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Faculty Research Interests

Faculty Research Interests can be found on the SON website: http://www.nursing.virginia.edu/people/faculty-expert/

Program Evaluation Plan

The School of Nursing (SON) is committed to continuous program improvement related to student learning outcomes and student performance in all programs: traditional baccalaureate, RN completion, generalist and specialty masters, post-masters specialty, and practice and research doctorates. To that end, the Evaluation Plan defines the SON’s strategic approach to ongoing program evaluation and improvement. The outcomes from evaluation inform the SON’s teaching mission and program administration. Program improvement activities include all “communities of interest” (stakeholders) impacted by our programs: students, faculty, wider-university community, alumni, as well as employers who hire our students. These activities support our larger goal of achieving the highest standard of academic excellence. Additionally, these activities support both university and school assurance and compliance initiatives, both regulatory and accreditation. Accreditation status has a direct impact on institutional financial aid programs and student’s professional certification eligibility. The data collected from these activities allow the SON to benchmark our performance with peer programs.

The Evaluation Plan has several components:

- Student learning assessments
  - Program level student learning outcomes (SLOs)
  - University level core competency assessments
- Program assessments
  - Student performance
    - Student employment rates (OASS Graduation Survey)
    - NCLEX licensure pass rates
    - Specialty certification pass rates
  - Student satisfaction
    - End-of-program evaluation (EOP) at graduation
- Alumni satisfaction
  - Alumni survey – One year post graduation
- General employer satisfaction
  - Aggregate employer survey

As students, your role in the evaluation and improvement process is critical not only to our success as a program but also to your success as a student and alum in achieving your personal learning objectives and professional career goals. We appreciate your efforts to provide quality
feedback to our programs. The SON values your feedback and encourages your active participation in the assessment and evaluation components that determine our program effectiveness.

**University Phone Numbers**

All University phone numbers can be found online on the University directory at: [http://www.virginia.edu/search](http://www.virginia.edu/search).

Students and others can also call (434) 924-0000 for information and (434) 924-3363 for student locator information.

**Frequently Used Websites**

It is a good idea to bookmark these sites as you will be referring to them frequently.

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**Student Nursing Groups**

**Nursing Student Council**

Nursing Student Council (NSC) is the student government of the School of Nursing, providing a forum to identify, examine and discuss student and school-wide concerns. NSC consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to the University Student Council, Social Chairs, Presidents and Council Representatives of each class, and representatives from other organizations in the School of Nursing. Elections for NSC positions are held in the
spring and all interested undergraduate nursing students who are qualified are encouraged to run for office. First year class officer and representative elections are held early in the fall semester.

NSC is responsible for planning and coordinating activities for nursing students and for the school as a whole. In past years, NSC has sponsored a lunchtime speaker series, organized welcome back and end of year picnics, coordinated community service projects, and organized SON Rotunda dinners.

**Student Nurse’s Association at the University of Virginia (SNAV)**

SNAV is a student-run pre-professional association. It is part of VNSA (Virginia Nursing Students Association) and NSNA (National Student Nurses Association). SNAV is open to all UVA nursing students and new members are always welcome.

SNAV is active in the community and sponsors a number of service projects throughout the year. SNAV members also participate in various NSNA/VNSA events, such as the annual Legislative Day in Richmond, the State Convention in Richmond, and the National Convention.

In addition to doing community service and having fun at NSNA activities, being a SNAV member enables students to meet others in their class, as well as other classes. Since the organization is student-run, there are many leadership opportunities. SNAV dues to NSNA include a subscription to Imprint (the NSNA magazine) and discount rates for conventions and other NSNA activities. NSNA membership brings eligibility for various loan programs and scholarships. Participation in SNAV, VSNA, and NSNA activities prepares student nurses for their professional careers and encourages involvement in professional organizations after graduation.

**Nursing Christian Fellowship**

NCF is an organization designed to bring together Christian nurses at UVA for the purpose of fellowship and service and to be of assistance to those in need.

**Nursing Students Without Borders**

Nursing Students Without Borders is a student organization that provides care to international communities while expanding nursing students’ educational experiences. NSWB enhances students’ scope of nursing practice by providing international opportunities in leadership, organizational skills, health care teaching, and assessment skills at the individual, family, and community levels. NSWB develops student-initiated partnerships with international health communities to meet their healthcare needs within the scope of nursing practice.

**Men Advancing Nursing (MAN)**

This organization seeks to bring together undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and nurses in the UVA hospital to provide support to recruitment efforts and discuss issues relative to men in nursing.
Minorities in Nursing Today (MINT)
The purpose of this organization is to promote unity among the minority nursing students, promote cultural diversity and awareness within this school, and educate and recruit minority students interested in the field of nursing. Additionally, we want to implement nursing-oriented programs and initiations aimed to appeal to women and men of color, including, but not limited to, community outreach. We aspire to provide informative and resourceful services to the underprivileged community. We are not limited to providing services and information UVA community about nursing and health education, but wish to provide services to the community at large.

Honor Committee
The Honor Committee is responsible for the overall administration of the honor system. It handles cases of lying, cheating and stealing. Each spring the School of Nursing elects two students to serve as representatives to the Honor Committee. These students act as liaisons to the student committee and have duties such as subcommittee work, serving on trial panels, and working to help students change aspects of the system. The School of Nursing has two votes on the Honor Committee which are cast by the School of Nursing honor representatives.

Judiciary Committee
The University Judiciary Committee is the central body of the University’s Judicial System. It is composed of 21 elected representatives (2 from each School of the University and 3 from the College of Arts and Sciences) who also act as judges for all judicial trials. The UJC hears all cases of alleged misconduct by a student or student groups brought to its attention by any member of the academic or civic community. Misconduct is determined by a violation of the Standards of Conduct. The UJC is a separate body from the University Honor Committee.

University Student Council
Student Council is the student government of the University. It allows students to take part in decisions made by the University which may affect academic, economic, social and physical well-being of all students. The Representative Body, consisting of the President, Vice President for Issues, Vice President for Student Organizations, Vice President for Services and Finance, and 25 students representing each School at the University meet each week during the academic year. Students are invited to attend.

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing - Beta Kappa Chapter
Beta Kappa is the official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International at the University of Virginia. Membership in this honor society of nursing is reserved for candidates who have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing.

Membership is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet the specified criteria. Information about Sigma Theta Tau is posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of McLeod
Hall next to Room 1003. The names of current members and officers of Sigma Theta Tau are posted. Feel free to contact any of them for information.

**Distinguished Major Program**
The Distinguished Major at the School of Nursing requires the successful completion of a thesis project, directed by a Nursing faculty member. A thesis is more than a simple research paper that describes an issue or theme. It must present the student’s own analysis of a particular problem and an argument based on serious research. The research should be focused and well-defined, but it should also shed light on broader themes and questions within the general field in which the thesis falls. The final project should result in a paper 30 pages in length.

Third year nursing students with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better are eligible to apply. Contact Catherine Kane for more information.

**Research Experiences**
The School of Nursing sponsors informal, lunch time research seminars. Students, faculty members, and others present research in progress and solicit suggestions and critique from participants. This is an excellent way to learn about nursing research at UVA. Watch the bulletin boards in the elevators for announcements.

Other experiences in research are also possible. Each year the Alumni Association sponsors two undergraduate students to work with faculty conducting research in the summer. Information on this experience is available from the Alumni Association office.

**Alumni Association**
The University of Virginia School of Nursing Alumni Association was founded in 1916 by graduates of the University of Virginia Hospital School of Nursing. All graduates of the diploma, undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs are members of the Nursing Alumni Association. The aims of the Association are:

1. to serve as a resource for nursing alumni by providing organizational support for individual and/or group endeavors which promote fellowship among its membership;
2. to work closely with and assist the University of Virginia School of Nursing administration through financial and organizational support;
3. to provide UVA nursing students and faculty with monetary support for scholastic endeavors; and
4. to provide the opportunity for advanced learning in the Science of Nursing through sponsored programs.

The activities of the Nursing Alumni Association are overseen by the Alumni Council. All nursing alumni are encouraged to become active participants in the School of Nursing Alumni Association through volunteer work, board membership, and financial support.
School of Nursing Annual Activities

Baccalaureate Recognition Ceremony
The Fall Recognition Ceremony, which takes place during Family Weekend, is designed to celebrate the academic and clinical achievements of the nursing students at various points in their nursing education. Baccalaureate nursing students receive yearly pins in honor of completing each year in nursing school.

Pinning Ceremony
Pinning, the final ceremony conducted by the School of Nursing prior to graduation in May, commemorates the baccalaureate nursing students’ completion of their undergraduate nursing education and the CNL student’s completion of preliminary nursing education. Students receive their School of Nursing Pin and student awards are presented. The ceremony traditionally takes place at dusk on the Saturday before graduation, and includes a ceremony, followed by a short reception. All activities are typically concluded by 8:30 pm.

Graduation Weekend
Graduation is usually held on the third weekend in May. Please check the University Calendar for this year’s date. Specific information regarding graduation (i.e. invitations, cap and gown pick-up, etc) is provided during spring semester.

The weekend is filled with ceremonies, activities and events for graduates and their families. PLANNING FOR THESE EVENTS MUST BEGIN EARLY! Reservations for hotels and restaurants are sometimes made a year or more in advance. It is not unusual for popular hotels to be fully booked two years in advance.

Details of graduation weekend change slightly each year. Typically, students should plan to be involved in graduation activities all day Saturday and Sunday until approximately 2:00 pm. Rehearsal for the School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony takes place early in the afternoon on Saturday. It typically follows the Valediction Ceremonies.

Final Exercises are held on the Lawn on Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Students begin lining up for the procession down the lawn at 9:00 am. The School of Nursing Diploma Ceremony immediately follows the ceremony on the lawn. Diplomas are awarded on the Rotunda North Steps. These activities are usually concluded by 2:00 pm.

Spring in Virginia can bring very unsettled weather. Students are reminded to listen to the local radio stations before all of these outdoor events. The decision to move an event off the Lawn is usually made 1/2 to 2 hours prior to the event. Please remember that events are sometimes moved indoors because of the threat of severe weather and not the presence of active storms.
Forms

The following forms are available in the Office of Admissions and Student Services and online at: http://www.nursing.virginia.edu/students/Registrar/Forms

- Change of Advisor form
- Exam Change Request form
- Incomplete Grade form
- Second Writing Requirement form
- Semester Certification form
- Transfer Course form
- Transfer Track form
- Course Action form
- Increased Course Load
- Practicum Extension Form