Doctoral Dissertations

Fall 2020

Régine Placide Reaves
Title: The Lived Experience of Parents of Children with Special Healthcare Needs on Public and Private Insurance: A Phenomenological Study
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Title: Thriving in Healthcare Providers: Relationship with Emotional Exhaustion & Impact on Primary Care Population Health Outcomes
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Title: The Influence of Mental, Physical, and Social Activity on Episodic Memory of Persons over 50 in the U.S.
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Title: Fleeing One’s Homeland: Health Challenge of Cuban Refugees from the Mariel Boatlift  
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Cheryl Wallin  
Title: Community Based Participatory Research Using the Photovoice Approach to Identify Health Priorities for a Vulnerable Undeserved Community in Uganda, Africa  
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Title: Psychometric Evaluation of the Moral Comfort Questionnaire amongst Hospital-Based Direct-Care Registered Nurses  
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Title: Exploring the Factors of Natural Space on Well-being of Urban-dwelling Children  
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Title: The Relationship Among Healthy Work Environments, Nurse Caring, and Nursing-Sensitive Patient Outcomes in Magnet Hospitals
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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: 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: 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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Rhonda Goodman Lesniak
Title: The Lived Experience of Adolescent Females who Self-Injure by Cutting
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