



School of Nursing

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

May 9, 2025

Welcome

Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, FNAP, FAAN

Dean and Professor

Remarks to the Graduates

Mays Basha, BSN, MSN, RN

PhD Candidate

Charlie Behrens, BSN, RN

DNP Candidate

Presentation of Awards

Claire Honl, BAN, RN

DNP Excellence Award

Michael Jaeb, BSN, RN

Doctoral Flag Bearer

Laura Block, BSN, RN

Mary L. Keller Research Award

Shoua Xiong, PhD Student

Signe Skott Cooper Writing Award

Teresa Lincicum, MSN, AGACNP, APNP

DAISY Award for Nursing Educators in an Academic Setting

Myra J. Bell, DNP, APNP

DAISY Award for Nursing Educators in a Clinical Setting

John Blabaum, APNP-CNP

Preceptor Impact Award

Linda D. Oakley, PhD, RN

Canary Savage Girardeau Award, 2024

Edith Lawrence-Hilliard

Canary Savage Girardeau Award, 2025

Barbara Pinekenstein, '73, DNP, RN-BC, FAAN

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

Announcement of Graduates

PhD Program Director

Kristine L. Kwekkeboom, PhD, RN, FAAN

PhD Faculty Advisors

Kitty E. Montgomery, PhD, RN, PCNS-BC

Tonya Roberts, PhD, RN, FGSA

Kristen E. Pecanac, PhD, RN

DNP Program Director

Jessica Leiberg, PhD, DNP, ACNP, RN, PNAP

DNP Population Leads

Pam A. McGranahan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, PMHNP-BC

Carrie Bennett, DNP, RN, APNP, GCNS-BC

Wendy Halm, DNP, APNP, FNP-BC

Tracy Saladar, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, PMHS

Gina Bryan, DNP, PMHCNS-BC, APNP, FNAP, FAAN

Roberta P. Pawlak, PhD, RN, NEA-BC

Recognition of New Endowed Professors

Kristen Pecanac, PhD, RN

Helen Denne Schulte Professor

Anne L. Ersig, PhD, RN

Frederick P. and Deborah A. Schwartz Professor in

Chronic Care Nursing

Acknowledgement of Donors

Frederick & Deborah Schwartz

Closing Remarks

Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, FNAP, FAAN

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Doctor of Philosophy

Mays Mohammed Mahmoud Basha

Symptom Profiles and Associated Biopsychosocial Risk Factors during Pediatric Cellular Therapy

Laura Block ^Σ

Characterizing Alzheimer's Disease and Serious Mental Illness Co-Occurrence Among Nursing Home Residents and Relationship to Symptomatology and Care Practices

Michael Jaeb

Identifying Role of Clinician Communication Strategies in Patient-Clinician Communication During Chronic Condition Management Visits

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Adult/Gerontology Acute Care

Halimat Abdulganiyu ^ο

Restraint reduction in the ICU

Joseline Chavez ^Σ

Increasing Advance Directive Awareness and Advance Care Planning Consults in Spanish-speaking Patients: Piloting a Quality Improvement Project

Elisabeth N. Fletcher ^ο

The Burn Toolkit: Increasing Access to Acute Burn Care Guidelines in Community Emergency Departments

Alexandria Fox ^ο

Using Quick Read Codes in the Emergency Department to Help Bridge the Gap in Nursing Practice

Megan Lynn King ^Σ

Evaluating Effects of the PAINAD Scale on Pain Management in Patients with Dementia

Marilyn McCluskey

Improving Healthcare Confidence on Human Trafficking Identification in the Emergency Room

Conner Mickelson ^Σ

The Handling of Electronic AED Rhythm Tracings

Jaimie Rinehart

Improving Operating Room Staff Competency of Organ Procurement Procedures

Annie Russell ^Σ

Assessment of EBP Mentoring Education to Promote RNs as EBP Mentors

Eva Marie Schill

Mitigating Downstream Bias: A Quality Improvement Project to Eliminate Inappropriate Behavioral Flags in Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Reade Shenk

Assessing Nurses' Knowledge and Attitudes Toward Caring for Older Adults

Heidi Ann Stadele ^Σ

MRI Safety Preparedness and Transport for ICU Patients

Karmel A Torres

Improving Perception of Communication between APPs and Nurses through Interdisciplinary Goals of Care Conversation within Solid Tumor Patients

Kassandra Marie Volpentesta

Post-event Debrief: Supporting the healthcare team after acute events

Adult/Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist**Alyssa Ann Haure**

Improving Undergraduate Nursing Faculty Retention: Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Pilot Mentorship Program

Adult/Gerontology Primary Care**Charlie Behrens**

Enhancing Blood Pressure Screening Guidelines in Primary Care

Kristen Gehl

An Evidence-Based Project to Design and Disseminate Educational Resources for Veterans with Dementia

Claire Marie Morken Honl

Optimizing Referrals at a Free Community Specialty Care Clinic

Adult/Gerontology Primary Care CONTINUED

Amy Christina Konetz ^o

Project ECHO: A Pilot for an Educational Intervention to Enhance Health Professional's Confidence in LGBTQIA2S+ Care Delivery

Sarah Magnussen

Reduction of Social Isolation in Individuals with Dementia and Support Persons through the Implementation of Community Memory Cafes

Emily McArdle

Enhancing Education for Pregnant Women Veterans with Cardiovascular Disease Risk

Matthew J. Meskan

Increasing the Number of Certified Registered Nurses at University Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics: A Piloted Educational Program

Sophia Wood Saucedo ^Σ

Improving Clinician Adherence to Diabetes Guidelines in Pregnancy: A Quality Improvement Project

Rachael Schieldt ^Σ

Interdisciplinary Training on Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia: A Program Evaluation

Nina Annika Vakil

Improving Pain Management After Port Placement Through Increased Patient Education

Pediatric Primary Care

Miranda Weinke

Teaching Caregivers to Replace Dislodged Nasogastric Tubes in the Home Setting

Katie Wilberding

Guided Participation Education for Pediatric Doctor of Nursing Practice Students: A Program Evaluation

Population Health

Mary A. Raschka

Does Participation in a One-Year Online Residency Program Improve Public Health Practitioner Confidence, Competency, and Career Track Satisfaction?

Psychiatric Mental Health

Lea Gardiner

Bridging the Crisis Care Gap: Mobile Dementia Response Team Feasibility in Dane County, WI

Michael Craig Keller

Improving Prevention of Workplace Violence at UW Health Through Piloting Behavioral De-escalation Simulation

Angie Kleinmann

Understanding feelings associated with advanced care planning when transitioning to a skilled nursing facility

Molly Kate Rolfe

Exercise as Medicine: Increasing Exercise Prescriptions in Psychiatric Treatment

Colin Schumitsch-Jewell

Multidimensional Inventory of Recovery Capital

Khadija Uddin

Improving Alcohol Withdrawal Management on an Inpatient Psychiatry Unit Through Standardized Staff Training

Samantha Whitlatch

Education to Improve Confidence in Caring for LGBTQ+ Populations

Amelia Zepnick ^Σ

Evaluation of Learning in Pilot Launch of Project ECHO

Systems Leadership & Innovation

Joshua William Hermsdorf ^Σ

Workforce Development: An Orientation Guide

Σ - Member of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing

O - Earned a Nurse Educator Certificate from UW-Madison

The School of Nursing's mission is to develop leaders, innovators, and advocates for the profession and society through research, education, practice, policy, and outreach.



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