School of Nursing
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

May 10, 2024
Welcome
Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN
Dean and Professor

Remarks to the Graduates
Kristin Brunsell Merss, BSN, RN
PhD Candidate
Mollie Carrell, BSN, RN
DNP Candidate

Presentation of Awards
Ellen Jo Ann Hoffman, BSN, RN
DNP Excellence Award
Jackline Nekola, BSN, RN
Flag Bearer
Sheryl Krause, MS, RN, CEN, ACNS-BC
Mary L. Keller Research Award
Rachel Hawn, PhD Student
Signe Skott Cooper Writing Award
Roberta P. Pawlak, PhD, RN, NEA-BC
DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Educators, Academic
Anne M. Putzer, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Educators, Clinical
Barbara J. King, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN
Alumni Award – Distinguished Achievement Award
Announcement of Graduates

PhD Program Director
Kristine L. Kwekkeboom, PhD, RN, FAAN

PhD Faculty Advisors
Kitty E. Montgomery, PhD, RN, PCNS-BC
Kristen E. Pecanac, PhD, RN
Linsey M. Steege, PhD
Linda D. Oakley, PhD, RN
Elliot A. Tebbe, PhD, LP
Barbara J. Bowers, PhD, RN, FAAN
Lisa C. Bratzke, PhD, RN, FAHA
Barbara J. King, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN
Megan L. Zuelsdorff, PhD

DNP Program Director
Jessica Leiberg, DNP, ACNP, RN

DNP Faculty Advisors
Pamela A. McGranahan, DNP, PHNA-BC, PMHNP-BC
Carrie Bennett, DNP, RN, APNP, GCNS-BC
Suzanne Wallace, DNP, RN, APNP, ANP-BC
Tracy Saladar, DNP, CPNP-PC, PMHS
Katie Gillespie, DNP, RN, CPH, FAAN
Gina Bryan, DNP, PMHCNS-BC, APNP, FNAP, FAAN
Roberta P. Pawlak, PhD, RN, NEA-BC

Alumni Welcome
Ashley J. Fielek, DNP, RN, APNP, AGCNS-BC, CNOR
Nurses Alumni Organization (NAO) President

Closing Remarks
Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN
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Doctor of Philosophy

Nadeen Sami Alshakhshir
Awakening the Spiritual Identity in Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer

Sheryl Krause
Analysis of communication during emergency department discharge and patient perceptions of emergency department discharge instructions

Fatih Kunkul
Impact of Patient Engagement (PE) on pain related patient outcomes: A study of adults with opioid-treated chronic low back pain (CLBP)

Diana Love
Critical Appraisal of Teaching LGBTQIA+ Content in Nursing Education

Kristin Brunsell Merss
Perspectives of Correctional Officers of Older Adults in Prison: A Grounded Theory Study

Junha Park
Long-Term Disabilities and Aging: Health Trajectories and Social Determinants

Paria Seyyedmirza
Understanding of Association Between Individual and Social Factors Influencing Well-being of Black Dementia Caregivers

Jennifer Stevens
Cancer-Related Distress Profiles and Associated Factors in Adults with Cancer

Nicole Ashley Thomas
Settler Colonial Determinants Of Indigenous Health: Relationship Between Indigenous Women’s Level Of Allostatic Load And High Blood Pressure During Pregnancy; A Secondary Analysis Of The Strong Heart Study
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Kiera Lyn Akers
Implementing Social Media Safety Education in the Pediatric Primary Care Setting: A Quality Improvement Project

Duncan Otieno Asaka
Establishing a Screening Tool for Health-Related Social Needs

Angela Joy Baker
Inpatient Nurse Perceptions of Rover One Year Post Implementation

Sheryl Bennett
Seeking to Elevate Care by Integrating School Nurses in a Health Information Exchange

Emily Marie Bowie
Fall Prevention: An Initiative for Adult Oncology Patients in the Hospital Setting

Mollie Elizabeth Carrell
Using Meaningful Recognition to Combat APP Burnout in Primary Care

Jesse Cole Christianson
Cannabis: Building Practice Competencies and Political Will for Safe and Therapeutic Use in Wisconsin

Katie Elizabeth Dammen
Understanding and Enhancing Lung Cancer Screening Practices

Joshua Ernst
Unveiling the Path to Control Over Nursing Practice and Autonomy: Shared Decision-Making Excellence

Stephanie Jane Fossum
Advance Community Engagement and Elevate Patient Voice in the Wisconsin Medical-Dental Integration Program

Ellen Jo Ann Hoffman
Enhancing Provider Transition to Practice: A Program Evaluation of the New Graduate Advanced Practice Provider Integration Program at the Madison VA

Kayla Eileen Johnson
Virtual Nursing at UW Health: A Pilot Program Evaluation

Bryony Kelleher
Promoting Standardized Documentation in the Outpatient Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic Setting: A Quality Improvement Project
Doctor of Nursing Practice CONTINUED

Hayley Rose Kiander
Advancing Nursing Care and Education for Sickle Cell Disease: a Quality Improvement Initiative

Leah Kristine Klitzke
Preceptor Support: A Promising Strategy to Decrease Nurse Turnover

Joel Malak
Demonstrating the value of Employer-sponsored Onsite Healthcare in the management of Employee injuries

Abbey Maraka
Telehealth: A System Evaluation

Miranda McElligott
WI-TAG – Initiating a Tuberculosis Advisory Group in the State of Wisconsin

Michele Lynn Mengert
The effect of a faith community nursing program on health and well-being

Emily Jane Menting
Implementing Multimodal Pediatric Cultural Humility Education Within an Accelerated BSN Student Curriculum

Coua Moua
Strengthen Health Outcomes Tracking and Defining Nursing Role in Medical Respite Facility for Unhoused Families

Aniqueka Jamie Moulton
Improving the Experiences of Nurses Pursuing MSN/DNP Leadership Degrees

Katrina Ann Mroz
Whole Health: From Theory into Practice

Jackline Nekola
Evaluation of a Program to Improve Providers’ Adherence to Prescribing the Guideline Directed Medications in Patients with Heart Failure

Kathleen Ann Omelina
The Right Information at the Right Time: A Systems-Level Approach to Patient Education in Management of Heart Failure & Ventricular Assist Devices

Amanda Oyen
Sound the alarm, on bed alarms
Megan E. Peloquin
Promoting Nurse-Driven Patient Mobility: A Clinical Nurse Specialist-led Initiative

Dallas Clayton Prockl
A theory-based nurse engagement campaign for a nursing clinical ladder program

Laura J. Prosperi
The Application of an Early Pregnancy Clinic to Improve the Care and Management of Complications in the First Trimester in a Community Clinic Setting

Anne Nahrwold Richter
Assessing the Impact of Serious Illness Conversation Training on Nurses’ Confidence Level: A Quality Improvement Project

Jonathan Rooney
Decreasing Pulmonary Rehabilitation Visit Cancellations Through Quality Improvement Activities and a Motivational Program

Valerie Burnett Scarasso
Creating a Unified Communicable Disease Exposure Policy for UW Health

Kyoko Schatzke
Cost Savings of a Diabetes Nurse Educator-Led Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Program in a Rural Free Clinic Serving Immigrant Populations

Ellis Stachowiak
Optimizing Delirium Identification and Care in the Intensive Care Unit

Samantha Nicole Starkey
School Nurse-Led Health Assessment for Students Experiencing Homelessness

Katie Woeste
Development of an onboarding tool for nurses new to correctional healthcare

Pa Nhia Yang
Improving Inpatient Nurses’ Knowledge of Food Insecurity and Confidence in Screening Hospitalized Veterans

Σ – Member of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing
Ο – Earned a Nurse Educator Certificate from UW-Madison
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