

Doctoral Dissertations

Summer 2018

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Title: Testing an Integrated Health Promotion Model Using Social Media for Breastfeeding Women: Structural Equation Modeling

Chair: Dr. Linda Weglicki

Committee Members: Dr. Joy Longo, Dr. Dawn Hawthorne, Dr. Michael DeDonno, and Dr. Jane Grassley

Spring 2018

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Title: An Examination of the Demographic, Social and Environmental Predictors of Risk for Schizophrenia in Afro-Caribbean Immigrants Living in the United States

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Fall 2017

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Title: The Lived Experience of Suffering through the 2010 Earthquake in Haiti

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Title: Exploring the Moderating Effect of a Caring Work Environment on the Relationship between Workplace Mistreatment and Nurses' Ability to Provide Patient Care

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Title: The effect of a Heart Failure Nurse Navigator on 30-Day Readmissions of Older Adults

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Title: Millennial Nurse Manager Perspectives on Their Leadership Roles in the Hospital Setting: A Phenomenological Inquiry

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Title: Differences in Nurses' Perceptions of Safety Culture, Nurse-Physician Collaboration, and Level of Job Satisfaction Related to the Type of Obstetrical Physician Care Delivery Model Utilized

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Title: Ethnicity, Gender and Pain Interference's Influence on Depression among Older Adults with Osteoarthritis

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Title: Effects of Story-Sharing Intervention on Depression and Well-Being in Older Adults Transitioning to Long-Term Care

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Title: The Relationships among Sleep Quality, Frailty and Falls in Older Adults Residing in the Community

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Title: Iranian American Older Adults' Attitudes and Proactive Actions toward Planning Ahead for End-of-Life Care

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Title: A Systematic Review and Quantitative Meta-Analysis of the Accuracy of Visual Inspection for Cervical Cancer Screening: Does Provider Type or Training Matter?

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Title: Use of Social Media Support Groups by Persons in the Transplant Journey

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Title: Culturally Tailoring a Substance Use Intervention among Southeastern Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Youth

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Title: Native American Early Adolescents Response to a Cultural-Based Prevention for Obesity

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Title: Avatar Guided Stories of Ease from Adolescents with Cancer

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Title: Health Challenges of Family Members in End of Life Situations

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Title: The Effect of a Culturally Relevant Cardiovascular Health Promotion Program on Rural African Americans

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Title: The Influence of Gardens on Resilience in Older Adults Living in a Continuing Care Community

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Title: The Meaning of School Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening and Referral to the Parents/Guardians of First, Third and Sixth Grade Students

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Title: The Experience of Nurses Caring for Women with Drug or Alcohol Problems in the General Hospital

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Title: Recognizing Functional Decline in Persons with MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment)

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Title: Identifying Descriptions of Quality Nursing Care Shared by Nurse and Patient in the Acute Care Hospital Setting

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Title: ZAFÈ NEG SE MISTÈ: A Grounded Theory Study of End-of-Life Decision Making for Haitian American Families in South Florida

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Title: Effect of a Spiritually-Guided Intervention on Breast Self-Care Attitudes in Afro-Caribbean Women

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Title: Sources of Informational Social Support for Mothers of Infants Residing in the Western North Carolina Appalachian Region

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Title: Development and Testing of an Instrument to Measure Holistic Attributes of Nurse Practitioner Care

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Title: Evaluation of Speak for Myself © With Patients who are Voiceless

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Title: The Effect of Engagement Interventions on Uncertainty and Coping of Thai Family Members of Patients in Coma

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Title: Chief Nursing Officer Sustainment in the Continued Practice of Nursing Leadership

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Title: Challenges Faced by Parents Caring for Their Child after Traumatic Brain Injury

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Title: Transition Experiences of the Chronically Ill Adolescent

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Title: Impact of an Educational Intervention on Nurses' Knowledge and Caring Behavior for Late Preterm Infants
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Title: Perceived Discrimination of Muslims in Health Care in the United States
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Title: The Clinical Scholar Model: A Strategy to Bridge the Theory-Practice Gap
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Title: Suffering in the Midst of Technology: The Lived Experience of an Abnormal Prenatal Ultrasound
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Title: Cumulative Trauma among Adult Mayas Living in Southeast Florida

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Title: Health Care Experience of Individuals Who Self-Identify as Sex Addicts

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Title: The Impact of Satisfaction with Care and Empowerment on Glycemic Control among Older African American Adults with Diabetes

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Title: The Lived Experience of Decision-making for Older Adults who had an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Inserted

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Title: Decision-Making Models Utilized by Nurses to Activate Rapid Response Teams

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Title: Holding the Frontline: The Experience of Being a Charge Nurse in an Acute Care Setting

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Title: Giving Voice to Historical Trauma through Storytelling: The Impact of Boarding School Experience on American Indians

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Title: Cognition and Adherence of Older Adults Undergoing Hemodialysis

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Title: Muddling Through: How Young Caregivers Manage Changing Complexities

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Title: The Clarity-Parity Community Nursing Practice Framework: A Critical Ethnonursing Study of Women in Recovery from Chemical Dependence and their Return to the Community

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Title: Seemingly Healthy: The Lived Experience of Mothers as They Sought Health Care for Their Internationally Adopted Children

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Title: Clinical Nurse Leader Stories: A Phenomenological Study about the Meaning of Leadership at the Bedside

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Title: The Magnetic Appeal of Nurse Informaticians: Caring Attractor for Emergence

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Title: What Keeps Nurses in Nursing: A Heideggerian Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study

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Title: Immigrant Status, Substance Use and Sexual Risk Behavior among Afro-Caribbean Adolescents Living in the U.S.

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Title: Latinas Experiencing Transnational Motherhood

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Title: Thai Nurses' Lived Experience of Caring for Persons Who Had a Peaceful Death in Intensive Care Units

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Fall 2008

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Title: Living in Abundance: The Experience of Living with Chronic Illness for Adults Affiliated with a Community of Faith with Access to a Faith Community Nurse

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Title: The Lived Experience of Adolescent Females who Self-Injure by Cutting

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Title: More than Good, Kind Angels: The Daughters of Charity's Relationship to Valuation, Mission and Money, 1916 to 1994

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Title: Lived Experience of Male Nurses in the Intervention Project for Nurses

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