



Dissertation Titles

1997–2015 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*

Any title more than a year old can be found:

http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/gsn_diss/

2015

John Shawn Cody

“Family Experiences with ICU Bedside Rounds: A Qualitative Descriptive Study”

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Donna Guillaume

Characteristics of the Middle-age Adult Inpatient Fall

Mentor: Jean Boucher

Laura Maguire

Educating Grandparents of Grandchildren with Type 1 Diabetes Using Simulation

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Kathleen J. Menard

Experience of Women with a Diagnosis of obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

Mentor: Jean Boucher

2014

Margaret Emmons

“Exploring the Enteral Feeding Practices Used by Critical Care Nurses”

Mentor: Carol Bova

Cynthia French

“Examining Change in Symptoms of Depression, Anxiety, and Stress in Adults after Treatment of Chronic Cough”

Mentor: Carol Bova

Cynthia Gaudet

“Electronic Bedside Documentation and Nurse-Patient Communication”

Mentor: Robin Klar

Melissa Tuomi

"The Identification of Staff Nurses as Organizational Champions"

Mentor: Carol Bova

2013

Maryellen Brisbois

"Chemotherapy-induced Premature Menopause Among Latina Women with Breast Cancer: An Interpretive Description"

Mentor: Jean Boucher

2012

Deborah K. Armstrong

"Transitioning through Middle Age with an Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury: A Qualitative Description of Changes in Physical Function"

Mentor: Anne Kane

Paula Bylaska-Davies

"The Role of the Mass Media in Women's Infant Feeding Decisions"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Elizabeth Danells Chin

"Symptom Experience and Treatment Delay during Acute Exacerbation of COPD"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Patricia A. Cioe

"Cardiovascular risk factor knowledge, risk perception and actual risk in HIV-infected patients"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Linda A. Evans

"The Experience of the Health Care Team Members Involved in Facility Transplant Surgery and Patient Care"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Mary Fischer

"Women's Experiences Discontinuing Hormone Therapy"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Arthur P. McIntosh

"Factors Influencing Long-Term Health-Related Quality of Life Among Patients After Aneurysmal and Nonaneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage"

Mentor: Carol Bova

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

2011

Barbara H. Weatherford

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

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Caitlin M. Stover

"Exploring Healthcare Experiences of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Students Using Community-Based Participatory Research"

Mentor: Carol Bova

2010

Shirley Tierney

"Nursing Unit Staffing: An Innovative Model Incorporating Patient Activity and Patient Turnover"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Ellen Rearick

"Parents of Children Newly Diagnosed with T1DM: Experiences with Social support and Family Management"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

2009

Cynthia Francis Bechtel

"Emergency Nurses' Experiences with Critical Incidents"

Mentor: Jean Boucher

Sean T. Collins

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

Mentor: Carol Bova

Melinda Darrigo

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

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Annette Jakubisin-Konicki

"Women's Knowledge of Cardiovascular risk Factors, Level of Self-Nurturance and Participation in Heart-Health Behaviors"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Paul S. MacKinnon

"Emergency Department Nurses' Experiences of Violent Acts in the Workplace"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Jay Kyle Ober

"Student Nurses' Experiences of Learning with Human Patient Simulation"

Mentor: Elaine Parker

Lori Keough

"Self-Management of Type 1 Diabetes Across Adolescence"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

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

Lea R. Ayers

"Nursing Practice as Knowledge Work within a Clinical Microsystem"

Mentor: Elaine Parker

2007

Annette McDonough

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

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Michele Patterson

"Adolescent Experience with Trauma and Orthopedic External Fixation"

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

Lisa M. Ogawa

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

Mentor: Carol Bova

Jill M. Terrien

"Communication with Healthcare Providers at the End of Life: Next of Kin's Perspective"

Robin Toft Klar

Eileen F. Terrill

"Women's Experiences of Managing Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis with Injectable Disease Modifying Drugs"

Mentor: Carol Bova

Nancy E. Stone

"Somatic Awareness and Daily Hassles in Women with Acute Myocardial Infarction"

Mentor: James Fain

2006

Nancy Allen

"Changing Physical Activity Behavior with Continuous Glucose Monitoring"

Mentor: James Fain

Katharine O'Dell

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

Mentor: Carol Bova

Michele DeGrazia

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

Mentor: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

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

Mary T. Reed

"Ta'i Chi and Women at High Risk for Cardiovascular Disease"

Mentor: Jeanine Young-Mason

2004

Susan McGeary

"Effects of Purse Lip Breathing and Walking on Dyspnea and Fatigue in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Disease"

Mentor: James Fain

Maureen Wassef

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

Mentor: Lois C. Howland

2002

Susan Sawyer

"Factors Affecting School Nurse's Role in Effectively Managing the Child with Asthma"

Mentor: Josephine M. Ryan

Margaret Laccetti

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

Mentor: Genevieve Chandler

2001

Paulette Seymour-Route

"Patients' Actual and Expected Functional Status Following Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery"

Mentor: James A. Fain

Annemarie Samar

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

Mentor: James A. Fain

Patricia A. Ottani

"Birth in an Unfamiliar culture: The Lived Experience"

Mentor: Mary Anne Bright

Virginia Mason

"Cardiac Rehabilitation, Home Walking, Health Status, and Self-Efficacy"

Mentor: Kathleen Miller

2000

Rosemary Theroux

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

Mentor: Mary Anne Bright

1999

Stephen Bolio

"Reported Health Promoting Behaviors of Young Incarcerated Males"

Mentor: James A. Fain

Sharon George

"The Menopausal Transition: A Patient's Perspective"

Mentor: James A. Fain

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1998

Ruth Remington

"Calming Music and Hand Massage with Agitated Elderly"

Mentor: Dorothy Gilbert

1997

Eileen Hayes

"Mentoring, Self-Efficacy and Nurse Practitioner Students"

Mentor: Sally Hardin