Second Biennial

Nursing Research and Scholarship

Highlights

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Introduction

It is my pleasure, on behalf of all members of the Research Working Group, to present you with the Faculty’s 2nd Biennial Research and Scholarship Newsletter. While this publication intends to highlight the scholarly activity of our faculty, it is also a platform to document the various initiatives of the Research Working Group. It is our intent to maintain these initiatives and continue our work to create new ones to further bolster the research portfolio of our faculty. It is our goal to work with all faculty members and students to facilitate and support the development of a research intensive culture. It is also our goal to nurture existing collaboration with clinical partners and cultivate the growth of new ones. We hope that you enjoy reading this publication and welcome all your comments and feedback.

Respectfully,

Maher El-Masri, RN, PhD
Research Coordinator
A message from the Dean

Welcome to the Faculty of Nursing Second Biennial Research and Scholarship Newsletter. It is especially exciting to present this newsletter at a time in which the Faculty is witnessing many exciting research and scholarly developments. I believe that it is important that these developments be highlighted and shared with nursing colleagues in and outside the university community to further boost the potential for research collaboration and showcase scholarship within our growing faculty.

As a faculty, we continue to value and support all nursing and health related research activities of our faculty members, students, and clinical partners. This support is demonstrated through the many research oriented activities that the Faculty has witnessed over the last few years. Some of these activities have already translated into an unprecedented number of peer reviewed publications, conference presentations, research grants, scholarly awards, students’ involvement in research, research forums, and the organization of the biennial Nursing Conference. In addition to all these exciting scholarly involvements, faculty members are engaging in an impressive number of research studies that cover a wide range of clinical questions. Many of these projects are being conducted with clinical and academic partners from the larger healthcare community. These projects can only serve to increase our cumulative contributions to research and knowledge translation.

This is a truly exciting time with regard to our research endeavours and we are expecting that our research agenda will continue to grow with the growth of our faculty and the research dedication of our faculty members. Once again, I welcome you to this newsletter and thank you for your interest in our research activities.

Gwendolyn Ebbett
Faculty of Nursing
The Grand Opening of our simulation laboratory took place in November 2006. Over 50 nursing faculty, university personnel and community nursing leaders took part in this exciting event and viewed our first simulation scenario as well as our $750,000.00 simulation lab. The simulation lab is home to a birthing mannequin, an IV simulator, 4 high-fidelity adult simulators, one pediatric high-fidelity simulator and a baby simulator. These high-fidelity mannequins can breath, blink, talk, void and physiologically respond to medications and treatments just like a real patient. One hundred pre-programmed scenarios have been purchased to run with the mannequins such as medical surgical cases, ACLS, and PALS modules, critical care modules and pediatric and infant modules. With this high-tech equipment the simulation lab hopes to enhance the learning of our nursing students by creating clinical scenarios that challenge their critical thinking and decision making skills in a safe learning environment. Our students have the opportunity to develop and strengthen their ability to assess, analyze and make decisions away from the stressors of the clinical setting and without risk of harm to actual patients. Since January of this year we have begun to integrate simulation into our curriculum with our first year students using the mannequins for their health assessment course and our third year students having an opportunity to care for a patient experiencing a myocardial infarct and for a post-operative pneumonia patient. Evaluations from our students have been extremely positive with students asking for “more opportunities in the Simulation lab.”

Along with benefits to our students, we have begun to share this incredible technology with our community partners. In April, we partnered with the Ontario College of Family Physicians during their Emergency Medicine Primer to help family physicians review and practice intubation. For three weeks in May and June, we had our second year students experience a day in our sim lab caring for a birthing Mom, a pediatric patient, a newborn and post-op patient.
In June, we partnered with Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital to offer a one day Trauma Education Conference for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals. The conference was a huge success- thanks to over 60 health care professionals who attended.

The simulation lab is a busy exciting place. Research is currently being conducted in the simulation lab by Dr. Patrick and Prof. Bornais. For more information about our simulation laboratory feel free to contact Judy Bornais at 519-253-3000 ext. 2269 or jbornais@uwindsor.ca.

Congratulations to Dr. Dale Rajacich who successfully completed her doctoral in degree in Nursing from McMaster University, Ontario.

WELCOME

The Faculty of Nursing welcomes its newest faculty members

1. **Dr. Lorna de Witt** who finished her post-doctoral fellowship and was recently named as a National Collaborator with the Social and Economic Dimensions of an Aging Population (SEDAP) Research Program.

2. **Professor Laurie Freeman-Gibb**: a nurse practitioner who has a research program focusing on issues related to women with breast cancer. Professor Freeman-Gibb is currently completing her PhD program at Michigan University

3. **Professor Michelle Freeman**: Former director of the Clinical Quality and Safety Initiatives program at Henry Ford Health System. Professor Freeman brings to the faculty an impressive record of leadership and teaching experience. She has recently joined a PhD program in nursing at McMaster University


Friedman, M. (May, 2006). *Patient Safety 101: Identifying and Reducing Hazards to Create Safer Practice Environments*. BiCounty Hospital Leadership Development Institute, Warren, MI.


Kane, D., Cameron, S., Armstrong-Stassen, M. Moro, F. (2006). Injuries Experienced by Older Nurses in Hospital Settings. Celebrating Nursing Excellence


Yiu, L. (October 21, 2006). Keys to implementing a sustainable community maternal and child health program. Presented at the First Annual Nursing Conference, "Celebrating Nursing Excellence", Faculty of Nursing, University of Windsor.

Yiu, L. (May 5, 2006). Voices of Women from Rural Areas in Yunnan, China: Perspectives on Health. Presented at the University of Windsor, Nursing Research Seminar, Windsor, ON.


Cameron, S. & Springer, C. (July 2006), Nursing Support for Men Making Treatment Decisions for Prostate Cancer. 17th International Conference Congress Focusing on Evidence–Based Practice, Montreal, Canada.


Fox-Wasylyshyn, S., El-Masri, M., & Oldfield, P. (2006). Examining the impact of the heightened alertness and
adherence to standard precautions during the SARS outbreak on the risk of hospital-acquired infections. Presented at the First Annual Research Conference, October 21, 2006, Faculty of Nursing and Tau Upsilon, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.


Hernandez, C. A. (October 21, 2006). Twelve and Eighteen Month Evaluation of a Self-Awareness Intervention for Adults with Type 1 Diabetes and Hypoglycemia Unawareness. Oral Presentation. Celebrating Nursing Excellence Conference, University of Windsor, Windsor, ON.


Awards and Scholarships

Professor Judy Bornais received the Teaching Excellence Award from Elsevier for on-line teaching of Jarvis. The prize comes with a $1000.00 cheque, a plaque and her picture with a story in the RNAO and CNA journals in the fall issue of 2007.

Professor Debbie Dayus was the recipient of the 2007 Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) Regina Borowska Scholarship. The award comes in the amount of $1,000 to provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education and contribute to the advancement of nursing'.

Dr. Maher El-Masri received the 2006 University of Windsor Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Research & Creative Activity, junior category. This Award includes a certificate and a

Grants and Funding Obtained

monetary award of $2,000. This university wide award is given to recipients in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their fields.

Professor Lucia Yiu was the recipient of the University of Windsor’s Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award for 2006. She was presented with a plaque in recognition of her contributions to scholarship within the Faculty of Nursing.

**Ongoing Research**

**Kane, D.** (2007). New Nursing Graduates’ Employment Expectations. A descriptive survey to identify workplace characteristics and employment benefits that are of particular importance to new nursing graduates. Data analysis is in progress.


**Lan, G., McMahon, S., Gowing, M., Ma, Z., Rieger, F., & King, N.** "A longitudinal examination of personal values and moral reasoning of business and nursing students. First year of data collection has been completed.

**Cameron, S. & Armstrong-Stassen, M.** Factors Influencing Nurses’ Choice of Employment in a Border Community. Data analysis and write-up is ongoing.

**Cameron, S. & Springer, C.** An Evaluation of Quality of Life and Symptomatology in Men receiving Radiation Treatments for Prostate Cancer. Data collection will commence this summer.

**Yiu, L.** The Breast Health Project. (funded by The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, $201,134). The study is in progress and is anticipated to be completed in 2007.

**Williamson, K.M.** (Site investigator). Cardiovascular secondary prevention for vulnerable populations: An interdisciplinary approach to improving access to services and outcomes. 5 year CIHR grant: $640,000. PIs: Sherry L. Grace PhD & Donna Stewart MD. Data collection in progress.

**El-Masri, M., Fox-Wasylyshyn, S., White, J., & Shamisa, A.** Examining the risk factors of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism among post operative brain tumor patients. Data collection completed.

**El-Masri, M., Fox-Wasylyshyn, S.,** and Oldfield, P. The effect of trauma-induced humoral and cell-mediated immune depression on the risk of nosocomial infections among critically ill trauma patients. Data analysis is in progress.

**El-Masri, M., Fox-Wasylyshyn, S.,** & Oldfield, P. Examining the effectiveness of 0.12% Chlorhexidine Gluconate oral rinse in reducing the incidence of pneumonia among mechanically ventilated ICU patients. Data collection is in progress.

**El-Masri, M., Fox-Wasylyshyn, S.,** Pfaff, K., Shearme, S., & Dewagner, H. Examining the psychological impact of delayed cardiac rehabilitation on the physical and psychological outcomes of
persons with cardiovascular disease. Data collection is underway

El-Masri, M., Fox-Wasylyshyn, S., Oldfield, P. Examining the impact of heightened alert and adherence to standard precautions during the SARS outbreak on the risk of nosocomial infections. Data collection completed

Media Spotlight

Professor Judy Bornais, Coordinator of the Simulation Lab, was interviewed by CBC radio morning show on November 29, 2006 to speak on the introduction of simulation labs to the Faculty of Nursing. The CBC television and the A-channel both took footage of the lab and conducted similar interviews with professor Bornais. Those interviews were aired on the evening news of both TV channels.

On March 17, 2007 Dr. Debbie Kane was a guest on the A-Channel television show “Inquiry”. She was one of three panel members discussing the implications of changing family roles in today’s society. Dr. Kane’s participation drew upon her expertise in the area of work-family balance.

On March 2006, Professor Heather Krohn from the Faculty of Nursing and Russell Nahdee, Director of Turtle Island House were interviewed by CBC Radio host Tony Doucette. The interview featured a discussion about two Aboriginal Health Fairs in the Windsor community and on the Walpole Island First Nation Reserve in which the Plan II BScN students participated.

Dr. Susan Fox-Wasylyshyn was interviewed by CBC radio regarding the findings of her study that investigated factors contributing to delay in seeking treatment for acute myocardial infarction. The findings of this study were also featured in the Windsor Star.

On October 23, 2006, the “Windsor Star” reported on the Faculty’s first Annual Research Conference and interviewed Ms. Doris Grinspun and Dr. Michael Rachlis, the conference keynote speakers. The report entitled “Nurses lobby province to hire more” focused on the conference’s highlight of the issues of nursing shortage and prevention strategies in Ontario.

On June 8, 2006 Jesse Bird from the “Windsor Star” reported on the “Drama in Trauma” conference. The report covered the nature of the conference, one of the simulation scenarios that was demonstrated during the conference, and the comments of Professor Judy Bornais, conference co-organizer and the Coordinator of the Simulation Lab. Professor Judy Bornais and Dr. Paul Bradford from Hotel Dieu Hospital in Windsor were also interviewed by the “CBC Radio” to discuss the “Drama in Trauma” conference. They spoke of the incredible partnership between the institutions and the benefits of the faculty’s Simulation lab to this partnership.

Events and News

Anniversary Celebration
The Building Blocks for Better Babies (BBBB), a maternal-child initiative founded and operated by Dr. Mary Lou Drake from the Faculty of Nursing celebrated its 10th anniversary on 25 -26 October, 2006. In addition to Dr. Drake, the programme is facilitated by a hard
working group of participants, among whom is Professor Debbie Dayus, another maternal-child faculty member. The two day celebration was attended by a total of 600 people. The events were to congratulate the women and their families for their participation in the programme. In order to make it convenient for the women to attend, the festivities were held in both Windsor and Leamington. The formal agenda of the day was kept short so that the women could renew acquaintances and enjoy themselves. A particularly enjoyable part of the programme occurred when the children marched through the crowd singing and waving a sun they had made for the occasion.

In Leamington, Mr. Pat Hoy, MPP for Chatham brought greetings from Premier Dalton McGuinty of Ontario. In Windsor, Ms. Carol Postma, City Counsellor for Windsor West, addressed the group bringing greetings from Mayor Eddie Francis and also expressing her own sentiments about the value of BBBB in the Windsor West riding. Ms. Blanca Serrano brought greetings from the Public Health Agency of Canada in both Windsor and Leamington. Among the community partners at the celebrations were Mr. Marvin Dueck, of the Mennonite Central Committee and Canadian Mental Health Clinic, Lorraine Goddard from the Youth and Family Resource Centre of Kingsville, Liz Haugh and Sue Kocela from the Windsor - Essex County Health Unit, Laurie TiegS from Children First, Shirley Davies from Healthy Babies Healthy Children, representatives of the Faculty of Nursing and Research Services of the University of Windsor, Amanda Gellman from University of Windsor Advancement Services, Blodwin Reitz from Ready Set Go, and Yvonne Arnowitz from United Way.

Client testimonials were presented by Tracy Beausoleil in Leamington and Mouna Masri and Xiaomei Song in Windsor. After the event, the City of Windsor declared the week of October 23rd 2007 the Building Blocks for Better Babies week. Premier McGuinty sent a plaque commemorating the work of BBBB, as did Ms. Sandra Pupatello.

**Research Conference**

On October 21, 2006, the Faculty of Nursing and the Tau Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) hosted the First Nursing Research and Scholarship Conference. The conference, which featured Dr. Michael Rachlis (Policy analyst) and Ms. Doris Grinspun (RNAO Director) as keynote speakers, was attended by over 170 nurse researchers, clinicians, and students from in and outside Ontario.

Over 52 papers, covering a wide range of research and clinical topics, were presented at the conference. The next conference is planned for March of 2008.
Initiative for Internal Research Funds
In an effort to enhance the research portfolio of the faculty and provide seed funds for faculty members, the Research Working Group at the Faculty of Nursing has launched an internal research funds program. The program is planned to provide three peer-reviewed research grants a year for a senior faculty member, a junior faculty member, and faculty member who intends to do research in partnership with the faculty’s college or clinical partners. The funds for this initiative were equally matched by a generous grant from the Office of Research Services at the University of Windsor. This initiative is a 2-year program, but will hopefully be extended to become a permanent program.

Research forums
The Faculty has successfully concluded its first series of monthly research forums for the year 2006-2007. Over a period of seven months, eight faculty members presented a wide variety of research studies. All sessions were open to faculty, students, and the university community. The 2007-2008 forums are set to start on October 2007.

Hold the Date
The Faculty of Nursing is pleased to host its 2nd Biennial Nursing Conference to be held on March 29, 2008 at the Toldo Health Education Centre. The conference will feature Dr. Alba Dicenso, as its keynote speaker

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Graduate Program Receives Top Grade
In the fall of 2007, the graduate program at our faculty underwent an appraisal process that was conducted by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS). We are proud to report that the program received top grades in the appraisal review. Further, we have been approved to offer a new Leadership field and a new Advanced Clinical Nursing field that incorporates the best of our current fields of Health Promotion and Illness Prevention and Human Responses and Adaptations to Alterations in Health. We have also been approved to offer the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner Program at the Master’s level. Our thanks go to the Graduate Coordinator Dr. Debbie Kane and members of the Graduate Committee for their hard work throughout the review process. We look forward to welcoming the incoming cohort of 30 graduate students as we launch our new fields of study in September 2007.

“Drama in Trauma” Conference
For the first time, Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital held its “Drama in Trauma” conference in collaboration with the Faculty of Nursing. The conference was attended by a sizable number of trauma health care professionals from the local community and surrounding areas. Activities included trauma care and research presentations as well as clinical simulations that were performed using the University’s high-tech simulators.
The conference was a collaborative effort between The University of Windsor and Hotel Dieu Grace hospital. Under the title “High-tech sims help CPR skills”

**STTI 39th Convention**
The Faculty of Nursing will be represented with a record number of speakers who will present their research and scholarly work at the Sigma Theta Tau International 39th Biennial Convention that will be held between November 2 - 7, 2007. The following Faculty members have had their submissions accepted for presentations at the conference:
- Dr. Sheila Cameron
- Dr. Debbie Kane
- Dr. Susan Fox
- Prof. Heather Krohn
- Prof. Deborah Dayus
- Prof. Susan Dennison
- Prof. and Graduate student Kathy Pfaff
- Dr. Maher El-Masri
- Dr. Linda Patrick

**School of Business hosts Dr. Cameron**
On February 15, 2007 and as part of its “Partner in the Experience” talk series, the Odette School of Business hosted Dr. **Sheila Cameron** from the Faculty of Nursing and Dr. Marjorie Armstrong-Stassen from the School of Business to speak about their joint research. Dr. Cameron and her research partner spoke on the topic of “Organizational Issues relevant to Hospitals and Community Health Agencies” and were able to capture the interest of the attending audience. The series was widely publicized and was open to attendees from in and outside the university community.

Dr. **Linda Patrick** and her research partner Dr. Marilyn Evans from the UWO will be presenting their research on the health lifestyles of women after experiencing gestational diabetes at the Sigma Theta Tau Research Congress that will be held in July, in Vienna, Austria.

Dr. **Linda Patrick** has been confirmed as an Associate Editor for Journal of Evidence Based Nursing after successfully completing her probationary period in that role. Dr. Patrick’s name will appear on the MASTHEAD of the journal in July, 2007.

Dr. **Maher El-Masri** was invited by the School of Nursing at the University of Miami on May 2006, where he gave two presentations to PhD students and faculty members. The topics focused on issues pertaining to research methods.

On January 19, 2006, Dr. **Maher El-Masri** was invited as a guest speaker to the Faculty of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor. Dr. El-Masri’s presentation on his research program was one of the 2006-2007 monthly “Key Speaker” series organized by the Faculty of Human Kinetics.
The Faculty of Nursing, University of Windsor and colleagues from Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, a designated site for the implementation of the RNAO’s Best Practice Guidelines, are involved in research projects as part of the larger Best Practice Guidelines initiative. As part of this initiative, Professor Debbie Dayus is involved in one project that is funded by the Government of Ontario and aims to study the Perceived Facilitators and Barriers of establishing therapeutic relationships. This research was published in June 2007 as part of the RNAO’s Final Report.

Panel Discussion
In its efforts to enrich the research culture within the Faculty of Nursing, the Research Working Group organized a panel discussion on April 2, 2006 on issues related to grant writing skills. The event was entitled “Unveiling the Secrets of Successful Research Grant Applications in Nursing and Applied Sciences.” The event was attended by faculty members and students from different faculties. Members of the panel were Dr. Sheila Cameron (nursing), Dr. Charlene Senn (Psychology), and Krista Chandler (Human Kinetics).

Top Researcher Visits Faculty of Nursing
Nursing scholar Dr. Margaret Harrison from Kingston University School of Nursing presented two grant writing seminars to the Faculty of Nursing and the local nursing community on Thursday May 11, 2006. The morning session was a public forum entitled “Practice Research Question to National Level Funding: The Long and Winding Road.” The afternoon session was limited to members of Faculty and was entitled “Cracking the Golden Egg: National Level Funding.” The two sessions were very insightful and were well received by those who were present.

On July 2007, Professor Michelle Freeman served as a co-director and co-author, with Ms. Jackie Chesney from Henry Ford Health System in the U.S., in the production of an educational film and facilitator tool kit that was entitled "Through the Patient's Eyes: Preventing Communication Failures in Our Complex Health Care Environment."

Students’ Corner
Amanda McEwen, a fourth year undergraduate nursing student, was recently awarded the CIHR Health Professional Student Research Award voucher valued at $4,251 for a term of 13 weeks. The purpose of this CIHR program is to strengthen clinical research by fostering the development of the next generation of clinician researchers and attract students into careers as clinician-investigators. Amanda spent the time of this award working with Dr. Maher El-Masri and Dr. Susan Fox-Wasylyshyn in their clinical research program.

Graduate student Maj. Steven Pirie and his Faculty advisor Dr. Maher El-Masri were interviewed by the Windsor Star on the 7th of December 2006. The
interview featured a discussion about Maj. Pirie’s thesis on the topic of bioterrorism, and the knowledge of health care providers with regard to this topic and the management of victims of bioterrorism. Both Maj. Pirie and Dr. El-Masri emphasized the importance of preparedness of health care settings to deal with the threat of bioterrorism and spoke on the importance of incorporating the topic of infectious disease preparedness in nursing curricula in schools of nursing in Ontario.

Deborah Kartz received the Alumni Graduate Award
Kristy Bialkowski and Steven Pirie received Dr. Sheila Cameron Award
Amanda Dipasquale received Chadwell-Horsburgh Family Award
Kathryn Pfaff received Yvette Miller Memorial Graduate Nursing Award
Ren Jianhua received Dr. Janet Rosenaum Graduate Practicum Scholarship Award
Kathryn Pfaff and Kathy Deshaies received the Thesis Research Award

Over 20 graduate students shared their scholarly work in a nice display of poster presentations at the Graduate Scholarship Day that was held on March 27, 2007. The event hosted Ms. Jackie Andrew, from Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital who spoke about the demystification of the RNAO’s “Best Practice Guidelines”.

Graduate Brown-bag lunches for 2007 included 2 scholarly presentations. The first was presented by Maj. Steven Pirie, a first year graduate student who spoke about “Community Development Planning in the 3rd World.” Major Pirie’s presentation was inspired by his experience with the Royal Canadian Armed Forces during the Tsunami relief efforts in Sri Lanka. The second presentation was offered by Dr. Debbie Kane and Dr. Maher El-Masri who spoke to graduate students about the thesis experience in a session that was entitled “From proposal to Defense.”

Congratulations to all graduate students who received the following 2006 - 2007 graduate awards:

Sheila Boamah          Karen Murray
Lourdes Brother       Linda O’Halloran
Lily Daniher          Cheryl Poisson
Jennifer DiSimone     Jianhua Ren
Sarah Harvey          Deborah Karcz
Dennis Smith          Dayna Kearns
Katie Studnicka       Heather Lennox
Elizabeth Seabrook    Allan McCallum
Heather Tales         Lynn McEwen
Virginia Walsh        Mihaela Zegrean
Bonnie Showers-Malanowski
The Faculty of Nursing and the Tau Upsilon Chapter at the University of Windsor invite you to the

2nd Biennial Nursing Research Conference
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March 29, 2008

Keynote Address

Toward an Evidence-Based Nursing Profession: Implications for Education and Practice

by

Alba DiCenso, RN, PhD
Professor, Nursing, McMaster University
CHSRF/CIHR Chair in Advanced Practice Nursing
Director, Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research

Dr. Alba DiCenko is one of the first nursing scholars to advocate and pioneer in the area of Evidence-Based Practice. From 1998 to 2003, Dr. DiCenso was the lead editor of the Evidence-Based Nursing Journal and she is the lead editor of a recent textbook: Evidence-Based Nursing: A Guide to Clinical Practice published by Elsevier.

Dr. DiCenso holds the CHSRF/CIHR Chair in Advanced Practice Nursing and is a Professor in the School of Nursing and the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University. She is also the Director of the Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research. Dr. DiCenso’s mandate during her 10-year Nursing Chair is to increase Canada’s capacity of nurse researchers who will conduct applied research related to advanced practice nursing (APNs) that serves the needs of managers and policy makers in the health sector. Her primary research area is the introduction and evaluation of advanced practice nurses (including nurse practitioners) in primary and tertiary care settings.

For more information about the conference, please visit:

www.uwindsor.ca/nursing/research
Call for Abstracts
The 2nd Biennial Conference
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Saturday March 29, 2008
Toldo Health Education Centre, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

The University of Windsor, Faculty of Nursing and the Sigma Theta Tau, Upsilon Tau Chapter, are co-sponsoring the Faculty’s second Biennial conference to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008. The conference provides a forum for nurse researchers, graduate students, and clinicians to share and celebrate nursing scholarship through diverse scholarly clinical, theoretical, and research presentations.

Keynote Address

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McMaster University

Guidelines for Submission: A one page abstract of a completed study or a clinical paper will be accepted by e-mail or fax. Submit two copies of your abstract: one must state the complete title, author(s)’ name(s), credentials, institutional affiliation, phone/fax, and e-mail of all authors. Indicate whether a paper or poster presentation is sought. The second abstract copy should include the title and mode of presentation (paper or poster) with no other identifying information. If more than one author is listed, indicate who is serving as the corresponding author.

Abstract preparation: Abstracts should not exceed 300 words for research presentations and 200 words for clinical or theoretical papers, using single spaced 12 point Times New Roman Font. Margins must be one and one-half inches on left, and one inch on right, top and bottom. Center the title in upper case font. Accepted abstracts will be printed as submitted in the conference proceedings.

Research abstracts must be structured and should include the following headings: Purpose of study, rationale and significance, methodology, sample and setting, results, and conclusions. Clinical and theoretical papers should be submitted in paragraph format and should not exceed two paragraphs. Abstracts will be selected on the basis of merit through blind review. Twenty percent of accepted abstracts will be reserved for graduate students. Abstracts reflecting work-in-progress are welcome for poster presentations.

Submission date: Abstracts must be submitted on or before November 16, 2007 to Ms. Susan Rotondi by email at srotond@uwindsor.ca or fax: (519) 973-7084. Late submissions will not be reviewed.

Abstract Selection and Notification. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will be notified via email by December 14, 2007. Each oral presentation will be allowed 20 minutes plus 5 minutes for Q & A.

Conference Registration. All presenters are required to register for the conference and pay the registration fee no later than March 3, 2008. Registration forms and other related information are available on the conference website at www.uwindsor.ca/nursing/research or by contacting Ms. Susan Rotondi at: srotond@uwindsor.ca

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We look forward to seeing you in March
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