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S1 00:00 Hi. I am Dr. Chandice Covington, Dean of Nursing at Kaplan University. We're here today to talk with two of our faculty members, both professors of nursing at Kaplan, about some new and interesting upcoming roles and opportunities for nurses, and how we at Kaplan and nursing schools across the country are preparing nurses for these new roles. First, I'd like to introduce to my right Jessica Gordon. Professor Gordon is a member of our faculty of the baccalaureate in nursing program. Next we have Professor Elaina Mahlan, who's also a member of our faculty.

S2 00:44 Thank you.

S1 00:45 My first question is for you, Jessica. What are some new and interesting areas and roles that lead to opportunities for nursing?

S3 00:55 This is a really exciting time in nursing education. We have an opportunity for our students to grow in so many different avenues, which is very exciting. We have some new certifications in information technology and certified healthcare simulation educator. And then there's an advanced role in that, which is leading to doors opening in lab simulations, which, as according to the NCSBN study, is increasing dramatically, which is very exciting. In addition, there are other roles, like nurse coordinator. So we're finding that as occupational therapist, and physical therapists, and all these other healthcare professionals start working together and collaborating, they need a coordinator and nurses are very good at speaking the language.

S1 01:45 Wonderful. Well that leads me to ask, Elaina, so with these new roles, how are those going to become a reality without preparation? What is the preparation for these new roles and opportunities?

S2 02:03 Well, you know, nothing is a substitute for a quality education. Education provides nurses with the skills and the tools that they'll need in order to be able to not only adapt to change but be drivers of change within their profession and within the healthcare system as a whole. So quality education - like the programs that Jesse was talking about at Kaplan University School of Nursing are valuable pursuits.

S1 02:36 Wonderful. So let's move a little further with this line of questioning Jessica. How does Kaplan university create a culture - a learning culture that's focused on student values and is designed to prepare these future leaders in their respective fields?

S3 02:54 The wonderful thing about Kaplan University is that we have focused on student needs and student needs include a multitude of venues for learning. That includes online: visual, auditory. We also expose students to culturally-competent awareness of our specific needs of our environment. Which is very important. And it can be dedicated to your specific location. And that is very important as we grow in our nursing roles and how we tailor our education to meet those needs. In addition, we focus on technology, but we also guide people through that process, which is incredibly important especially for the new online learner. Which can expose many fears and motivational issues. Which I think is incredibly important. We also focus on practical experience. And we really want people to get hands-on, even if it's in their

mind through simulation. But we really get hands-on. We get people in there. We get them thinking about their current world and how we can address issues and grow from it as a community of learners, a community of educators, and then a community of practitioners.

- S1 04:07 That's so exciting. I love that we have so many things in modalities. You mentioned tailoring. That's a wonderful thing, to have your education tailored to fit your learning needs.
- S3 04:19 I agree.
- S1 04:20 So moving on to that, Elaina, building upon that, what's your best educational advice to current and future nurses in our students that will be attending Kaplan?
- S2 04:29 Sure. Well, nursing always has been and it always will be an evolving profession.
- S1 04:36 So true.
- S2 04:37 So continuous education provides both current and future nurses with the tools that they need to adapt to change. But more excitingly, quality education provides nurses with tools to be drivers of change within our larger system and also within their own profession. Any educational pursuit should start out with a clarification of your own goals and your own motivations. Those are the passion fire that's going to sustain you when you meet with challenges, which you certainly will. I'd say be patient with yourself and be patient with the process. No one who is going to master everything overnight and nursing education is a lifelong journey. It's not a destination that ends in a particular degree.
- S1 05:32 Jessica, what further advice would you add for future nursing students and current nursing students to prepare for roles of the future?
- S3 05:43 Well, again as I mentioned it is an exciting time in nursing education for a multitude of reasons. At Kaplan, we highlight the availability of opportunity. That means that our instructors are prepared masters and doctorally to educate our students to the best of their ability and beyond and we take it to a new level. Each person gets an opportunity as an instructor to express their specialty and their available resources to students, and we really try to highlight that. So, students can reach out to us for specific needs. In addition, Kaplan provides the writing center, the math center - all sorts of capabilities within our intrinsic system to guide the student to success. That will really lead them to practical success as well.
- S1 06:31 Well, and that picks up on our philosophy that lifelong learning is so important to a profession such as nursing. Thank you for that. That is our interview today. I'm so pleased you were able to join me. Thank you for this advice for upcoming students and nurses around the globe. Thank you.
- S2 06:53 Thank you.
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