Understanding Development Issues in Nurse Educator Careers
The UDINE-C network was formed at an initial meeting in Udine, Italy in November 2007. The founding members were Professor Tony Butterworth (England) Dr Majda Pajnkihar (Slovenia) and Dr Christine Jackson (England).

WHO WE ARE:

Udine-C means Understanding Development Issues for Nurse Educator Careers. The Udine-C network is an informal group which promotes friendship, respect and intellectual exchange with health professionals interested in the development of nursing research; education and practice skills across all member countries. There is no payment associated with membership other than the expectation that members will collaborate to produce outputs in the form of papers/reports/resources in the following areas:

• Research in Nursing,
• Nursing development projects,
• Annual conference and meetings, and
• Exchange of ideas, skills and people

OUR AIMS

AIM 1:
Career Development of Nurse Academics

UDINE-C members will make a commitment to exchange knowledge and share current best practice for the continuous improvement of academic careers in nursing.

Objectives:

a) share current best practice on the integration of values and evidence in nurse education
b) support innovation in the nurse academics’ career development
c) support supervision and leadership in nursing academic workforce
AIM 2:
Nursing Research
UDINE-C network members will share and support opportunities, methodologies and grant applications for nursing research.

Objectives:
1. Develop partnerships between members.
2. Promote participation in Masters and Doctoral programmes with mobility between countries.
3. Develop progressive grant applications across the network.
4. Collaborate in the writing and publication of research papers, reports and the dissemination of outcomes.

AIM 3:
The quality of nurse education and continuous improvement of standards of nurse education
UDINE-C members will develop exchange knowledge and share current best practice for the continuous improvement of standards of nursing education.

Objectives:
1. Focus on the quality of nurse education and cooperate on shared projects.
2. Share current best practice on the integration of values and evidence in nurse education.
3. Support innovation in the teaching-learning process of nurses.
4. Support Masters and Doctoral students in career development.
5. Encourage student nurse participation in research and dissemination.

AIM 4:
The European nursing workforce
UDINE-C members will seek opportunities to understand the similarities and unique differences in nurse education and career development across Europe. Where appropriate, UDINE-C members will work towards harmonisation of opportunity.

Objectives:
1. Organise formal exchange visits.
2. Communicate learning associated with such activities with all members of the network.
3. Incorporate international directives into the rationale and feedback of such exchange opportunities.
4. Exchange scheme of nurse practitioners among members of UDINE-C group.
Our Members 2013

Croatia:
- Faculty of Medicine Osijek.

Czech Republic:
- Faculty of Health Sciences, Up Olomove.
- Czech Nurses Association

England:
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Lincoln

Iceland:
- Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Akureyri.

Ireland:
- Department of Nursing, Waterford Institute of Technology.

Italy:
- School of Nursing, Udine University, Udine.

Poland:
- Medical University of Lublin, Faculty of Nursing & Health Sciences, Lublin.

Serbia:
- High Health School of Professional Studies, Belgrade.
- Neurology Clinic, Belgrade

Slovenia:
- Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Maribor.

Spain:
- Hospital Clínica de Barcelona, Barcelona.
- School of Health Sciences, Tecno Campus Barcelona.

Switzerland:
- University of Applied Sciences, Western Switzerland Freiburg.

Ukraine:
- Medical College of Biala Cerkiew.

USA:
- Wegmans School of Nursing, St John Fisher College Rochester New York.

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