WestConn at Waterbury was founded in 2000 with a mandate from the Connecticut State Workforce Investment Act to provide bachelor degree completion programs in areas identified as “special need”. Registered Nurses earn a BSN; business students earn a BBA in Supervisory Management. Courses in general requirements are open to any qualified student in the community. A special agreement with community colleges allows students to take one to two WestConn courses each semester at no cost. Under the leadership of Ellen Dunnin, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and External Programs, our evening programs have grown to serve about 250 WCSU students each semester. Most of our students live or work in the greater Waterbury region. Our evening schedule and location at Founders Hall, Naugatuck Valley Community College campus make it possible for adults to pursue their higher education goals at their own pace. All essential student services from pre-advisement to textbook sales are provided on-site. WestConn faculty provide high quality instruction in comfortable air-conditioned “corporate style” classrooms equipped with the latest technology. WestConn at Waterbury—services to help you “Stay Near, Go Far!”

From the Dean’s Desk …

I am pleased to report that WestConn at Waterbury continues to grow and to thrive in these challenging economic times, offering a range of quality academic programs by our outstanding faculty members at a convenient location and at times that make sense for adult learners. Our environment is designed to maximize teaching and learning, and includes a laptop classroom and lab, nursing labs, lecture and seminar style classrooms, and state of the art technology. In the 2008-2009 academic year, enrollment in the BBA Management program increased 6.8%, the RN to BS Nursing program grew an astounding 41%; for overall enrollment growth, including General Education courses, of 13% over the previous year. Our signature programs continue to be the bachelor-completion courses of study; BBA in Management and the RN to BS in Nursing. WestConn at Waterbury (Can’t. Pg. 2 “Dean”)

From the Waterbury RN to BS Graduates, Recognition Gathering April 27, 2009

Keona Dawson and Donna Viner received a federal scholarship, Amy Dumchatt received the Albert Alicience Award, Alice Hubbel was selected as a candidate for the NCLEX-PN Exam from review panel 2009, Katrina Cartenuti, a staff/charge nurse at Waterbury Hospital Surgical Intensive Care Unit won a (Con’t. Pg. 2 “Honored”)
WestConn at Waterbury

WestConn at Waterbury Graduation Recognition April 27, 2009

Nursing faculty and guests

Dr. Marie Wright hosted two evenings with industry expert guest speakers. NYCC students were invited as well as the MIS JLA 341-71 Information Security class. Kevin Maker presented “Information Assurance: Defense in Depth.” He discussed the importance of risk management and the need to create a protection strategy of layers that targets the top three to five assets that must be protected: the application software, the operating system, hardware devices, networks, and humans. Garry Johnson explained “Insider Threats: Risks and Countermeasures.” An espionage, sabotage, and the threats posed by disgruntled employees. “MICER” describes the motivations of insiders who violate trust: Money, Ideology, Coercion, Ego, Revenge. Peter Allison presented “The Business Case for Security: Trends in the Financial Services Sector.” He discussed the difference between authority vs. responsibility, and security vs. privacy. He emphasized the importance of understanding and balancing both technology and business. Students learned of several different career opportunities in information security, good interviewing tips and practical advice for starting a career in this profession. Rich Bunnell and Phil McMurray provided an interesting and interactive presentation covering information security problem solving: first steps, risk assessment process measuring success, regulatory considerations, and obstacles to be overcome.

HIS 246 Judaism students traveled to the NYC Jewish Museum. Nursing students learned about the foundations of Public Health Nursing at the NYC Henry St. Settlement House and at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury. They heard the modern perspective on the role of nurses in Public Health and setting of current priorities from Laura Vaille, Director of the Bethel CT Health Department.

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2009 Leadership, Greater Waterbury

AnnMarie Puleo, Assistant Director of Admissions graduated from the Greater Waterbury Chamber’s 2009 Leadership Program. She explained, “As a member of the “Economic Development Team” I contributed to our group project, a perception study of how the towns surrounding Waterbury perceive the City of Waterbury. I really enjoyed the fieldwork for our project as well as the themed tours of Waterbury. We toured the Palace Theatre, the Waterbury Republican newspaper office building and took a driving tour during history Day through different parts of the city. I met exciting new people, shared information about WestConn at Waterbury programs, and built a network in the Waterbury area. It was an excellent program.”

Planning Ahead

Spring Registration 2010 Begins in November as assigned
Final Exams Fall 2009 December 12-18, 2009
Winter Intercession 2009 December 28, 2009-January 23, 2010
Spring Semester first day of class January 25, 2010
Summer Registration Begins April 1, 2010
Final Exams Spring 2010 May 17-22

All the News…

For Your Information

Read the Wall Street Journal, Business Week, the Waterbury Republican, and other journals available in the conference room, F205a.

Find complete textbook information by course and section at www.wcsu.edu. Click on the Quick Links dropdown then “Bookstore”.

Or, contact area bookstores: NVCC 203-575-8075 WestConn Danbury 203-837-8646 UCONN Waterbury 203-738-9800

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