

# Nightingale Newsletter

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## CCNE ACCREDITATION

### 10-Year Baccalaureate Program Accreditation Furthers High Quality Nursing Education

With the growth of nursing programs across the United States, receiving any level of accreditation is an accomplishment by itself. This summer, Nightingale College received a grant of programmatic accreditation for its baccalaureate program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through June of 2032.

"This accreditation means we have the mark of approval that says we provide high-quality nursing education," says Kimberly Quarles, MSN Ed., Manager, Programmatic Accreditation at Nightingale College. "Nursing programs vary from state to state, but the CCNE accreditation is national, showing that

we meet certain standards of education that are widely recognized. CCNE accreditation also gives Nightingale College an opportunity to demonstrate to our learners our commitment to providing the best quality nursing education that they can build on in pursuing their career goals".

The process of gaining accreditation can be rigorous. Initial accreditation requires achieving new applicant status following a letter of request signed by the CEO and Chief Nursing Officer. After these initial steps are completed, members of the Accreditation team work to delineate how the College's program meets CCNE's accreditation standards. Once that information is compiled and sent to CCNE for review, the College undergoes an on-site evaluation from CCNE and completes a 100-page self-study report demonstrating how the CCNE standards are met by the College. CCNE also conducts leadership

### My Fellow Collaborators –

Welcome to Flame Forward 2022 and the debut of our new Collaborator Newsletter. It is so wonderful to be together and I look forward to strengthening connections and learning with you. I hope you continue being inspired and energized by our collective vision, mission, and pathway over these next few days.

At the heart of the vision is our unyielding commitment to continually reimagine and elevate ourselves and our company, thus meaningfully contributing to better health, better humanity, and a better world. Our latest organizational reinvention is yet another example of how Nightingale College actively pursues impactful mission fulfillment strategies and accelerates the realization of our vision in real time.

I invite you to embrace this next evolution of Nightingale College with excitement for the brighter future it will undoubtedly usher in. Dream up and dream big, my friends, as the future is NOW! Flame Forward!

With all my love,  
Mikhail

interviews to see how learner success processes are completed and whether learners can access needed faculty and resources to achieve stated program and course outcomes. After all these steps are completed, the Board of Commissioners reviews the data and reports to determine the College's accreditation eligibility and status.

The length of the accreditation cycle is a major accomplishment as a 10-year accreditation is the highest affirmation awarded to institutions. The renewal allows the College to continue helping learners reach their goals.

This achievement is one of the many successes that have allowed the College to produce superior nurses in the way it knows best: through innovation. "The interesting thing about programmatic accreditation is that the

standards are specific in one way, but they are not prescriptive. They allow you to inform and clarify to the accreditation body how the standard was met by your institution's curriculum and facilitation processes. We are able to inform the accreditors how we both meet the standards and are unique and innovative in our process." says Tameka McDaniel, DNP, RN, CCRN,

Interim Director, Nursing Education Services at Nightingale College.

Accrediting bodies continuously monitor programs in higher education to ensure they are generating stated outcomes. Meeting that goal is important, but Nightingale College goes beyond the minimum requirements. The College's mission, vision, and values are central to its commitment to solving the nursing shortage. Using cutting-edge innovation and concept-based

curriculum, the College aims to produce nurses prepared to apply critical thinking in the nursing profession. As the college revolutionizes nursing education, recent renewal of the BSN Program accreditation from CCNE allows Nightingale College to continuously improve the program, expand opportunities for prospective nurses, and elevate the nursing profession.

"We want to make sure accrediting bodies look at our program and see that we are giving the learners what they need to not only meet their outcomes, but to continuously improve our educational offering," says Quarles.

This renewal not only indicates the high educational standards of the College, it also supports our innovative education model that is moving us closer to actualizing the vision of *Better Health for a Better Humanity for a Better World*.

# Collab Corner

## What has been your favorite Nightingale Moment?

**Justin Puniwai** | MA – Professor of Philosophy

"While there are many contenders, from the transformative conversations in the weekly book club meetings, academic discussions with other masterful collaborators, and listening to a host of charismatic speakers at NCO, my favorite moment happened recently. In a course content meeting, a fellow collaborator, who by her admission is "usually reserved," chose to speak up and pay me one of the best compliments I have ever received. She knows who she is, and I thank her dearly for the praise. It meant a lot to me."

**Stacie McVay** | Director, Admissions

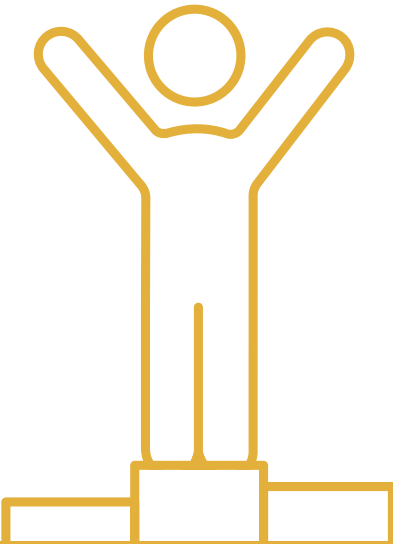
"I've been here for seven years, so I have quite a few great moments. I think overall it's watching the company evolve culturally and operationally through the years. I loved the ten-year anniversary last year. It is fun to see and meet so many amazing collaborators with similar values and desires for personal growth."

## Taking Care of Your Mental Health

Congress has enabled a new 988 dialing code that operates as a crisis hotline for mental health emergencies, including emotional distress and suicidal crisis.

988 focuses specifically on addressing mental health issues and providing its callers with resources. Calling 988 will connect you with a trained counselor who will respond to your call if available; if not, you will be connected to a backup center.

This resource is available to anyone at any time for all types of mental health emergencies. Text and online chat options are also available. For more information visit [www.988lifeline.org](http://www.988lifeline.org)



## Work From Home Tips



### Tip #1

**Make sure you have a specific cutoff time**

Working from home can make us feel like we should continue to work on a task even after we have filled our allotted hours for our workday.

Making a specific cutoff time can help us make sure we are paying attention to work-life balance.



## 10 Best Nursing Schools in Utah

The Nursing Schools Almanac has published their 2022 Rankings for The Best 10 Nursing Schools in Utah, with Nightingale College listed in the top 10. The Nursing Schools Almanac collects data from nearly **3,000** nursing schools across the United States and evaluates three dimensions, including academic prestige, depth of nursing programs offered and student success. It is truly a great honor for us to be listed with many of our constituents.

We aim to provide paths for our learners to succeed at Nightingale College and beyond. For more information on our ranking, you can visit the NSA's website at [www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/rankings/utah](http://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/rankings/utah).

# September

## Anniversaries

(1, 3, 5+ year recognitions)

- Heather Hawkins**  
General Education – 8 years
- Holly Nowers**  
General Education – 8 years
- Francis Mejia**  
Nursing Evaluators – 3 years
- Kimberly Carey**  
Nursing Evaluators – 1 year
- Debra Crawley**  
General Education – 1 year
- Leigh Grey**  
Nursing Evaluators – 1 year
- Heather Kemp**  
Government Funding – 1 year
- Kristin Kruse**  
Nursing Faculty – 1 year
- Nathaniel Morlock**  
Curriculum – 1 year
- Jennifer Ruffin**  
General Education – 1 year
- Christina Tedesco**  
Nursing Evaluators – 1 year
- Lucus Christoffersen**  
Nursing Evaluators – 1 year

# October

- Jonathan Tanner**  
EVP & Chief Opportunity and Access Officer – 12 years
- Stephen Bradley**  
General Education – 3 years
- Grey Christensen**  
Academic Technology – 3 years
- Catherine Davis**  
General Education – 3 years
- Anne Dearmon**  
General Education – 3 years
- Jacqueline Jacobson**  
General Education – 3 years
- Zach Migel**  
General Education – 3 years
- Lena Brown**  
Admissions – 1 year
- Melisse Cardona**  
Admissions – 1 year
- Lamont Tyler Jr**  
General Education – 1 year
- Stacy Dawson**  
Collaborator Experience – 1 year

- Marisa Foster**  
College Operations Support – 1 year
- Lily Gaines**  
Collaborator Experience – 1 year
- Amechia Matthews**  
Learner Support Services – 1 year
- Mirka Panchana**  
Registrar – 1 year
- Kathleen Plummer**  
Learner Funding Advisor – 1 year
- Rosie Rey**  
Registrar – 1 year
- Brenda Smith**  
Admissions – 1 year
- Tiffany Terry**  
Operational Effectiveness – 1 year
- Brian Titus**  
Collaborator Experience – 1 year
- Bethany Copper**  
Nursing Faculty – 1 year



# Nightingale Partnership Spotlight



Nightingale College is proud of its mission-aligned partners who put their heart and soul into everything they do. These partners consistently offer immense support in our program and beyond. Kootenai Health recently extended an invitation for the College to participate in their health event. This event gave their employees access to vendors, groups, and educational institutions.

Kootenai Health has a strong belief in Nightingale College's educational model, especially how the College educates nurses in local areas so current and future employees can stay within their health system. The team at Kootenai Health cherishes its relationship with Nightingale College and hopes to deepen its engagement with the College in the future.



Their nursing residency program often hires Nightingale College graduates, and Kootenai Health appreciates the addition of these nurses' positive attitudes to their team.

Katy Bruns (pictured above, center) is a former BSN learner who has worked at Kootenai since she was a teenager. Living close to a SOFE was critical to the advancement of her nursing education and the pursuit of her dreams. Katy was elated to see representatives from Nightingale College at the hiring event and was excited that the next phase of her life would allow her to make a difference in her community.

Kootenai Health has been such a supportive partner of the College from the beginning, and we cannot thank them enough for their invaluable investment. Bonds with partners like this help Nightingale College fulfill its mission.

The College embraces partners that build on innovation, advance the healthcare profession, and encourage employees to improve themselves.

The College Partnerships function works steadily behind the scenes to build trust-filled relationships based on mutual success and shared outcomes so learners can become the best nurses they can be. Together, Nightingale College and its partners make a difference in the healthcare profession, and we hope this partnership will continue for years to come.

## National Observances & Important Events

**9/5** - Labor Day (Collaborator Holiday)

**9/6** - Lunch and Learn -  
Mindful and Intuitive Eating

**9/15** - First Day of Hispanic  
Heritage Month

**9/26** - Rosh Hashanah

**9/27** - New Collaborator Orientation

**10/4** - Ergonomics for Working  
from Home

**10/5** - Yom Kippur

**10/10** - Indigenous Peoples' Day/  
Columbus Day

**10/24** - Diwali

**10/25** - New Collaborator Orientation

**10/31** - Halloween

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## Growth Mindset

At Nightingale College, we constantly strive to seek out opportunities for growth and learning. Think back to this past month. Reflect on the ways you have taken yourself out of your comfort zone and grown because of an opportunity you have taken. Applaud yourself for taking these steps.

## November Newsletter Competition

Nightingale College is looking for submissions for names for our bi-monthly collaborator newsletter. Have an idea on what we should call this newsletter filled with informative and compelling content on all things Nightingale?

Scan the QR code below and tell us your idea! The lucky winner will win a \$100 gift card to the Nightingale Store. Deadline for submissions is September 30th.

