

Healthcare is in the Air

The spring semester is back and better than ever with weekly events happening across the university. The nursing program, directed by Cynthia Gonzalez, have many events happenings including one open to the public. Gonzalez moved with Robert Morris to Roosevelt back in 2020. The program is made up of 20 to 30 students from all ages and backgrounds. Like the rest of the university, nursing students have gotten into their normal schedule of labs, clinicals and hospitals.

One of the ways nursing is getting reacclimated this semester is, they are holding an event open to not only the whole university but the public as well. Stop The Bleed is a national campaign that is being held on Thursday, February 23 in Wabash 418. There will be three one-hour sessions where the public will be taught how to act as a bystander in crisis. President of the Nursing Association, Rachelle Vinson explained the training will include ways to save a life in that situation by using a turn-I-kits and using different strategies to stop active bleeding. It will be a free event that is welcoming of anyone wanting to learn to save a life. It's not required but they will also be taking food donations as well to give to not only Roosevelt's food pantry but outside areas as well.

The other events the nursing students will be participating in are strictly volunteer work through the nursing society, while also having the flexibility for it to fit into school schedules. For the first time the nursing program was able to get into Hustle Chicago to volunteer for the medical team. The event is put on by the Respiratory Health Association at the, previously known as, John Hancock building. At this event, the public will be climbing the stairs of the building to raise money with Roosevelt's very own nursing students being the medical team.

Roosevelt's nursing program is accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). And this year, they are changing their curriculum due to the National Council State boards of nursing has changed the NClex exam. "We have to change our courses and curriculum, so they match the new framework," Gonzalez said, "we also have to change our curriculum so it's competency based versus concept based and those are new guidelines from the CCNE as well."

"We have redone the nursing society, and we have also become a part of the National Student Nurses Society," Gonzalez said when asked her biggest accomplishments within this program. "Something else that I am very proud of one of my students, Rachelle Vinson, is very active in different things. She is in the naval reserve, American legion, does a lot of volunteer work at the greater food depository, she's president of our nursing association, so I nominated her for the Lincoln Student Laureate Award and so she won the award through Roosevelt. She also won the Blue Cross Blue Shield American Dream Scholarship."

"I chose Roosevelt because it was the direct admit program, so, it's not the traditional route where you take your pre-nursing courses then you have to apply to nursing school, and you risk not getting in for whatever reason," Vinson said, "once you get into this nursing program, you

are *in* the nursing program so that is one thing that appealed to me.” Look out for flyers and emails regarding future nursing events and volunteer opportunities.