Dissertation Titles

1997 – 2012 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*

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: Susan Sullivan-Bolyai

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 McGearry
“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