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News from Graduate Studies

Points of Interest

- **Message from the Dean**
- **850 New Faces**
- **Master of Professional Accountancy**
- **Master of Science in Nursing (FNP, NE, NA)**

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Welcome

From the Desk of the Dean: Looking back in the 2009-2010 academic term for our students has been an incredible experience. Delta State has seen about 120 graduate student obtain a mark that only about 6% of the population has earned. That is walking across the stage with a graduate diploma in their hand. We have seen some of our programs see remarkable interest over this last year. Two that come to mind are the M.Ed. In elementary education and the Master of Arts in Teaching. However, other programs are attracting top quality students to the DSU campus. Much of this has to do with the quality of teaching in the graduate faculty in each of the graduate programs at DSU.

Teach for America

The time has come that many around Delta State have been in preparation for during the last several months. A major influx of potential graduate students will be on the campus at DSU starting in June. Our office has been working diligently with many other units on camps to assist for the training institute with Teach for America. "We have 21 graduate programs, including 19 at the Masters level," stated J.R. Love (Graduate Admissions/ Recruiter), "Delta State has a strong selection of programs to market at TFA." Over the next few weeks, graduate studies will be in the student union and other area on campus to interact with TFA. Our office will assist in the admission and registering of TFA during June.



Upnik Patel and J.R. Love (above, right) with information table in DSU Union; Shamayel Patton (below) provides assistance to a prospective student.



Dr. Billy Moore (left) is the Dean for the College of Business. Dr. William Moorehead (right) is the chair for the Division of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems and Finance.



Program Spotlight

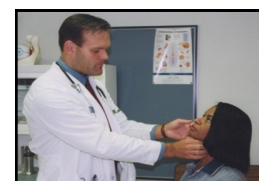
A Master in Professional Accountancy degree can be obtained at Delta State through the College of Business. This program is a total of 30 hours of coursework. Which includes 21 required hours of accounting classes. Furthermore, there are 9 hours of approved electives built in to the program. Admission into the program is based on a 3.0 GPA all upper level classes excluding accounting. All accounting courses must have a 2.75 GPA with no grades less than a "C". The Graduate Management Admission Test and a writing proficiency score is needed for admission into the program. For the Spring 2010 term there were about 15 students in the MPAC program at DSU.

Student Spotlight

Kimberly Pierce is the newest member of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing alums. She is a Brandon, MS nurse with Baptist Medical Center and recently completed the Master of Science in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Kimberly commented, "The program was difficult at first, but became easier once I was able to balance the courses and shift hours." When asked about advice to someone thinking about graduate school she mentioned it should be considered strongly before making the decision. "The DSU School of Nursing has been very personable and easy to work with the faculty even though, I was two hours away from the campus," added Pierce.



Above is the home of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing on the campus of Delta State.



On the top:

Kathryn Harlow, 2012 M.Ed. Counseling
J.R. Love, 2010 Master in Business Administration
Shamayel Patton, 2011 M.Ed. Counseling
Upnik Patel, 2010 Master of Professional Accountancy

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