

# Realize. It starts with you.

Meet David Gregory, dean of the newest faculty at the University of Regina – the Faculty of Nursing. Gregory is fully engaged in the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN) program offered jointly between the U of R and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST).

Gregory has been a registered nurse for 30 years and has spent the last 25 years in academia. Being male in a predominantly female profession, Gregory emphasizes his commitment to attracting non-traditional students into nursing.

“Nursing is a profession that is both a science and an art. Science undergirds nursing but nursing is fundamentally relational. You will come to know the human condition and how patients will teach you about the need for grace and dignity in living with a chronic condition. Nurses experience joy and sorrow as they provide care to patients and their families. I encourage men and women to take up the challenge of nursing and make a difference in people's lives.”

With the first intake of students this past fall, Gregory highlights some of the unique aspects to the program. In the faculty's ongoing commitment to indigenize its curriculum as part of the University's Strategic Plan: *mâmahowkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities*, it's compulsory to take an indigenous health studies course from the First Nations University of Canada. Another initiative with the same goal is to provide programming to facilitate Aboriginal enrolment and success in the faculty.

The U of R nursing program is one of the only programs in Canada that requires students to take an informatics course offered by the Department of Computer Science. With technology in the health care field becoming more prominent in all aspects of care, students are required to purchase an electronic mobile device. Uploaded to these devices is a suite of e-resources that are used for reference at the point of patient care.

Direct entry into the nursing program from high school is another distinction of the program explains Gregory.

“Students who finish high school and meet the admission requirements can begin the nursing program and experience nursing practice in their first year of university.”

The program features learning opportunities in such areas as acute care hospitals and in community settings such as schools, outpatient clinics, long-term care facilities, community health and public health agencies. Students also learn about health promotion and the prevention of illness.

In addition to offering innovative, specialized courses that provide knowledge supporting evidence informed nursing practice, the faculty at both the University of Regina and SIAST will share student education and support responsibilities during the entire four years of the program.

As the faculty flourishes, Gregory is looking forward to new partnerships and initiatives that are in progress, including graduate programming. He is especially eager to see the program's first graduates on the convocation stage in 2015.

For more information about the Faculty of Nursing or to apply by February 15, visit: [www.sasknursingdegree.ca](http://www.sasknursingdegree.ca).



David Gregory, RN, Ph.D

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### March 7 Inspiring Leadership Forum

The University of Regina is proud to host its third annual Inspiring Leadership Forum at Evraz Place, Queensbury Centre in Regina.

Inspirational and confidence-building presentations are the foundation of this year's theme – Inspiring Leadership, Influencing the World.

#### Featured speakers:

**Roberta L. Jamieson**, First Nations leader/conflict resolution expert and CEO/President of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

**Dr. Samantha Nutt**, founder and executive director of War Child Canada and staff physician at the Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

**Gayle Tzemach Lemmon**, author of *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* and contributing editor-at-large for *Newsweek Magazine* – *The Daily Beast*.

The emcee for this exciting, day-long event is Kellie Garrett, senior vice-president of Strategy, Knowledge and Reputation at Farm Credit Canada and named one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2007.

Forum participants will engage in a panel discussion with leaders of influence who will provide insights about what has made a difference in their lives and what others can learn from their journeys. This year's panel, moderated by Pam Klein, president of the Phoenix Group, includes lawyer Susan Barber, Q.C., jewellery designer Rachel Mielke, and journalist Alanna Mitchell.

The Inspiring Leadership Forum is open to the public so that all women can enjoy networking opportunities and interact with mentors during this one-day women's leadership conference.

Tickets: \$225.00 plus GST per person. To register and for more information, visit: [www.uregina.ca/inspiringleadership/2012](http://www.uregina.ca/inspiringleadership/2012)

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