



Dissertation Titles
1997 - 2011
UMass Worcester
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Graduates from 1997-2007 were students in the collaborative program between UMW and UMA; only those students who were Worcester-based students are listed below*

2011

Barbara H. Weatherford

“Patient Safety: A Multi-Climate Approach to the Nursing Work Environment”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN

2010

Shirley Tierney

“Nursing Unit Staffing: An Innovative Model Incorporating Patient Acuity and Patient Turnover”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Ellen M. Rearick

“Parents of Children Newly Diagnosed with T1DM: Experiences with Social Support and Family Management”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Deborah Armstrong

“Transitioning through Middle Age with an incomplete Spinal Cord Injury: A Qualitative Description of Changes in Physical Function”

Mentor: Anne Kane, PhD, RN

Pauline Himlan

“Low Level of HCV Evaluation or Treatment Acceptance by Patients with HIV/HCV Co-Infection: A Grounded theory Analysis”

Mentor: Anne Kane, PhD, RN

Susan Boland-Shepherd

“The Role of School Nurses in the Identification, Referral and Provision of Services to Students with Mental Health Needs”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN

2009

Cynthia Francis Bechtel

“Emergency Nurses’ Experiences with Critical Incidents”

Mentor: Jean Boucher, PhD, RN, ANP

Sean T. Collins

“Post-Deployment Health Assessment in United States Service Members after Iraq Deployment”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Melinda Darrigo

“Clinical Decision Making by Critical Care Mid-Level Practitioners Working Within an Interdisciplinary Team”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Annette Jakubisin-Konicki

“Women’s Knowledge of Cardiovascular risk Factors, Level of Self-Nurturance and Participation in Heart-Health Behaviors”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Paul S. MacKinnon

“Emergency Department Nurses’ Experiences of Violent Acts in the Workplace”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Jay Kyle Ober

“Student Nurses’ Experiences of Learning with Human Patient Simulation:

Mentor: Elaine Parker, PhD, RN, CNAA

Lori Keough

“Self-Management of Type 1 Diabetes Across Adolescence”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

2008

Alice F. Bonner

“Certified Nursing Assistants’ Perception of Nursing Home Patient Safety Culture: Is there a Relationship to Clinical Outcomes?”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Lea R. Ayers

“Nursing Practice as Knowledge Work within a Clinical Microsystem”

Mentor: Elaine Parker, PhD, RN, CNAA

2007

Annette McDonough

“The Experiences of Younger Adults (18-40) Living with an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD)

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Michele Patterson

“Adolescent Experience with Trauma and Orthopedic External Fixation”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Lisa M. Ogawa

“The Influence of Substance Abuse on Hepatitis C. Treatment Decision-Making among HIV/HCV Co-Infected Adults”

Mentor: Carol A. Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Jill M. Terrien

“Communication with Healthcare Providers at the End of Life: Next of Kin’s Perspective”

Robin Toft Klar, DNSc, RN

Eileen F. Terrill

“Women’s Experiences of Managing Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis with Injectable Disease Modifying Drugs”

Mentor: Carol A. Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Nancy E. Stone

“Somatic Awareness and Daily Hassles in Women with Acute Myocardial Infarction”

Mentor: James Fain, PhD, RN, BC-ADM, FAAN

2006

Katharine O’Dell

“An Exploratory Study of Vaginally Measured Intra-Abdominal Pressure (IAP) Changes in Women during Activity and Exercise”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP

Michele DeGrazia

“Stability of the infant Car Seat Challenge and Risk Factors Associated with Oxygen Desaturation Events”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, RN, CNS

Nancy Allen

“Changing Physical Activity Behavior with Continuous Glucose Monitoring”

Mentor: James Fain, PhD, RN, BC-ADM, FAAN

2005

Barbara Aronson

“Assessing the Feasibility of a Theory-Driven Self-Management Intervention to Promote Short-Term Antibiotic Adherence in College Students”

Mentor: Carol Bova, PhD, RN

Mary T. Reed

“Ta’i Chi and Women at High Risk for Cardiovascular Disease”

Mentor: Jeanine Young-Mason, EdD, RN, FAAN

2004

Susan McGeary

“Effects of Pursed Lip Breathing and Walking on Dyspnea and Fatigue in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Disease”

Mentor: James Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN

Maureen Wassef

“The Risk of Cardiac Events in Post-Menopausal Women Experiencing Psychological Stress”

Mentor: Lois C. Howland, DrPH, MS, RN

2002

Susan Sawyer

“Factors Affecting School Nurse’s Role in Effectively Managing the Child with Asthma”

Mentor: Josephine M. Ryan, DNSc, RN

Margaret Laccetti

“Building a Story: Word Patterns in Writing and Quality of Life in Women with Advanced Breast Cancer”

Mentor: Genevieve Chandler, PhD, RN

2001

Paulette Seymour-Route

“Patients’ Actual and Expected Functional Status Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery”

Mentor: James A. Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN

Annemarie Samar

“The Relationship Among Emotional Intelligence, Self Management, and Glycemic Control in Individuals with Type I Diabetes”

Mentor: James A. Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN

Patricia A. Ottani

“Birth in an Unfamiliar culture: The Lived Experience”

Mentor: Mary Anne Bright, EdD, RN

Virginia Mason

“Cardiac Rehabilitation, Home Walking, Health Status, and Self-Efficacy”

Mentor: Kathleen Miller, EdD, RNCS

2000

Rosemary Theroux

“Bypassing the Middleman: A Grounded Theory of Women Self Care for Vaginal Symptoms”

Mentor: Mary Anne Bright, EdD, RN

1999

Stephen Bolio

“Reported Health Promoting Behaviors of Young Incarcerated Males”

Mentor: James A. Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN

Sharon George

“The Menopausal Transition: A Patient’s Perspective”

Mentor: James A. Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN

1998

Ruth Remington

“Calming Music and Hand Massage with Agitated Elderly”

Mentor: Dorothy Gilbert, PhD, RN

1997

Eileen Hayes

“Mentoring, Self-Efficacy and Nurse Practitioner Students”

Mentor: Sally Hardin, PhD, RN, FAAN