

From the President's Desk

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The Delta Advantage #4

Instructors-Competent – All of our instructors have at least 4 years of work experience in the subjects they teach – real world skills for real world jobs.

In fact, many of our instructors are graduates of Delta. For example, our Medical Assistant instructors, Shannon McClendon and Michelle French, both graduated from Delta. Both went to work in their field and after several years of work experience, were able to return to us as Instructors.

Never Give Up – We Don't!

At Delta, we are committed to the success of each of our students; and success does not necessarily mean graduation...

In October of 2003, Delta had its largest PN graduating class to date – 43 graduates (from 54 starts). The vast majority of these graduates passed their licensure exam quickly and began their nursing careers. However one of these graduates did not pass right away.

This particular graduate must have gotten discouraged because the second try was two and a half years later and was also unsuccessful. But we have made a lot of enhancements to our program outside of the classroom over the past year. We took the initiative a few months ago to contact all of our past PN graduates that haven't passed their licensure exam yet to offer these services.

This graduate took immediate advantage by getting a password for our internet resources and attending the Hurst review (at no charge).

Her perseverance paid off as she passed her licensure exam during the last week of October – four years after her graduation. Thanks to Delta's and her "never give up" attitude, she is now able to pursue her dream and begin her nursing career!

Calendar – Delta, Baton Rouge

Veterans Day Holiday-Friday	Nov 9
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	Nov 12
Thanksgiving Holiday-Thur & Fri	Nov 22-23
Student Christmas Break begins-Fri	Dec 21
Students Return to Class-Mon	Jan 7
Non-PN Day Start-Monday	Jan 7
Martin Luther King Holiday-Mon	Jan 21
Non-PN Nite Start-Tuesday	Jan 22
PN Day Start/Orientation-Monday	Feb 4
PN Nite Start/Orientation-Monday	Feb 11

Marriage/Relationship Tips – Love???

A husband brings his wife flowers, gives her a hug, tells her how much he loves and appreciates her, and starts off to the bedroom to change out of his work clothes. As he's leaving the wife says, "I'll make us a cup of coffee and meet you in the living room." A few moments later, the wife is seated in the living room and calls to her husband, "Coffee's on," to which he responds, "Be there in a minute, I noticed a light bulb out in our bedroom, I'll just change it real quick."

A few more moments later, the wife reminds him, "Honey, the coffee's getting cold," to which she hears her husband's voice coming from the utility closet, "When I got the light bulb, I noticed this door squeaking, I'm just adjusting it." A few more moments later, the husband makes it to the living room – the coffee is cold and the wife is hot!

She blurts out in her frustration, "I don't understand you, you don't love me!" (illustration adapted from Gary Ezzo, Growing Families International-best parenting resources available!).

It may be that the two of them really do love each other, but they are speaking different "Love Languages." As Dr. Gary Chapman explains, "Your emotional love language and the language of your spouse may be as different as Chinese from English. No matter how hard you try to express love in *English*, if your spouse understands only *Chinese*, you will never understand how to love each other." According to Dr. Chapman, we all have a primary love language from these five:

- **Words of Affirmation**-encouraging words and sincere appreciation
- **Quality Time**-no TV, no distractions – needing your undivided attention or just as simple as being around each other
- **Physical Touch**-not necessarily sensual; a hug, back rub, a reassuring hand on the shoulder
- **Acts of Service**-even simple household chores
- **Receiving Gifts**-any give that is a sincere expression of love

In our example above, although the husband demonstrated four of the five (with his primary being Acts of Service), her primary is Quality Time. Relationships sure are complicated!!!

For more resources and a fun love languages quiz, go to Dr. Gary Chapman's website, www.fivelovelanguages.com.

"Let no one seek his own good, but that of the other." I Corinthians 10:24.