Mission: Provide innovative education in the art and science of professional nursing while empowering our baccalaureate and masters graduates to be socially and ethically responsible and knowledgeable clinicians, leaders, and scholars who will meet the changing healthcare needs of a diverse global community.

Graduate Coordinator Update

Welcome to Spring semester! The Valley Foundation School of Nursing has a great deal happening this Spring and the graduate faculty look forward to working with all of the graduate students on our current goals! The new Master’s Essentials were approved by AACN and the graduate faculty participated in a Graduate program retreat in October, 2011 to begin work on revisions for the program as designated by the Essentials. The graduate retreat provided an opportunity for the faculty to engage in planning for the future. We will be continuing to work on the revisions during spring 2012.

A special thank you to Dr. Phyllis Connolly, Professor Emeritus for all of the work that she did to create an excellent Master’s program in The Valley Foundation School of Nursing. Dr. Connolly is enjoying her well deserved retirement!

In December 2011, 6 Master’s candidates presented their Graduate Orals. You will find a list of the projects in this newsletter on page 2. These research projects demonstrated depth and breadth of research and several implications for practice. Congratulations to the Master’s graduates of Fall 2011! The next group of Master’s candidates are working on their projects in preparation for Graduate Orals on May 16, 2012. More information will be posted in April regarding the Graduate Orals schedule.

I want to welcome Dr. Susan McNiesz as the interim graduate coordinator for Spring 2012. Dr. McNiesz has taught Nurs 202 in the graduate program for some time. Dr. McNiesz enjoys working with the graduate students and is the graduate advisor for this semester. She has done a great job in getting things started this semester and she will be following up on some of the graduate program issues during this semester. The faculty will be reviewing the curriculum and updating certain courses. We are also planning to begin the Nursing Informatics track in Fall 2012. Also in Fall 2012, The Valley Foundation School of Nursing is initiating a Doctor of Nursing Practice program in collaboration with CSU Fresno. Dr. Lori Rodriguez and Dr. Ruth Rosenblum are coordinating this effort.

I am on sabbatical this semester (Spring 2012) and will be working on a project related to the Omaha System and utilizing a web-based platform for documentation and measurement of outcomes in all of the Nurse Managed Centers. I’m looking forward to having time to work on this project and enhance the learning experiences of our undergraduate and graduate students. I hope you all have a wonderful semester and I wish you success!

Best,

Daryl Canham

Daryl Canham, EdD., RN, BC-CHN
Coordinator, Graduate Program
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EXAMINATIONS
Students successfully completed their oral examinations on December 10, 2010, thus concluding the final step in the project process. All of the candidates and advisors are listed. There were many interesting topics and areas which you may want to pursue for your project. Mark your calendars for May 18, 2011 there will be many stimulating presentations!!

Diallo, Sekou (Advisor: D. Canham) “Insured patients’ satisfaction with access to primary care and the usage of emergency department services for non-urgent medical conditions”

Egu, Beatrice (Advisor: D. Canham) “Nurses’ attitudes and actions of caring behaviors toward End- of -Life care clients in a multicultural diverse work environment”

Gulzar, Munira (Advisor: T. Adelman) “Use of complementary and alternative medicine by different ethnic groups during chemotherapy treatment and selected types related to increased quality of life”

Parsons, Robin (Advisors: L. Rodriguez & D. Goyal) “Levels of moral distress in emergency nurses: An exploratory study”

Reyes-Quias, Lourdes (Advisors: J. Cohen) “Nursing in a New Land: Acculturation and Job Satisfaction Among Filipino Registered Nurses Working in Skilled Nursing Facilities”

Renfro, Denise (Advisors: D. Stuenkel & K. Abriam-Yago) “Effectiveness of the Nurse Scholar Self Assessment of Professional Behaviors Tool”

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### REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PRACTICUM

**Nursing Practicum Courses** (Note: There are lab fees for most of these courses)
- NURS 214, NURS 216, NURS 236A, NURS 236B, NURS 267, NURS 298

Students enrolled in any of the above courses will need to show documentation of the following items before starting clinical hours. The faculty of record will check this documentation on the first day of class. Bring a copy of everything with you to turn in for review.

1. Health statement and immunizations up to date (a copy of the health form and the immunization requirements are available online and in the School of Nursing office, HB 420, if you have not already completed them). The requirements include a negative PPD or negative chest x-ray within the past year and Hepatitis B immunizations; University Requirements include documentation of measles and rubella immunizations. All nursing students fall into the “at-risk” category which requires documentation of having had the disease or having been immunized against the disease. If you have any questions or need clarification on University policy, please call the Student Health Center at 408-924-6120.

2. NP students must have their own professional liability insurance a policy which specifies FNP student practice.

4. Your own medical insurance.
5. Current California RN license.
6. Background checks when required.

**Remember to check your expiration dates. Everything must be current.**
PROGRAM OPTION UPDATES

Administrator Option
The Option, which combines regular university classes for 14 units and Special Sessions classes for 22 units, is meeting the demands of our community. Student satisfaction with this option remains high. Currently, there is one course scheduled for Summer session 2012. Nurs 236 A will be offered spring 2013 by Dr. Canham and will meet approximately 3-4 times on campus and online strategies (D2L and Elluminate) will be used.

Partners Needed For the Administrator Option
We are seeking agency partners to help support the offering of the Administration courses off campus. A unique partnership collaborative approach has been developed. If your agency is interested in this opportunity, please contact Dr. Diane Stuenkel at 408-924-3179 or stuenkel@son.sjsu.edu.

Health Informatics New Option
A new option in health informatics is being developed with a team from Nursing, Library Science, Business, alumni and employers. The need for this is a direct result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The statute includes the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH ACT) which sets forth a plan for advancing the appropriate use of health information technology to improve quality of care for each individual in the United States. The proposed option curriculum will meet the ANA Scope and Standards for Nursing Informatics (2008). In addition, the option will prepare graduates to meet requirements for AACN Certification. One goal will be to utilize courses from other disciplines and to integrate our students with students from other disciplines. We are currently admitting students for this option to create a cohort.

Nurse Educator Option
We have University approval of the post master’s certificate in our Nurse Educator Option. This is the first certificate to receive University approval. Nurs 214 is being offered spring 2012 and Nurs 216 is scheduled for fall 2012.

School Nurse Option
Please make an appointment to see Dr. Canham to review your progress and plan for completion of the program. You will need to enroll in and complete the School Nurse specialty courses when offered. Each School Nurse must complete the Advising Form so that you are included and notified of course offerings. Please submit your completed Form to Dr. Connolly immediately and annually each spring. Make sure you check the Graduate Newsletter on our website and consult with Dr. Canham about the expected offerings.

We are committed to making sure that our current in progress School Nurse CNS/Credential students complete the program and meet the CNS and credentialing requirements.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Scholarships
There are scholarship and financial assistance monies available through the School of Nursing for graduate students. Please distinguish these scholarship monies from the earlier traineeship monies. Scholarship information and forms are available online at http://www.sjsu.edu/faso. Students can also purchase the School of Nursing Scholarship Information Packet in the Associated Student Print Shop http://as.sjsu.edu/asps/index.jsp. For additional information about SON financial assistance, please contact Dr. Kathy Abriam-Yago at abriam@son.sjsu.edu or 408-924-3159. Please also check the Graduate Nursing website at http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/finassist.htm under “Financial Assistance Opportunities” for opportunities outside of SJSU SON. If you are completing your Nurs 297 Project $500.00 scholarships are available to support your research (see My Faculty Web Page under Nurs 297 for the application http://www.sjsu.edu/people/phyllis.connolly/ )
Faculty-Student Research Fund
This Research Fund is supported by the Lena Beatrice Hirsh Nursing Scholarship Endowment. A graduate student who is doing a research project under the supervision of the faculty is eligible to apply for the funding. The student will need to submit an application and a one-page proposal abstract. The Program Evaluation and Research Committee will review the proposal and determine the applicant’s eligibility according to the enlisted criteria. Submit applications to Dr. Mao. You must have your First Advisor’s approval.

Also, if you are a member of Sigma Theta Tau, funds are available and are awarded in the Spring. If you want information on these awards, contact Myra Sternlieb, msmyrabeth@yahoo.com 408-252-7124

GENERAL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL HINTS

Special Sessions Course Registration
Registration: You will be contacted by email by Trudy Miller with directions on how to register for Special Sessions courses. You must pay your fees immediately. For additional questions, please contact Trudy Miller at 408-924-3176, trudy.miller@sjsu.edu for course code or registration information. You will receive directions regarding registration prior to the first day of the course.

Payment: CREDIT CARD: The Bursar’s office is no longer accepting credit card payments unless they are processed on-line or by phone. To pay by credit card, log on to www.cashnestsmartpay.com or call 1-800-889-3148. There is a service charge for both options. CHECK, CASHIER’S CHECK, MONEY ORDER: Please include student name, local telephone number and Peoplesoft student ID number (not social security number). E-CHECK: https://acp.sjsu.edu (no service charge). CASH: You must pay in person at the Bursar’s office.

Webcasting and Televising

What is it?
Webcasting and televising to off campus sites have increased access for students as well as decreased travel time to campus. Webcasting permits students to watch a class live or through the archives on their home computers or a computer at a work site. Please check directly with ATN for current course and location information.

With these modes of delivery it is very important that students are ready for class the first night including purchased books and syllabi. The technology is very good and depends heavily on student readiness from the very first day of class. Classes move rapidly and students need to be prepared for rapidly progressing in the courses.

The following courses may be webcasted NURS 200 NURS 202, NURS 204, NURS 297 seminar depending on room availability in IRC.

Videotaping option
Often courses may be videotaped by the Instructional Resource staff. Students can view the tapes on campus or, if they bring a tape to the staff, they will copy the tape for them. There is a $5.00 charge per tape for this service. Contact ATN for more information on this option.
ON CAMPUS attendance is required for a specific number of classes. You must consult with the faculty of record about the expectations for on campus classes and webcasting.

Academic Technology Network Contact Info
For information on services, media options and facility scheduling, call 408-924-2636, email at atn@sjsu.edu or visit the website at http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/atn.
ONLINE COURSES
Some graduate courses are offered online through e-campus. This technology generally includes the use of a Discussion Board, E-mail system, and Chat Room. Many courses are now blended using Desire2Learn; Elluminate; webcasting and on campus components. An orientation is provided to students to both the technology and its function within the course. Students need to be sure they understand the expectations of the various components in blended courses—TALK TO THE FACULTY.

Open University: Transfer of Credits - Please be very careful about the use of Open University!

Some students have taken courses through Open University as they await the processing of their applications. Please note:

- ONLY six units may be taken through Open University toward the 36 required units for the master’s degree.
- There is a form that needs to be completed to transfer the units into the graduate student record. You need to obtain the form from Graduate Studies, complete the form and leave the form for the Graduate Coordinator to sign and send to Graduate Studies. While the six units will be transferred into your record, the grades will not. This could be a problem in the future should you receive a C in a course in the Graduate Program which, if not offset by an A, brings your GPA below a B (3.0).

Clearing Conditions
If you were admitted with "Conditions," please notify the Graduate Coordinator by email daryl.canham@sjsu.edu and provide documentation regarding meeting the conditions. DURING SPRING 2012 PLEASE CONTACT THE INTERIM GRADUATE COORDINATOR, Dr. Susan McNiesh at susan.mcniess@sjsu.edu. Once the conditions are met, the appropriate form will be completed and sent to Graduate Studies; this will change your status to "Classified." This is an important step to move you toward candidacy.

Program of Study M. S. Nursing: Advising Form
A new form to help you plan your program and provide updated information to the Graduate Coordinator about your progress was instituted Spring 2009. Students need to complete the form, save it on a file at home and print out the typed form, sign it and leave it or mail it to Dr. Canham or Dr. McNiesh Spring 2012) in the Nursing Office. List all your courses and when you plan to take those courses or those that were completed along with any Conditions. You need to update the Advising Form annually by April every year and resubmit to Dr. Canham or to Dr. McNiesh for April 2012. Any questions, please email Dr. McNiesh at susan.mcniess@sjsu.edu.

Non-BSN Degrees Course Requirements
Students with non-BSN degrees need to take the following courses:

- NURS 127B (Community Nursing Theory)
- NURS 137 (Nursing Process)
- NURS 147B (Community Nursing Clinical)
- NURS 128 (Nursing Research) Wed

All the courses except NURS 147B are webcasted so once you attend Add/Drop and Orientation and the first day of each course, you will be able to access the courses on your home computer, however there are specific dates when you must attend on campus. If you have questions about this, please call Dr. Toby Adelman, Semester 7 Chair, at 408-924- or email toby.adelman@sjsu.edu. If you have questions about Nurs 128, please call or contact Dr. Chris.Hooper, Semester 8 Chair, christine.hooper@sjsu.edu.

Meeting the Writing Competency Condition
Many students have been admitted conditionally and still need to meet the writing competency requirement by the end of the first semester of the program and before any option courses can be taken. You will not be able to move to Candidacy until the writing requirement is met and your progression may be stopped if you have not met
the writing competency requirement within the first year of your admission. Generally only two sections of HPRF100W are offered during the summer. Thus, it is important to enroll during regular sessions.

Students need to take the Writing Skills Test (WST) BEFORE HPRF 100W Writing Workshop and depending on their score, they may waive the 100W Health Professions Writing Course. You must take the WST before enrolling in HPRF 100W. The fee for the test is $25.00.

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Please visit the Testing and Evaluation Department website, [https://testing.sjsu.edu/twst.html](https://testing.sjsu.edu/twst.html), for additional information, or call 408-924-5980.

**Writing Assistance During the Program**

If you are having difficulty with writing you are eligible to receive help at the Writing Center located in the Clark Library Room 126. You can call for an appointment at 408-924-2308 or go to the website and schedule an appointment go to [http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/). If you are completing your NURS 297 project and need assistance with editing, please email me. I have the names of writing specialists from the Center who would be willing to assist you however, this would be a private service for a fee.

**Research Librarian - Ms. Valeria Molteni, Health and Science Librarian. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95128-0028.**

Office phone - 408-808-2023 e-mail address is: valeria.molteni@sjsu.edu. Additional helpful websites: [http://libguides.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/nursing) and [http://libguides.sjsu.edu/cultureandhealth](http://libguides.sjsu.edu/cultureandhealth). Watch for workshops on APA and RefWorks. Ms. Volteni is on maternity leave during Spring 2012. Ms. Adrianna Poo is substituting for her.

**Statistics Renewal**

This is a frequent "condition" for many of the graduate students and should be met within the first semester of the graduate program and before any option courses can be taken.

**New Option for renewal— A 3 unit Statistical Data Analysis for Research course is being arranged.** We expect that it will be offered each fall. The course will also become part of the Nurse Educator Option.

You may update through online courses in statistics and/or through a two-year college with the equivalent course of STAT 95 (Usually Math 10) (see articulation link, [http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu)) or through SJSU STAT 95.

**Economics** The course, Principles of Economics, (Econ1A) may be taken or its equivalent either at SJSU taught, or any community college. Check the articulation link [http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu).

It must be met within the first year of admission to the graduate program. You must achieve a grade of B or better.

**SIGMA THETA TAU, INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING**

Membership: You are eligible to apply for membership each year in the Fall. You need to complete nine units and have a GPA of 3.5. Applications are available outside the Nursing office-HB 420, and they are due in Fall for Spring Induction. The cords are available for Commencement. Contact Myra Sternlieb 408-252-7124 or mmsyrabeth@yahoo.com or go to the Sigma website [http://www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org). If you are a member applications for scholarships are considered each spring.
Please be realistic with your time lines. You must be able to have enough time to complete the scholarly critical thinking, writing, and revising of your final manuscript. The completion of your Project is the terminal outcome measure of your ability to perform research, critically think and communicate at an advanced practice level.

**What is the Difference Between the Project and Thesis?**
The products differ in the following ways: (a) the thesis preparation follows specific graduate studies requirements and structure; (b) the project outcome is the submission of a publishable article to a specific journal. Further explanation can be found in the current SJSU catalog. Additional information with specifics and School of Nursing examples can be found on the revised course descriptions for NURS 297 and NURS 299.

**Moving to Candidacy**
The Departmental Request for Candidacy form must be received in the Graduate Studies Office at least one semester preceding the semester in which you graduate. The form, which can be obtained and typed online, [http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/docs/candidacy.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/docs/candidacy.pdf) must be reviewed and signed by the Graduate Coordinator. All Conditions must be met first (see Clearing Conditions). This form is usually completed when you are enrolled in Nurs 297.1.

**Submission of Application of Advisor for NURS 297 Project**
If you were not assigned a project advisor in Spring 2012 or Fall 2012 and you are at the project point in your progress, contact Dr. Canham by e-mail daryl.canham@sjsu.edu as soon as possible. Advisors will be assigned after submission of the Application For Advisors, and the assignment is based on the quality of the application and a match of interests and faculty availability. This is also completed when you are enrolled in Nurs 297.1.

**Enrollment in 297 Project Work**
The conditions for eligibility to apply for a thesis reader or project advisor are:
- Completion of NURS 295
- Completion of the project/thesis seminar NURS 297
- Completion of the Application for Advisors
- Completion of at least 26 units of coursework toward the graduate degree
- Student must have no incompletes
- Student must have a refined proposal.

If you are working with an advisor, you can enroll in the courses listed below. Your completed Candidacy form specified the number of units you should register for this Spring 2012. Please review and follow the Candidacy form.

- NURS 297.2 (2 units of project to complete the work over 1 semester). In order to receive a grade of “Incomplete” in NURS 297.02, that is, you have not completed your project, you must have at least SJSU IRB approval for your project, your First Advisor’s approval and Graduate Coordinator’s approval.

If you already completed NURS 297 (seminar) then enroll in 297.2 (2 units) to complete your project. Consult first with Dr. Canham at Daryl.Canham@sjsu.edu for a permission number. Please include your full name and SJSU Student ID number.

**Failure to Complete Project within Two Semesters – What to Do?**
Once students have used the three units of 299 (Thesis) or 297 (Project) but have not completed the thesis or project, they enroll for three units of NURS 298 through SPECIAL SESSIONS. Currently the fee is $400 per unit through Special Sessions. After the first semester of special sessions, if your work is not completed, students enroll for three units of NURS 298.
Publications Resulting Projects – Manuscript Revisions Process
Most scholarly manuscripts submitted to refereed journals are returned to the first author requesting revisions. All of your faculty has experienced this situation. When you receive this notification, please contact your first advisor. They will work with you to address the reviewer’s suggestions. After the revisions are made, resubmit the updated version to the same journal. If you do not want to engage in this process, please notify your advisor.

At that time, your advisor(s) might choose to resubmit themselves after they revise the document. If this occurs, authorship will shift. That is, they will become first and second authors. The main point is that it is important to revise and resubmit, and we want to encourage you to do so. If you need the help and a professional editor, please e-mail me and I can give you the names of some writing specialists. There would be a fee for that service for the individual.

Top 10 Reasons For Rejecting a Manuscript

- Manuscript is sent to the wrong journal (make sure you have the right audience)
- Content does not provide new information
- Information is too old or out of date
- Topic is too narrow, reports a single, unique experience, or appeals to a narrow segment of the audience
- Important contributions to the topic are missing or out-of-date references are used
- Author has relied too heavily on the literature
- Manuscript was a class paper or speech
- Too little information about methods or the methodology has serious flaws
- Paper does not make a point
- Poor writing

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Preparing for Orals
Students completing projects or theses participate in oral exams to complete NURS 297 or NURS 299 (see course descriptions). Information will also be on our website under “Testing & Exams.”

Students demonstrate readiness for orals by completion of the project, data analysis and recommendations and a significant completion of the manuscript. Both the First Project Advisor and Graduate Coordinator will determine if a student is ready for Orals.

On the day of Orals in order to meet the requirements for the Culminating Experience form (the ticket out of SJSU) that the student has met all requirements for the Award of Degree, students need to submit to the Graduate Coordinator: (a) one copy of the manuscript; (b) the Project Signature form signed by both Advisors; (c) two copies of the abstracts of the project; and, (d) documentation of manuscript submission. You may not submit to a journal without the final approval of your First Advisor.

If you have used The Valley Foundation School of Nursing at SJSU students in your project you must provide a hard copy of your final manuscript to the Chair of the Program Evaluation and Research Committee.

The presentation should last approximately 20 minutes (15 minutes with five minutes for questions). Present your study by first discussing how you became interested in the topic, research questions or purpose, design, methods, findings or outcomes, and implications for practice. Bring at least 20 copies of your abstract with your name and topic of the project on the abstract. Limit your slides to 15. The Graduate Coordinator develops a schedule that facilitates the presence of both Advisors for the student Project. Make sure that your Power Point presentation is compatible with our equipment; files should be mailed to technical support by May 9, 2012. You should have back up of print outs of slides copies of your Power Point ready the day of Orals.
GRADUATION

What is the Commencement Ceremony?
The Commencement ceremony is a symbolic landmark in your educational career. It symbolizes the completion of a course of study and the conferral of your degree. Guests are encouraged to attend. You are eligible to participate in the Commencement ceremony held one time each year in May whether you complete your baccalaureate or master’s degree from San José State University during the summer, in December or in May. Students who are eligible and wish to participate should make arrangements to have the proper academic regalia. The mandatory graduation fee, which you paid when you applied for graduation, is used for all expenses associated with graduation, including diplomas, record processing, etc. Except for the purchase of your regalia, there is no additional charge for participating in Commencement. To the baccalaureate candidate, perhaps the most important element of academic regalia is the smallest — the tassel. Traditionally, it is worn on the right side of the mortarboard until the President, during the ceremony, officially and formally confers the degree upon the recipients. The tassel is then moved from the right side to the left side of the mortarboard. This act symbolizes the recipient’s new and well-earned status. Master’s and credential degree candidates wear the black tassel on the left side of the mortarboard. Master’s candidates carry their hoods on their right arms during the processional. At the proper time, the President will confer upon the candidates the appropriate degree and will direct the faculty Hood Masters to “hood” degree recipients. Regalia must be ordered in advance in the AS Bookstore.

What is Convocation?
At the end of every semester graduating students in specific disciplines organize a commemorative ceremony called Convocation. It is held after final exams in December and May. Convocation is a student organized and implemented event. There is a fee. Faculty and the Director serve as consultants. In order to enhance the inclusivity of both baccalaureate and master’s students at these important occasions, a planning meeting will be held early in each semester (i.e., September and February) to discuss all of the details of the upcoming Convocation. At least one faculty advisor and representatives from both the undergraduate and graduate students groups will be included. Convocation is a wonderful School of Nursing event. However, it is costly in terms of faculty, staff, students and guests’ time and money. To enhance School cohesiveness, no other events will be organized to acknowledge graduating students from the School of Nursing. The graduate liaison for May 2012 Convocation is Chloe and you can contact her at . The graduate liaisons for May 2012 are Romida Magnampo and Debra Law. . The University holds Commencement every year in May (see above article).

December 17, 2011, Graduate Coordinator Convocation Speech
Dr. Daryl Canham, Professor and Graduate Coordinator

Good afternoon graduates, family, friends, significant others, guests, faculty, Dean Bullock and honored guests. I am grateful to be part of this important occasion today as The Valley Foundation School of Nursing graduate program coordinator. We currently have two active options for advanced practice nursing; Nurse Administrator and Nurse Educator (including the Post Masters Nurse Educator option). We are also beginning a Nursing Informatics option planned for Fall 2012. This occasion, recognition as an advanced practice nurse, is important — advanced practice nurses make a difference in health care. On December 9, 2011, six graduate students completed their graduate orals. One completed the Nurse Educator option, 5 the Nurse Administrator option. In addition, 2 Nurse Administrator graduates who completed their Orals in May 2011 will be hooded today, and 1 Post Masters Nurse Educator will receive her certificate.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing delineates in the Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing that master’s program graduates will: assume accountability for quality care outcomes; navigate and integrate care services across the healthcare system; lead and mentor healthcare team members; collaborate with and build interprofessional care teams; design innovative nursing practices; and facilitate the translation of evidence into practice. (AACN, 2010, The Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing). (http://www.aacn.nche.edu).
These graduates today are leaders in their advanced practice roles. Grossman and Valiga (2005) in The New Leadership Challenge: Creating the Future of Nursing delineate characteristics of leadership that can create a preferred future for nursing. The leaders of tomorrow are transformational and are charged with propelling a vision, empowering followers, and taking action. Guidelines for shaping a preferred future for nursing include having credibility (honesty and competence), keeping your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground, shared values, sharing the work, and realizing that leadership is everyone’s business. Leaders create, support, and nurture leadership skills in their colleagues. We look to our Masters prepared graduates to be the leaders in nursing and health care as health care in the United States and globally experiences dramatic changes.

Providing safe high-quality care for the best outcomes within the limits of available resources is the challenge for today as well as the future (Piette, Ellis, St. Denis, & Sarauer, 2002; Bolton Burnes et al., 2001).

Obtaining a Master’s Degree in Nursing is a major accomplishment and success, just another step in one’s professional life. The achievement has been accomplished with family, work, and often many personal challenges. Confidence comes from mastering challenge, without confidence no one takes risks. Without risks, no one develops courage.

It is my pleasure to present the Master’s Graduates today. They have traveled the long hard road and have earned the rite of passage—being hooded—the honor bestowed for earning the Master’s Degree. The apricot colored insert represents the discipline of Nursing. Congratulations to the graduates today.

The graduates will receive their hoods from the First Advisor or from one of the designated faculty. I will read the graduates name, the title of the project, and the Advisor or faculty name who will hood. Congratulations again to the Masters Graduates

FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Omaha Outcome Study:
Student nursing interventions were found to make a statistically significant difference in our Nurse Managed Centers. The School of Nursing Nurse Managed Centers utilizes the Omaha System in the centers. As a result they have data every semester on the outcomes of client care. Opportunities continue to exist for analyzing data already collected as well as future studies. The Centers are piloting the use of the web-based documentation program Nightingale Notes. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity contact Dr. Daryl Canham 408-924-1323 or Dr. Toby Adelman at toby.adelman@sjsu.edu.

Simulation Project: SIMS Project examining the impact of using simulations in teaching and learning. Research Assistants are also needed, contact Dr. Colleen O’Leary-Kelley at coleary@son.sjsu.edu or 408-924-1319 for additional information. PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of clinical simulation in an undergraduate nursing program. The purpose of this proposal is to develop program materials and evaluate the use of clinical simulation in undergraduate nursing courses. Specifically, clinical scenarios will be developed and evaluated in the use of clinical simulation using human patient simulators in the School of Nursing.

Other Faculty Research Projects:
We have received a joint grant with Evergreen Valley College to develop an accelerated bridge program that articulates ADN students directly into the SJSU Bridge Program. There are at least two research projects as well as an opportunity to develop some of the coursework under the direction of experienced faculty. Dr. Deepika Goyal is the lead faculty member on this project. For more information contact Dr. Goyal at dgoyal@son.sjsu.edu.

Dr. Lori Rodriguez and Dr. Diane Stuenkel have an ongoing qualitative research project looking at the "best practices" among preceptors. They would welcome help in recruiting subjects, transcription of interviews, and assistance with interviewing. For more information contact Dr. Rodriguez at lrodriguez@son.sjsu.edu.

The Medical Surgical Nursing Student Organization is a relatively new School of Nursing organization. Within the structure of this group we are considering several new opportunities. Graduate students may be able to develop their own research projects out of one or more of these. They include opening up the MSNSO to our two
local associate degree programs and opening up the programs for RNs for continuing education. For more information contact Dr. Rodriguez at lrodriguez@son.sjsu.edu

NEW RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: Nurse Managed Centers in the Primary Care Collaborative Model

We have been invited to participate in the development and implementation of a newly funded primary care clinic using a collaborative healthcare delivery model at John 23rd Center. This model will deliver primary health care and behavioral health support to a vulnerable population in San Jose, and the healthcare team will be composed of medical internist Residents from Kaiser Santa Clara, Behavioral health staff and interns from Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, and the NMCs of The Valley Foundation School of Nursing. The coordinator of the project and Dr. Canham are proposing that 2 graduate students (1 Admin track and 1 Educator track) become research interns with the project to work with program development and implementation. More information will be forthcoming. If you would like more information or would be interested in participating in this exciting Model, please contact Dr. Canham at daryl.canham@sjsu.edu.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

For Campus, Course, and Program information

Academic Technology (site for webcasting)
http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/Fall_2011/index.htm

APA Formatting, Owl University of Purdue website
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02

Articulation Agreements (course equivalency)
http://artic.sjsu.edu

Dr. Canham, My Faculty Web Page
www.sjsu.edu/people/daryl.canham

Elluminate Live SJSU
http://elm.elluminate.com/HOSTEDSJSU/ or
http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/Elluminate

General Advising Session (Webcasted--Graduate Program) November, 2011
http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/Fall_2011/sn/nurs_advising.htm

Graduate Studies Forms
www.sjsu.edu/gape/forms

Human Participation Protocols Education for Research Teams online course, at
www.citiprogram.org/Default.aspx?

Institutional Review Board, SJSU website
www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/irb

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Registration forms
www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms

SJSU ECampus
www.sjsu.edu/ecampus

San José State University website
http://www.sjsu.edu

SJSU School of Nursing
http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing

SJSU School of Nursing Graduate Program
www.sjsu.edu/nursing/graduate

For Researchers

Research Librarian - Ms. Valeria Molteni,
Health and Science Librarian.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library,
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office phone - 408-808-2023
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http://libguides.sjsu.edu/nursing
http://libguides.sjsu.edu/cultureandhealth

University catalog on line
http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html

Writing Center. Clark Library Rm 126
http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/

Writing Skills Test web page
(Testing and Evaluation Dept)
https://testing.sjsu.edu/twst.html

For Update on SARS
Center for Disease Control and Prevention
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars
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