Tatay" Huertas**, PWD Committee Chairman
- Representatives for **City Mayor Frederick W. Siao** and **Vice Mayor Marianito D. Alemania**: **Mr. Najib Amer**, **City Councilors Ramil C. Emborong**, and **Providencio "Bong" Abragan**



City Sports Director V. King C. Belmonte delivered a short talk, commending the active participation of PWDs in sports. He also facilitated the awarding of prizes for the **National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Sports Fest**, which featured events like **goal ball for the blind, wheelchair basketball**, and other sports such as volleyball, badminton, table tennis, and chess.

CSWD Department Head Evelyn S. Madrio delivered an inspirational message, while **PDAO Head Conchita A. Areola** gave the **closing remarks**. The program was hosted by **Associate Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca** of CHS and **HOPE Program leader** and **Barangay Mahayahay Kagawad Rey M. Manzanero**.





Celebrating Abilities and Advocating Inclusion

This year's National Disability Rights Week, celebrated from **July 17 to 23, 2024**, carried the theme "**Promoting Inclusion: Celebrating Abilities and Advocating Access.**" The theme emphasized the resilience and abilities of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) while highlighting the importance of fostering an accessible and inclusive society. The event underscored the collective effort needed to ensure equal access to opportunities, resources, and all aspects of life for PWDs.

Alumni and Community Day: A Celebration of Service and Solidarity

Inclusive Date: July 11, 2024

Venue: Iligan City Public Plaza

As part of the 56th Charter Day celebration of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), themed "**A University with a Heart for the Community,**" the **WE CARE Office** hosted the **Alumni and Community Day** on July 11, 2024, at the Iligan City Public Plaza.

Engaging Activities and Services

The event welcomed selected representatives from the 44 barangays of Iligan City. The day began with an energizing **Zumba dance session**, followed by **free medical and optical services**. Participants also received tokens, adding a touch of joy to the celebration.

Comprehensive Medical Services

The **medical mission** was a highlight of the event, bringing together dedicated professionals and volunteers to provide essential health services. Faculty members from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** played a pivotal role in the mission, offering expert medical consultations and assisting in the overall organization of the health services. Their contributions ensured that the services provided were not only comprehensive but also tailored to the specific needs of the community.

The CHS faculty's participation exemplified their commitment to community engagement, bridging healthcare education with practical service delivery.



A Collaborative Effort

The success of this event was made possible through the collective efforts of valued partners, including:

- **Iligan Medical Society**
- **City Health Office**
- **LGU-Iligan**
- **Association of Barangay Councils**
- **Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists - Lanao del Norte**
- **Philippine Pharmacist Association - Iligan City and Lanao del Norte Chapter**

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to **Chancellor Alizedney M. Ditucalan**, the **seven colleges** of MSU-IIT, the **College Extension Coordinators (CECs)**, and the faculty and staff who went above and beyond in making this event a success.

A True Reflection of MSU-IIT's Values

This celebration truly embodied MSU-IIT's commitment to serving the community as "**A University with a Heart for the Community.**" By bringing essential services and uplifting activities to Iligan City residents, the event highlighted the university's dedication to fostering meaningful connections and addressing the needs of the community.

Alumni and Community Day stands as a testament to MSU-IIT's enduring legacy of compassion, service, and solidarity with the people it serves.



Medical Mission Activity Brings Health Services to Brgy. Tambacan, Iligan City

Inclusive Date: April 18, 2024

Number of Participants: 150

Venue: Brgy. Tambacan, Iligan City

In a continued effort to bring essential health services directly to the community, the **WE CARE Office Team**, in partnership with faculty members from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** and the **City Health Office**, conducted a **Medical Mission Activity** in **Brgy. Tambacan, Iligan City** on April 18, 2024.

A Collaborative Health Initiative

This medical mission was part of the **Barangay Caravan Initiatives** led by **LGU-Iligan**, which aims to provide localized healthcare access and education. The activity saw participation from 150 residents, including women, children, and elderly individuals, who benefited from free medical consultations and health services.

Educational Highlights

Complementing the medical services were **health education sessions** led by CHS faculty members:

- **Asst. Prof. Lorie Ann S. Balili** delivered an engaging lecture on **Pertussis (Whooping Cough)**, highlighting its symptoms, prevention, and management strategies.
- **Asst. Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana** provided an insightful discussion on **Women's Health Concerns**, empowering participants with knowledge about reproductive health, wellness, and self-care practices.

These lectures emphasized the importance of health awareness and preventive measures, equipping the community with valuable tools for better health management.



Acknowledgments

The success of this initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of numerous individuals and organizations. Special gratitude is extended to:

- **Brgy. Tambacan Barangay Captain, Engr. Mae J. Labra**, for her unwavering support and leadership.
- **LGU-Iligan**, for its continued commitment to community health programs.
- The volunteers, faculty, and organizers whose hard work and dedication made this event a meaningful success.

A Step Towards Community Wellness

The **Medical Mission Activity** in Brgy. Tambacan not only delivered essential healthcare services but also fostered a sense of community and collective responsibility for health and well-being. This initiative stands as a testament to the power of collaboration between academic institutions, local government units, and the community to create impactful change.

With continued efforts like these, MSU-IIT, through its WE CARE Office and the College of Health Sciences, reaffirms its mission to promote accessible and inclusive healthcare for all.



MSU-IIT CHS and BJMP-IIigan City Launch Health and Wellness Program for PDLs

Inclusive Date: April 26, 2024

Number of Participants: 400

Venue: BJMP-IIigan City

In a significant step towards fostering holistic well-being and inclusivity, the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-IIigan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**, in collaboration with the **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)** of IIigan City, launched a transformative program for **Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)** on April 26, 2024, at the BJMP-IIigan City facility.

Empowering PDLs Through Health and Wellness

The half-day program, titled “**Mga Nars Kaabay sa Kalusugan ug Kaluwasan Project para sa PDL (Persons Deprived of Liberty)**”, underscored the institution’s commitment to improving health and safety within correctional facilities. The event, attended by 400 participants, ran from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and provided both educational and practical interventions aimed at enhancing the lives of PDLs.



Program Highlights

The event began with an inspiring **opening address** by **Professor Rosario L. Reserva, PhD**, Director of Extension under the **WE CARE Office**, part of the **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs (OVCPA)**.



CHS Dean Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, MAN, followed with a motivational message, emphasizing the shared responsibility of providing equitable healthcare for all, including PDLs.



A.J.O. Walter W. Mainit delivered a comprehensive presentation on the **History of Partnership** between **MSU-IIT CHS** and **BJMP-Iligan City**, highlighting previous collaborative successes and laying the groundwork for future initiatives.

Assistant Professor Lynuel R. Santillana, MAN, RN, and **Associate Professor Jiddo Andrei G. Maranda, MN, RN**, facilitated a compelling discussion on the **Rationale of the Project** and outlined **Future Plans** for BJMP-Iligan City, further strengthening the program's vision for sustained impact.

Meaningful Engagements

The program included several interactive and impactful activities:

- **Distribution of Hygiene Kits:** Each PDL received essential hygiene items, symbolizing care and support for their well-being.
- **Awarding of Certificates and Tokens:** Key participants and collaborators were recognized for their dedication and contributions.
- **Photo Opportunity:** A group photo captured the spirit of collaboration and unity among attendees.

The event concluded with heartfelt **closing remarks** from **BJMP Iligan City Jail Warden JCINSP Carlo F. Obrique**, who expressed gratitude to all partners for their unwavering commitment to the welfare of PDLs.



A Commitment to Inclusive Healthcare

This initiative reflects **MSU-IIT's** ongoing dedication to serving marginalized communities, fostering partnerships, and promoting health equity. By addressing the needs of PDLs through education, resources, and collaboration, the **Mga Nars Kaabay sa Kalusugan ug Kaluwasan Project** exemplifies the university's vision of being a catalyst for meaningful change.

With this program, MSU-IIT CHS and BJMP-Iligan City reaffirm their shared mission to prioritize health and well-being as essential components of rehabilitation and reintegration.

CHS Conducts Lecture Series in Celebration of National Women's Month and International Women's Day

Inclusive Dates: March 1–31, 2024

Number of Participants: 400

Venue: MSU-IIT College of Health Sciences

The **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**, through its **College of Health Sciences (CHS)**, successfully conducted a series of lecture discussions in celebration of **National Women's Month** and **International Women's Day**. These events, themed "**Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahang ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!**", brought together diverse audiences to empower women and other marginalized groups through education, awareness, and practical interventions.





Event 1: Health and Wellness Behind Bars

Date: March 22, 2024

Venue: BJMP-Iligan City Jail Female Dormitory

The first lecture discussion took place at the **Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)**-Iligan City Jail Female Dormitory. The **Health and Wellness Behind Bars Lecture Discussion** catered to female **Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)** and was officially opened by **SJO4 Dina P. Tumanda**, BJMP Assistant Warden.

The program included three key discussions:

1. **Reproductive Health Issues and Breast Self-Examination** by **Asst. Prof. Lynuel R. Santillana, MAN, RN.**
2. **Common Communicable Diseases** by **Asst. Prof. Carmela D. Ortega, MN, RN.**
3. **Taking Care of Our Mental Health** by **Asst. Prof. Karen R. Veloso, MAN, RN**, Peace Education Coordinator of MSU-IIT's Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao.

The event concluded with the distribution of hygiene kits, certificates, and tokens of appreciation.



Event 2: Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Education for PWDs

Date: March 22, 2024

Venue: CHS Conference Hall, MSU-IIT



The second session, tailored for persons with disabilities (PWDs), focused on **Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Services**. This event featured the following speakers:

- **Dr. Stacey Marianne A. Principe, RN**, from the Department of Health (DOH).
- **Ms. Charina L. Haynes**, sign language interpreter from the School for the Deaf in Iligan.
- **Mr. Rizaldy Y. Mocorro**, President of the PWD Federation, Iligan City Chapter.
- **City Councilor Atty. Marlene L. Young**.

Led by Program Leader **Assoc. Prof. Gloria Shiela E. Coyoca**, this event was part of CHS's **Hinabang, Opportunidad, Paglaum, and Edukasyon (H.O.P.E.)** Sustainable Community Outreach Program for PWDs.



Event 3: Embrace Your True Self – Promoting Adolescents' Health and Wellness

Date: April 8, 2024 (rescheduled due to holidays)

Venue: CHS Conference Hall, MSU-IIT

The final lecture discussion, "**Embrace Your True Self: Promoting Adolescents' Health and Wellness Year 2**," targeted **Grade 7 students** of MSU-IIT's **Integrated Developmental School (IDS)**.

CHS Dean **Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, MAN, RN**, warmly welcomed participants and highlighted the importance of self-discovery and empowerment. In his inspiring speech, he encouraged participants to celebrate their uniqueness, saying, "Embrace who you are, celebrate your strengths, and remember that you are valued just the way you are."



The program included engaging discussions:

- **Taking Care of One's Mental Health** by **Asst. Prof. Karen R. Veloso, MAN, RN.**
- **Gender and Development (GAD) Overview** by **Assoc. Prof. Minnie B. Mamaug, DScN, RN**, Chair of the GAD Technical Working Group.

The CHS lecture series reached over 400 participants, representing various sectors, including PDLs, PWDs, and adolescents. The events not only educated but also empowered individuals, fostering inclusivity and promoting well-being across the community.

Through these initiatives, MSU-IIT CHS demonstrated its unwavering commitment to celebrating women and advancing health, wellness, and equality for all.

CHS Holds Lecture-Discussion for National Women's Month and International Women's Day

Inclusive Date: March 22, 2024

Number of Participants: 100

Venue: MSU-IIT College of Health Sciences

In line with the celebration of **National Women's Month** and **International Women's Day**, the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** of the **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**, in collaboration with the **Iligan City Local Government Unit (LGU)–City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD)**, organized a lecture-discussion titled "**Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Education and Services.**" The event was held on **March 22, 2024**, at the **CHS Conference Hall, MSU-IIT**, and embraced the theme, "**Lipunang Patas sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahang ng Kababaihan, Patutunayan!**"

This pioneering lecture-discussion, the first to focus on sexual and reproductive health education for **persons with disabilities (PWDs)**, featured esteemed speakers:

- **Dr. Stacey Marianne A. Principe, RN**, from the Department of Health (DOH), as the resource speaker.
- **Ms. Charina L. Haynes**, a sign language interpreter from the School for the Deaf in Iligan.
- **Mr. Rizaldy Y. Mocorro**, President of the PWD Federation, Iligan City Chapter.
- **City Councilor Atty. Marlene L. Young**.



Part of the H.O.P.E. Program

This successful event forms part of CHS's implementation of its **Hinabang, Opportunidad, Paglaum, and Edukasyon (H.O.P.E.) Sustainable Community Outreach Program**, designed to support the PWD community in Iligan City. Running from **January to December 2024**, the program operates under the recommendation of MSU-IIT's **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs**.



The H.O.P.E. Program includes a series of targeted projects aimed at addressing the needs of PWDs:

1. **Project LIHOK KO (Empowering Physically Impaired Persons)** – Led by **Assoc. Prof. Roselyn M. Butalid.**
2. **Project NADUNGGAN KO (Empowering Hearing and Speech-Impaired Persons)** – Led by **Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno.**



3. Project KAHAYAG KO (Empowering Visually Impaired Persons) – Led by Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete.



Program Highlights

The program commenced with a warm welcome and opening speech by **CHS Dean Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, DScN, MAN, RN**, who emphasized the significance of inclusive health education and empowerment for women and PWDs.

Attendees included a diverse group of PWDs of different ages from Iligan City, along with CHS faculty, students, and other invited guests.

The event successfully underscored the importance of advancing sexual and reproductive health education and fostering inclusivity for PWDs, marking a significant milestone in CHS's commitment to community outreach and empowerment.



D. INSTRUCTION

Teaching is both a challenging and vital responsibility for educators, requiring the implementation of effective practices and innovative strategies to inspire and empower learners. Despite the complexities inherent in education, the College of Health Sciences (CHS) has risen to the occasion, demonstrating exceptional resilience and adaptability.

CHS excels by seamlessly integrating technology into instruction, ensuring that teaching methods remain dynamic, relevant, and accessible. Through a strong emphasis on research, innovation, and scholarly publications, CHS fosters a culture of continuous improvement and knowledge creation. Additionally, the college organizes impactful initiatives that enrich both teaching practices and the overall learning experience, further solidifying its role as a transformative force in education.

This unwavering commitment to excellence has positioned CHS as a leader in navigating and overcoming the challenges of modern education. By embracing change and leveraging resilience, CHS continues to set the standard for guiding students and educators alike through an ever-evolving academic landscape, ensuring success in even the most trying times.

Key Faculty Development and Academic Initiatives

1. Faculty Consultation on Team Nursing Implementation

- **Date:** October 30, 2024

CHS held a faculty consultation under the guidance of Dr. Mamaug to explore the integration of team nursing into the *Leadership and Management in Nursing* course. The discussion focused on developing a clinical setup that effectively incorporates team nursing principles into practical applications, ensuring alignment with contemporary nursing practices.

2. Participation in TMU's Advanced Healthcare Professional Training Program

- **Inclusive Dates:** July 8–19, 2024
- **Venue:** Taipei Medical University, Taipei City, Taiwan

For the first time, CHS faculty members Associate Professor Minnie B. Mamaug and Associate Professor Mae-Lanie O. Poblete participated in the prestigious Advanced Healthcare Professional Training Program at Taipei Medical University (TMU). This program provided advanced training in nursing and healthcare practices, fostering international collaboration and professional growth.



3. Preceptorship Training at Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center

- **Inclusive Dates:** March 4–15, 2024
- **Venue:** VSMMC, Cebu City

Six CHS faculty members underwent intensive Preceptorship Training at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center's Behavioral Sciences, Neurosurgical, and Orthopedic Units. This training equipped Clinical Instructors with in-depth knowledge of hospital policies and procedures, enhancing their capabilities to supervise nursing students in clinical settings.

4. Clinical Simulations Using High-Fidelity Manikins

- **Date:** January 31, 2024
- **Venue:** Nursing Laboratory, MSU-IIT

CHS launched its newly acquired high-fidelity manikins with a clinical simulation event attended by Chancellor Alizedney M. Ditucalan and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Gaudencio Petalcorin, Jr. The demonstration showcased the state-of-the-art technology's potential in advancing clinical training and bridging the gap between theory and practice.

5. Faculty Collaborative Curriculum Development Workshop

- **Facilitator:** Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno, CHS Curriculum Coordinator
- CHS conducted a three-day workshop focused on collaborative curriculum development. Faculty members worked collectively to refine instructional methods and enhance curriculum design, ensuring alignment with both learner needs and academic objectives. This activity underscored CHS's commitment to continuous improvement and academic excellence.

In 2024, the College of Health Sciences demonstrated its commitment to professional growth, innovative teaching methods, and academic collaboration. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of CHS faculty to advancing nursing education and their readiness to adopt global best practices in healthcare training. Through these initiatives, CHS continues to position itself as a leader in nursing and health sciences education.



FACULTY CONSULTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEAM NURSING IN THE CLINICAL EXPOSURE

A faculty consultation on the implementation of **team nursing** in the **Leadership and Management in Nursing** course was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. Mamaug** on **October 30, 2024**. This collaborative discussion aimed to develop a comprehensive **clinical setup** that effectively integrates the principles of **team nursing** into practical applications in clinical areas.



By aligning the clinical implementation with the **theoretical concepts** covered in lectures, the consultation sought to enhance students' understanding of **team dynamics, delegation, and collaborative patient care**.

This initiative underscores the commitment to **bridging classroom learning with real-world nursing practice**, fostering both **academic excellence and professional competence**.

CHS Faculty Join TMU's Advanced Healthcare Professional Training Program

For the first time, faculty members from the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)**, **Associate Professor Minnie B. Mamaug** and **Assoc. Prof. Mae-Lanie O. Poblete**, were invited to



participate in the **Advanced Healthcare Professional Training Program** organized by the **Taipei Medical University (TMU) College of Nursing**. Held from **July 8 to July 19, 2024**, the program took place at the **Comprehensive Medical Building** of TMU's College of Nursing in **Xinyi District, Taipei City, Taiwan**.

A Prestigious Opportunity

Mamaug and Poblete proudly represented **MSU-IIT** as part of a distinguished cohort of **27 health professionals** from **17 esteemed institutions across the Philippines**. This professional training program, sponsored by **Taiwan's Ministry of Education**, provided participants with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in advanced healthcare education and practices.



Program Highlights

The Summer School featured an intensive schedule that included:

- **Exploration of TMU's Academic Programs:** Participants were introduced to TMU's advanced education and postgraduate offerings.
- **State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Tours of modern research laboratories and healthcare facilities at TMU's three affiliated hospitals.
- **Collaborative Learning:** Training sessions focused on innovative skills and collaborative strategies to enhance healthcare delivery systems in participants' respective communities.



TMU College of Nursing: A Legacy of Excellence

Since its establishment in 1963, TMU's College of Nursing has been at the forefront of advancing nursing education and healthcare quality. Its mission includes:

- **Educating Healthcare Professionals:** Developing experts equipped with professional knowledge, compassionate care, and global competitiveness.
- **Research and Clinical Scholarship:** Emphasizing research performance and academic excellence, particularly in addressing the needs of aging societies through interdisciplinary perspectives.
- **Global Partnerships:** Maintaining collaborations with renowned universities and institutions worldwide, hosting international conferences, and fostering research initiatives.

A Step Toward Stronger Healthcare Systems

This year's program exemplifies TMU's commitment to fostering global collaboration and innovation in healthcare. For Mamaug and Poblete, the experience not only enhanced their professional knowledge and skills but also reinforced the CHS's dedication to improving healthcare education and delivery systems.

Their participation reflects **MSU-IIT's commitment to global engagement** and the continuous professional development of its faculty, ensuring the advancement of healthcare practices in the Philippines.



PRECEPTORSHIP TRAINING – VSMMC, CEBU CITY

From **March 4 to 15, 2024**, six faculty members participated in a two-week **Preceptorship Training** at the **Center for Behavioral Sciences, Neurosurgical, and Orthopedic Units** of the **Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center** in Cebu City.



The objective of this intensive training was to thoroughly familiarize **Clinical Instructors** with the **policies and procedures** of the hospital, ensuring they are well-prepared to supervise students during their clinical duties.

This initiative aligns with **CMO 15 S.2017**, which mandates that all clinical instructors undergo **clinical orientation** in both **base and affiliating hospitals**, guaranteeing consistency in the teaching and learning experience in healthcare settings.

The training not only strengthened the faculty members' **clinical competence** but also reinforced their ability to effectively guide and mentor nursing students in real-world clinical environments.

CHS Runs Clinical Simulations on High-Fidelity Manikins

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** recently conducted a clinical simulation to test its newly acquired high-fidelity manikins on **January 31, 2024**, at the Nursing Laboratory. The event was attended by



Chancellor Alizedney M. Ditucalan and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Gaudencio Petalcorin, Jr., who participated in the unveiling and demonstration of the manikins.



The **three high-fidelity manikins**—including **neonate**, **pediatric**, and **delivery** models—are the first of their kind owned by the University. According to **CHS Dean Assoc. Prof. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun**, these advanced manikins will create a more realistic clinical environment, allowing nursing students to practice and develop appropriate nursing management in simulated scenarios provided by their faculty members during their practicum.





Unlike the older manikins, which were primarily used for demonstration, these high-fidelity manikins react to external stimuli and can be manipulated to reflect specific medical conditions and responses similar to real patients. This new approach challenges nursing students to engage actively and move beyond the traditional method of receiving patient scenarios through verbal instruction alone.

Prof. Mangarun emphasized that this hands-on simulation will promote a more efficient learning experience. Students can make mistakes during these simulations, learn from them, and refine their skills in a safe environment, helping to prepare them more effectively for actual clinical settings.



The University has future plans to expand its simulation capabilities by acquiring additional high-fidelity manikins, including a **geriatric manikin** for simulating care for elderly patients and an **AI-driven manikin** to enhance realism even further in nursing training.

This initiative reflects MSU-IIT's commitment to integrating cutting-edge technology into education, fostering a more practical and hands-on approach to nursing education that enhances the quality of student training and skill development.



3-DAY FACULTY COLLABORATIVE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** recently conducted a three-day **Faculty Collaborative Curriculum Development Workshop**, facilitated by **Asst. Prof. Reya T. Seno**, the College Curriculum Coordinator. The primary objective of this workshop was to foster collaborative efforts among faculty members to enhance instructional delivery and continuously improve curriculum design, aligning it with both learner and faculty needs.



Day 1: Curriculum Mapping and Syllabus Template Dissemination

On the first day, activities focused on reviewing and revising the curriculum map to align with the **student workload reduction objective**. This curriculum mapping aims to reduce student workload by identifying essential program outcomes that demonstrate specific course-based evidence.

Additionally, the day included the dissemination of a **new syllabus template** crafted by the **Center for Pedagogical Innovations - CDPES**. This new template is designed to clearly illustrate how **course learning outcomes** contribute to the achievement of **overall program outcomes**. It also aims to be simplified and easy to understand for students, making the learning objectives more accessible.



Day 2: Clinical Teaching Plan and Assessment Tools

The second day featured group activities organized by **year level** to develop a standardized **Clinical Teaching Plan** for each level, ensuring that the **Related Learning Experience (RLE)** duties align with the desired competencies. The faculty also worked on creating **uniform rubrics** for assessments, including those for **Community Health Nursing (CHN)** and **School Nursing Narrative Reports**.

Furthermore, the faculty crafted a **peer assessment rating system** and discussed a **standardized course requirement and grading system** for lectures to be implemented across all courses with lecture components.





Day 3: Workbook Enhancement

The final day was dedicated to enhancing the **Nursing Manual Workbooks**. These workbooks will be updated to reflect the **necessary competencies** and align with the **latest educational standards**, ensuring they meet the needs of learners.

This collaborative workshop has strengthened curriculum coherence, improved teaching effectiveness, and provided a clear path forward in enhancing educational delivery at CHS.





E. INTERNATIONALIZATION

Internationalization in education represents a steadfast commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding, collaboration, and the exchange of global knowledge. This forward-looking approach transcends geographical boundaries, cultivating an inclusive environment where diverse perspectives and experiences converge. It prepares individuals to navigate and succeed in our increasingly interconnected world, where cultural competence and global awareness are invaluable.

By embracing internationalization, educational institutions unlock opportunities for students and educators to engage with diverse communities, collaborate on international projects, and gain exposure to global best practices. This not only enhances academic and professional development but also fosters a deep sense of social responsibility and mutual respect among cultures.

A commitment to internationalization is essential for creating a dynamic and enriched educational experience. It equips students with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in a global community, empowers educators to innovate and share knowledge on a global scale, and positions institutions as leaders in addressing global challenges through education and collaboration. Ultimately, it lays the foundation for a more inclusive, equitable, and interconnected world.

Propose, Review, and Support Internationalization Efforts: Policies, Engagements, and Development

1. Policy Development and Review

Proposed and Reviewed Internationalization Policies:

- Successfully reviewed critical policies, including CMO 62 s. 2016 on Transnational Education.
- Drafted and finalized Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the following partner institutions:
 - Institut Teknologi Sains dan Kesehatan itsPKU Muhammadiyah Surakarta, Indonesia (**Completed**).
 - Universitas Muhammadiyah Klaten (UMKLA), Indonesia (**Completed**).
 - UNISA Yogyakarta University, Indonesia (**Follow-up ongoing**).
 - Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia (**Follow-up ongoing**).



- Bingol University, Turkey (Erasmus+ Agreement, **Completed**).
- Kantor Urusan Internasional dan Kerjasama UMLA (MOU **review in progress**).

2. Coordination of International Engagements

Key Initiatives and Activities:

- Coordinated international travel and documentation for faculty and students, in collaboration with OVCSS, OVCIA, and OVCRE.
- Facilitated major events, including:
 - **National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST)** delegation visit (February 18-20, 2024).
 - **7th International Emergency Nursing Camp and 10th International Nursing Summer School 2024** in Indonesia.
- Presented the research paper, "Mental Health and Youth Peace-building Agency Towards Youth-Inclusive and Gender-responsive post-conflict and Pandemic Environment," at the **3rd ICDMHHR 2024 in Malaysia**.
- Delivered lectures and participated in webinars:
 - Resource Speaker: "HIV, STI, and Related Regulations in the Philippines" (Indonesian Embassy, Manila).
 - Webinar Presentation: "Building Mental Resilience: Coping with the Psychological Impact of Disaster."

3. Development of College-Based Activities

Key Accomplishments:

- Finalized the MOU with Lincoln University College (**January 2024**).
- Partnered with UCSI Malaysia for a student-led webinar.
- Conducted benchmarking activities and shared MSU-IIT CHS internationalization initiatives with:
 - MSU-Gensan.
 - Illana Bay Integrated Computer College, Maguindanao.
- Completed exploratory meetings with potential partner universities in Indonesia and Turkey. Outcomes include:
 - Submission of draft MOUs by three universities.
 - Erasmus+ Program agreement with Bingol University pending final signature.

4. Funding Exploration

Progress on Funding Opportunities:

- Collaborated with **Erasmus+ Programs** (Bingol University, Turkey) for international funding initiatives.



- Initiated discussions with the **Austrian Embassy in the Philippines** to explore project funding opportunities.

5. Verification of International Conferences

- Verified details for international conferences to ensure alignment with MSU-IIT's standards and academic goals.
- Reviewed conference legitimacy for faculty participation and publications.

6. Contributions to Publications

- Submitted articles for the **IZN Magazine** and quarterly reports, highlighting key engagements in Indonesia and Malaysia.
- Contributed a testimonial titled "Sa Gitna ng Palayan at Pag-asá" for the book **Pantavat to Nasi Lemak: Cultures Through Crops** (Kolkata Book Fair 2025).

7. Data Collection for International Rankings

- Monitored and collected data for global rankings (e.g., QS and THE).
- Aligned efforts with MSU-IIT's **Strategic Internationalization Plan (SIP)** to enhance global standing.

Summary

This report highlights the College of Health Sciences' accomplishments in fostering international collaborations, policy development, and global academic participation. These efforts have significantly contributed to MSU-IIT's goal of enhancing its global presence and strengthening partnerships in education and research.

Dr. Neil Madulara Martin Leads HIV and STI Awareness Seminar at Indonesian Embassy

On November 19, 2024, Dr. Neil Madulara Martin, MAN, RN, MBE, of the College of Health Sciences at Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), served as the sole guest speaker at a Knowledge and Awareness Seminar on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). The seminar was held at the Indonesian Embassy in Makati, Manila, and organized by the Faculty of Medicine Team of Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha (FK-UNDIKSHA) in collaboration with MSU-IIT.



The event, directed by Acting Education and Culture Attaché Drs. Mudzakir, M.A., was conducted through an *Interactive Feeding* session at KBRI Manila. It formed part of the International Service to Community (*Program Kreativitas Mahasiswa*, PKM) initiative of FK-UNDIKSHA.



Dr. Martin's Contribution

As the featured speaker, Dr. Martin led an engaging session on critical topics such as HIV screening, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), and HIV treatment. He also focused on STI prevention and the legal frameworks surrounding these issues in the Philippines. His presentation underscored the importance of awareness, early detection, and effective management of HIV and STIs, providing actionable insights for participants.

Objectives and Impact

The seminar aimed to:

- Enhance Knowledge and Awareness:** It provided embassy staff with accurate, updated information on HIV and STIs, strengthening prevention and management efforts.
- Reach a Wider Audience:** While the session directly engaged 17 participants, including the Indonesian Embassy's Homestaff, it also aimed to benefit other Indonesian citizens living abroad through shared learnings and health education initiatives.
- Encourage Collaborative Learning:** By offering an interactive format, participants were encouraged to engage actively, fostering a deeper understanding of the subject matter.



Future Collaborations

Beyond the seminar, the event served as a platform for fostering international partnerships. Universitas Pendidikan Ganesha submitted drafts for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to formalize collaborations with MSU-IIT. These agreements aim to strengthen ties in the areas of community service and research, creating mutually beneficial opportunities to advance health education.

A Step Towards Global Health Advocacy

This seminar marks a significant step in addressing global health challenges through collaborative education and outreach. By raising awareness on HIV and STI prevention and management, institutions like MSU-IIT and FK-UNDIKSHA demonstrate their shared commitment to empowering communities with the knowledge and resources needed to promote better health outcomes.

MSU-IIT Explores Partnership with Austrian Embassy for International Opportunities

On October 9, 2024, Mindanao State University-IIigan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) hosted a significant dialogue with Ms. Ma. Teresa "Tess" Francisco, the Country Manager for the Philippines of the International Recruiting Initiative (IFO) under the Austrian Embassy.





The event was spearheaded by Dr. Abdullah Junior S. Mangarun, Dean of the College of Health Sciences (CHS), and coordinated through the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, headed by Prof. Mark Anthony J. Torres, PhD. This meeting was a preparatory step towards a formal cooperation agreement between MSU-IIT and the Austrian Embassy, with discussions emphasizing the development of a strong partnership to enhance international opportunities for graduates.

Key Objectives and Discussions

The dialogue focused on:

- **Recruitment Opportunities:** Exploring pathways for MSU-IIT graduates, particularly nursing program alumni, to access international employment prospects through the Austrian Embassy's initiatives.
- **Future Collaborations:** Setting the groundwork for a robust cooperation agreement that would foster international linkages and provide global exposure to MSU-IIT students and faculty.

Distinguished Attendees

The meeting was graced by University Chancellor Prof. Alizedney M. Ditucalan, JD, LLM, alongside other key university officials, including:

- **Assoc. Prof. Neil M. Martin, PhD, MAN, RN:** International Coordinator of CHS.
- **Asst. Prof. Karen R. Veloso:** Peace Education Coordinator of MSU-IIT's Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM).
- Other distinguished constituents of the university who contributed to the insightful discussions.





A Step Towards Global Integration

This strategic initiative reflects MSU-IIT's commitment to global integration, aiming to open doors for its graduates to thrive in international settings. The proposed partnership with the Austrian Embassy not only highlights the university's dedication to expanding opportunities for its community but also reinforces its standing as a globally competitive institution.

As discussions progress, MSU-IIT continues to work towards formalizing agreements that will provide transformative experiences and bolster the professional success of its graduates on the international stage.

CHS Faculty Neil Martin Keynotes 7th International Emergency Nursing Camp in Indonesia; Nursing Student Wins Award

Dr. Neil M. Martin, a faculty member of the **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)**, recently served as a keynote speaker at the **7th International Emergency Nursing Camp (7th IENC)** held from **July 19 to 21, 2024**, in **Yogyakarta, Indonesia**. The event took place at the **Amphitheater E6 K.H. Ibrahim Building, Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY)**, and the **Rama Shinta Camping Ground Prambanan**.



Keynote Highlights

Dr. Martin delivered an impactful keynote address titled "**Holistic Disaster Care: Respecting Cultural and Religious Practices**." He was joined by two distinguished speakers:



- **Ns. Al Afik, M.Kep**, a UMY lecturer, presented on "**Building Resilience and Responses in the Wake of a Disaster.**"
- **Ns. Arcelia Farosyah Putri, S.Kep., M.Sc., Ph.D., AFHEA**, an emergency nurse at RSUPN Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo, Indonesia, discussed "**Triage and Treatment: Roles of Nurses in Disaster Response.**"

The first day concluded with the introduction of **Tor Tagana – Disaster Kitchen**, an activity held at the **Rama Shinta Camping Ground**.



Interactive Sessions and Training

The second and third days featured hands-on training and lectures at the Rama Shinta Camp Ground, focusing on:

- **Day 2:**
 - **Basic Life Support (BLS)** by Dr. Nurchayati, Ns., M.Kep.
 - **Bandage and Splint Techniques** by Basarnas DIY.
 - **Evacuation Protocols** by Indra Prasetyantoro, Ns., S.Kep.
 - **Triage Operations** by Puspito Warno, Ns., M.Kep.
- **Day 3:**
 - **Incident Command System (ICS)** by Dr. Tri Yunanto Arlino, Sp. EM.
 - **Vertical and Horizontal Rescue Operations** by SAR DIY.



Theme and Participants

This year's theme, "**Compassionate Crisis Response: Integrating Spiritual Principles in Disaster Management,**" drew over **100 participants** from **Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.**

Two CHS incoming Level 4 BSN students, **Adrajie Ramos Dida-Agun** and **Bhylle Gayle Pacina**, represented MSU-IIT. Dida-Agun earned recognition during the closing ceremonies by achieving **Top 1 in the BLS Written Exam** among 20 international participants.



About the Event

The **International Emergency Nursing Camp**, organized by the **Nursing Care Club Emergency of Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta**, is an annual event designed for students and healthcare practitioners. The program combines lectures, practical training, and soft skills development, emphasizing the integration of **spiritual principles in disaster management** to address current trends and issues in emergency care.

Dr. Martin's participation and Dida-Agun's achievement underscore CHS's commitment to excellence in nursing education and global collaboration in healthcare.



F. OTHERS

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) consistently strives for academic excellence and organizational growth. Guided by its vision to cultivate competent, compassionate, and globally competitive health professionals, CHS has undertaken various initiatives in 2024. This report highlights key accomplishments in team development, policy enhancement, and collaborative engagement with partner institutions.

Key Accomplishments

1. Team Building at MJN Farm and Café

- **Inclusive Dates:** June 20–22, 2024
- **Venue:** MJN Farm and Café, Zone 6, Baikingon, Cagayan de Oro City

CHS organized a comprehensive team-building activity for faculty and staff to strengthen collaboration, enhance productivity, and foster camaraderie. Key highlights included:

- **Group Discussions:** Focused on defining roles, responsibilities, and finalizing the Nursing RLE Guidelines for implementation.
- **Team Games and Trust Exercises:** Activities that enhanced communication, trust, and mutual respect among participants.
- **Relationship Building:** Opportunities to strengthen professional bonds and develop a cohesive work environment.

This initiative underscored CHS's commitment to creating a supportive and unified academic community, optimizing group efficiency for future endeavors.

2. Benchmarking Activities with MSU-General Santos City and IBICCI

- **Inclusive Date:** February 28, 2024
- **Participating Institutions:**
 - Mindanao State University-General Santos City (MSU-GenSan)
 - Illana Bay Integrated Computer College, Inc. (IBICCI), Parang, Maguindanao del Norte

CHS hosted benchmarking activities to share its best practices in health sciences education, research, and student engagement. The visit aimed to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange on curricular design and instructional strategies.
- Strengthen collaborative ties with regional academic institutions.
- Promote CHS as a model of excellence in nursing and health sciences education.



Through this initiative, CHS reinforced its role as a regional leader and resource institution for advancing health education standards.

The College of Health Sciences at MSU-IIT continues to demonstrate a steadfast commitment to fostering professional growth, collaboration, and innovation. The team-building activities and benchmarking engagements in 2024 reflect CHS's dedication to cultivating a thriving academic and organizational culture that aligns with its mission to excel in education, research, and service to the community.

CHS Conducts Team Building at MJN Farm and Café

The **College of Health Sciences (CHS)** at **Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT)** held a **Team Building** activity from **June 20 to 22, 2024** at **MJN Farm and Café** in Zone 6, Baikingon, Cagayan de Oro City.



The CHS team building activities included group discussions aimed at defining roles and responsibilities, finalizing the Nursing RLE Guidelines for upcoming implementation, engaging in team games, and participating in trust exercises. These activities served to enhance communication, develop a stronger sense of trust and respect among team members, and promote mutual support. Additionally, the team building provided an excellent occasion to build



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strong work relationships and foster the ability to work cohesively as a team, improving both group efficiency and productivity.

Participating in team building and trust exercises at MJN Farm and Café not only strengthened collaboration and united the CHS team in a fun and engaging environment but also offered an opportunity to connect with nature. Spending time outdoors and immersing in nature has been shown to have significant benefits for overall health and well-being.



MSU-GenSan and IBICCI Conduct Benchmarking Activities at CHS

The Mindanao State University-General Santos City (MSU-GenSan) and the Illana Bay Integrated Computer College, Inc. (IBICCI) of Parang, Maguindanao del Norte, conducted benchmarking activities at the College of Health Sciences (CHS) of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) in February 2024.

MSU-GenSan's Benchmarking Visit

On **February 28, 2024**, MSU-GenSan, led by Chancellor JD Usmah D. Aragasi, MPA, sent a delegation to collaborate with CHS. The team, composed of faculty members from MSU-GenSan's College of Medicine—**Dr. Romeo G. Teves**, **Dr. Vivien Leigh P. Mina**, **Dr. Usmaima Usman-Naga**, and **Jimmart R. Pedrigosa, RN, MAN**—engaged in activities aimed at fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual growth in higher education.



This visit emphasized the institutions' shared commitment to academic excellence and the advancement of their respective academic communities through meaningful partnerships.

IBICCI's Benchmarking Activity

On **February 5, 2024**, IBICCI delegates, led by School President **Pentaliday B. Beda, JD**, conducted their own benchmarking activity at CHS. The visit was aligned with the **Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE)** mandate, which granted IBICCI authority to offer the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** and **Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (BSM)** programs starting the **First Semester, AY 2023–2024**.





Recognizing MSU-IIT's BSN program as one of the country's top-performing nursing programs, IBICCI aimed to identify best practices in program operation and implementation. This effort supports IBICCI's mission to ensure the efficient delivery of their new programs, in alignment with the standards set by the **Commission on Higher Education (CHED)**.

Advancing Education in BARMM

As a private higher education institution with 14 years of operation, IBICCI has produced numerous professionals serving the **Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)**. Through this benchmarking activity, IBICCI aims to improve its facilities and instructional delivery, furthering its vision of providing opportunities for young people to pursue higher education and achieve their goals.

A Shared Commitment to Excellence

The benchmarking activities conducted by MSU-GenSan and IBICCI underscore the importance of collaboration in advancing educational standards. These efforts reflect a shared dedication to equipping students and faculty with the tools and opportunities needed for academic and professional success.



Awards and Recognitions

- ✓ Gawad Dekano: Natatanging Guro sa Larangan ng Pagtuturo- **Assistant Professor Nona Krislin G. Jopollo**
- ✓ Gawad Dekano: Natatanging Guro sa Larangan ng Paglilingkod sa Komunidad- **Dr. Gloria Shiela Coyoca**
- ✓ Gawad Dekano: Natatanging Kawani Pang-Adinistratibo ng Kolehiyo – **Ms. Irene Barcelona**
- ✓ Gawad Dekano: Natatanging Guro sa Larangan ng Pananaliksik – **Dr. Neil M. Martin**
- ✓ Gawad Dekano para sa Natatanging Guro ng Taon – **Associate Professor Reya Seno**
- ✓ **Assistant Professor Karlo Gayao - Best Paper Presenter.** “Demographic Characteristics and Impact of Social Media on the General Point Average of Nursing Students in Southern Philippines”, 7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024) held at the Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia on 25th and 26th September 2024.-
- ✓ **Assistant Professor Leah May P. Madjus - Best Paper Presenter.** “Transitioning from Online to Face-to-Face Clinical Duties: Exploring the Challenges Faced by Nursing Students Post Pandemic”, 7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024) held at the Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia on 25th and 26th September 2024.
- ✓ **Assistant Professor Roy D. Gumaya - Best Paper Presenter.** “Profile and Level of Competence in Medication Administration Process of Aspiring Nurses in a State-funded University in Southern Philippines”, 7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024) held at the Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia on 25th and 26th September 2024.
- ✓ **Dr. Neil Madulara Martin - Best Paper Presenter.** “Usage of social media and Extent on Multidimensional Body Self-Relations among Undergraduate Students of a state University in Southern Philippines”, 7th International Conference on Health Care and Allied Sciences (ICHAS 2024) held at the Summit Hotel Subang USJ, Malaysia on 25th and 26th September 2024.
- ✓ **Assistant Professor Nona Krislin G. Jopillo - Best Poster Presentation.** “Factors Affecting Mental Health-Seeking Behaviors among College Students at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology”, 10th Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA) International Health Literacy Conference held at the Pham Ngoc Thach Grand Amphitheatre, Area A1, Pham Ngoc Thach University (PNTU) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on May 12 to 15, 2024



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- ✓ **Best College Booth Exhibit.** 1st Research Week Activities of MSU-IIT
- ✓ **Associate Professor Rambe C. Ramel Jr. - 3rd place in the poster contest.**
“Assessing Nurses' Level of Sufficiency and Perceived Barriers in Providing Discharge Education: Basis for Reinforcement Program”, 7th Regional Health Research Conference held from October 22-24, 2024, at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City.