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Graduate Coordinator Update

There is nothing permanent except change
SJSU SON Celebrates 50 Years

This has been a very busy semester for all of us. We have all been challenged and yet we are meeting those challenges. I believe the rapid and pervasive changes in the economy and shifts in market forces have shaken many and have taken their toll. This shift in our stability forces us to reflect, prioritize and act in areas we didn't consider before. I know that we have students who are struggling to stay in school, support their families and are stressed more than ever. With these recent economic strains, please be sure to apply for the Professional Nurse Traineeship and any of the other sources of funds available within the University and the School of Nursing (see Financial Assistance). Please talk with me and any of the faculty if you are having difficulties.

Both the market changes and decreasing enrollment in the past 2 years in our School Nurse Clinical Nurse Specialist Option have led to a decision to stop admissions to the option after Spring 2009. We will continue to provide the required courses and advising for those students already in the program then place the option "on the shelf" as we have done with our Family Nurse Practitioner and Gerontology Options. This approach allows us to open admissions again in the future when the market demands. However this was not an easy decision to make. Dr. Canham, the School Nurse Coordinator and Dr. Young the former Coordinator are commended for maintaining the high quality of the program which meets both the CCNE accreditation and the CA Credentialing requirements.

Our Moore Funded Nurse Educator post-master's students from Cohort III completed their certificate on January 21, 2009 and will be teaching full-time for 1 year in any RN program in the designated counties in the Bay Area (see Special Recognitions). The master's students in this Cohort will complete their MS in May 2009.

Nine students successfully completed Orals which were held on December 11, 2008. We anticipate that 25 students will be completing Orals on May 14, 2009. Many students participate in Convocation (see What is Convocation?). The graduate liaison to the undergraduates for Convocation is Grace Lee for the Non-Moore students you can contact her at graciethuyle@yahoo.com or (408) 826-1218. Neelam Murthi is the liaison for the Moore Nurse Educators neelam.murthi@gmail.com or 408-425-8052. The undergraduate liaison will need the title of your project, so please be sure to forward that to Grace or Neelam in a timely manner.

Students are urged to sign up for **Alert-SJSU! This will help the campus reach you in the event of a campus emergency.** To be added go to <http://my.sjsu.edu>>Alert-SJSU you will have the option of adding the contacts of cell phone, Email, Land line or TTY/TDD. You are encouraged to add this to your MySJSU account.

Writing continues to be an issue for many students. Faculty urge, that if you are having difficulty with writing, that you utilize the services available at the Writing Center located in Clark Hall, 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/> The Graduate Committee is considering developing Writing Standards for the Graduate Program this Spring.

Please note that most graduate courses start on January 22nd unless otherwise noted.

I trust that you will have a wonderful peaceful and healthy holiday season.





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Students successfully completed their oral examinations on December 11, 2008, 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 14, 2009** there will be many stimulating presentations!!

Abriam, Ann (Advisors: V. Wong & K. Bawel-Brinkley) "*Diabetes Knowledge, Sources of Information, and Perceived Knowledge Deficit*"

Deschenes, Anne (Advisors: D. Stuenkel & P. Connolly) "*Developing Teaching Materials for Permanent Pacemaker and Implantable CardioverterDefibrillator patients: Using Concrete Objective Information*"

Irwin, Vanessa (Advisors: C. O'Leary-Kelly & L. Rodriquez) "*Staff Nurses' Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Teaching Methodologies*"

Jolly, Yen (Advisors: C. Hooper & V. Wong) "Evaluation of the Self-Reported Assessment and Management of Hyperlipidemia Among Primary Care Nurse Practitioners"

Luong, June (Advisors: M. Yoder & D. Canham) "*Southeast Asian Parents Raising a Child with Autism: A qualitative investigation on Coping Styles*"

Malgesini, Nanette (Advisors: D. Canham & R. Rosenblum) "Physical Activity and Perceived Stress Among First-year University Students"

Sproul, Jill (Advisors: S. Malloy & K. Abriam-Yago) "*Perceived Support of Adult Burn Survivors*"

Virani, Maleka (Advisors: P. Connolly & D. Goyal) "*Assessing Cultural Competency Among Nurses in an Acute Care Setting*"

Wong-Cang, Celeste (Advisors: S. Murphy & T. Adelman) "*Nursing Responses to Transcultural Encounters: What Nurses Draw on When Faced with a Patient from Another Culture*"

PUBLICATIONS



Hong, S., Murphy, S. O. & Connolly, P. M. (2008). Parental satisfaction with nurses' communication and pain management in a pediatric unit. *Pediatric Nursing*, 34, 289-293.

Prestia, M., Murphy, S. O., Yoder, M. (2008). Nursing students' attitudes about home health nursing. *Home Healthcare Nurse*, 26(8), 496-501.

Straub, C., Murphy, S. O., & Rosenblum, R. (2008). Exercise in the management of fatigue in patients on peritoneal dialysis. *Nephrology Nursing*, 35(5), 469-475.

Young, M. E., Stuenkel, D. L., & Bawel-Brinkley, K. (2008). Strategies for easing the role transformation of graduate nurses. *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development*, 24(3), 105-110.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The third cohort of the Moore funded post master's Nurse Educator certificate students completed their program on January 21, 2009. A luncheon and certificates were awarded to the following students: **Katherine Kinner, Susan Priano, Brian Quinn and Christina Wilson.** These post-certificate master's graduates will teach full-time in a RN Program in any of the designated bay area Counties. They are well prepared to meet the needs of their future students.

RESEARCH IN ACTION CONFERENCE

Report on Research Day 2008, Dr. Vivian Wong, Liaison

The 10th Annual Research in Action Day was held at the South San Francisco Conference Center on Oct 22 and 23, 2008. The two-day research conference was organized by the Center for Nursing Research and Innovation with San Jose State University SON as one of the co-sponsors.

The first day of the conference focused on evidence-based practice research role development. This workshop provided basic information for the novice researcher to develop, fund, conduct, analyze, present, and publish a quality-improvement or research project. Creative projects that improved patient care were presented at the podium and on posters on the second day of the conference. Participants discussed research projects, formulated innovative ideas, and networked with colleagues on these two days. The faculty and students at the SON presented four of their studies at the conference. Thirty-seven faculty and students from our SON attended this exciting and informational conference. The next annual Research in Action Day will be held in the fall of 2009. Please stay tuned for details.

NURSING COURSES

Spring 2009

The following class times and locations are more current than the Schedule of Classes; however, even this newsletter information is subject to change. Please contact faculty via email if you have any questions about a specific course.

Orientation for new graduate students will be held in NURS 204 on February 10, 2009 4:30 - 6:00 pm in IRC 302.

Please note many classes begin at 1630. Most courses will have a syllabus for purchase in the Associated Students Print Shop prior to the first class meeting. First day of classes January 22, 2009. Students must enroll by the last official day to add a course for the semester. **Last "Add" day for Spring 2009 is February 10, 2009.**

Day	Course #	Course Title	Units	Location	Faculty	Comments
M	NURS 202	Theoretical Foundations	2	HB 408	Dr. McNiesh	Must complete HPRF100W prior
T	NURS 204	Diverse Popul & Health	3	IRC 302	Dr. Mao	
T	NURS 252	FNP Theory II	2	HB 401	R. Rosenblum & K. Ketner	
T	NURS 254	FNP Practicum II	5	HB 401	R. Rosenblum & K. Ketner	
W	NURS 216	Education Theory & Practicum II	5	UCSC ext.	Dr. Parsons & Dr. Stuenkel	Meets at 10420 Bubb Rd. Cupertino

Day	Course #	Course Title	Units	Location	Faculty	Comments
W	NURS 295	Research	3	IS 215	Dr. Murphy	
W	NURS 297.01	Project Seminar	1	IRC 308	Dr. Connolly	
W	NURS 200	Health Care Systems	3	IRC 302	Dr. Lewis	
TBA	NURS N297.2	Project Completion	2		Dr. Connolly & Project Advisors	
R	NURS 270	Advanced Pathophy/Pharm (School Nurse)	3	IRC 302	D. Goyal	
R	NURS 236B	Nurs Adm Theory & Practicum II	4	IRC 308 Elluminate Weekly online	Dr. Connolly & Dr. Capella	Midterm and final in person;
Jan 21 1-4pm Immersion IS 134A	NURS 266	Health Care Informatics	3	IS 134A; online	Dr. Capella	On Line
	NURS 259 (MSN 526)	Advanced Pharmacology	3		TBA	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment
	NURS 260 (MSN 528)	Advanced Pathophysiology	3		TBA	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment

Note: Special Sessions courses will not be found online. Generally you will be sent instructions on how and when to enroll on line.

Cohort III Moore Nurse Educator: Classes meet at UCSC Extension 10420 Bubb Rd. Cupertino.

Intersession Winter 2009	Spring 2009
EDIT 186 Using Instructional Media Starts first week in January 7 (8-12 noon) Bubb Road and January 21 (8-12 noon) IS 134A, Dr. Mei-Yan Lu Teacher/Scholar Seminar January 7	NURS 216, Educational Theory & Practicum II TBA, Dr. Abriam-Yago and Dr. Yoder. Starts January 28 th . NURS 266 Health Care Informatics, Dr. Elfrink Jan 21 1-4 pm (IS 134A) and Online Monthly Teacher/Scholar Seminars (see schedule) NURS 297 Project Completion

Summer 2009

Course	Title	Units	Day	Comments
BUS 285	Total Quality Management	3	R	Dr. Capella
NURS 259 (MSN 526)	Advanced Pharm	3	online	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment
NURS 260 (MSN 528)	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	online	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment

Fall 2009			
Course#	Title	Units	Day
NURS 202	Theoretical Foundations	2	M
NURS 204	Div. Pop in Health	3	T
NURS 256	FNP Praticum III	5	T
NURS 297.01	Project Seminar	1	W
NURS 200	Health Care Systems	3	W
NURS 295	Research Methodology	3	W
NURS 272	School Nursing I: CNS	5	R
NURS 212	Curriculum Design	3	R
NURS 297.02	Project	2	TBA
BUS 220	Accounting Principles	3	R
NURS 259 (MSN 526)	Advanced Pharm	3	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment
NURS 260 (MSN 528)	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	*Dominquez Hills online; concurrent enrollment

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PRACTICUM

Nursing Practicum Courses (Note: There are lab fees for most of these courses)

NURS 206, NURS 214, NURS 216, NURS 236A, NURS 236B, NURS 248

NURS 253, NURS 254, NURS 256, NURS 272, NURS 274, 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.
3. Current CPR certification.
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

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Option

The FNP courses will conclude with Spring 2009 and Fall 2009. Students will be finishing core courses and some the two Dominquez Hills courses.

Administrator Option

The Option, which combines regular university classes for 14 units (core courses offered every semester) and Special Sessions classes for 22 units, is meeting the demands of our community. Student satisfaction with this option remains high. NURS 236B will be offered by Dr. Connolly and Dr. Capella. This online course meets the

first day of the course, mid course and at the end. In addition, Health Care Informatics will be offered this spring by Dr. Elfrink and Dr. Capella. This summer Total Quality Management BUS 285 will be taught by Dr. Capella. In Fall 2009 BUS 220, Accounting Principles will be offered.

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.

Educator Option Moore Fellows Cohort III.

Cohort III started in Spring 2008. Please see the list of courses for the 16 month accelerated program cited earlier in the Newsletter. Spring 2009 classes meet at UCSC Extension 10420 Bubb Rd. Cupertino starting January 28, 2009 (see curriculum plan cited earlier). The program requires participation in the monthly Teacher/Scholar Seminars.

School Nurse Option

It is with a heavy heart and after due diligence that we have made a decision to not admit MS or Post MS students into School Nurse option after Spring 2009. The applicant and enrollment numbers have been decreasing over the past 2 years.

We will continue to provide the required courses for the current in progress students so they can complete the program. We will not admit students after Spring 2009. We will continue with our School Nurse program cohort students admitted as of Spring 2009.

The plan is to put the program "on the shelf" until demand in the market resumes and the budget constraints have changed. We have previously had to place our gerontology option, FNP option, and the nurse administrator option on the shelf. The nurse administrator option was taken "off the shelf" a few years ago and is currently meeting market demands.

We owe a great deal of gratitude and appreciation to the previous program coordinator, Dr. Ginny Young-Cureton, the current program coordinator, Dr. Daryl Canham, and the School Nurse CNS faculty team, Ms. Cornelia Finkbeiner, Ms. Teresa Lawson, and Dr. Liz Dietz (professor emeritus). They have all worked above and beyond to recruit and support the current School Nurse program students.

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. 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 the Spring 2009 cohort and our current in progress School Nurse CNS/Credential students complete the program and meet the CNS and credentialing requirements.

Dr. Canham, School Nurse Coordinator

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Professional Nurse Traineeships

We received a federal traineeship grant for Academic Year 08-09 to provide student stipends for Masters' and Post Masters' students. Traineeship applications are available in the School of Nursing office, HB 420, and online at the School of Nursing web site: <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/casa/nursing/ms.html>.

1. Eligibility

Students are eligible if they are a US citizen and: (A) enrolled in 7 units or more in one semester; or (B) enrolled in the 297/299 thesis/project seminar; or (C) part-time in the last year of the program; and

(D) pursuing a master's degree in one of the following areas: education, clinical nurse specialist (school nurse), family nurse practitioner or nursing administration.

Note: Students who have received over \$2,500 will not be eligible for additional funding. Students funded by the Moore Foundation Grant are not eligible for the Traineeship funds.

2. Paperwork to complete

A. First time applicant

- (1) Application form
- (2) Enrollment Data form
- (3) Reference letters from a School of Nursing faculty member and your clinical supervisor
- (4) Original receipt of paid fees
 - (a) Copies and faxes are **not** accepted
 - (b) You may call the cashier's office 408-924-1631 and request a duplicate original to be sent to Mary Lou Bennett in the School of Nursing (95192-0057).
- (5) List of courses that you are enrolled in (can be obtained from SJSU internet site)

B. Previous awardee

- (1) **Application form**
- (2) Enrollment Data form
- (3) Letter requesting that your award be reactivated
- (4) Original receipt of paid fees
 - (a) Copies and faxes are **not** accepted
 - (b) You may call the cashier's office 408-924-1631 and request a duplicate original to be sent to Mary Lou Bennett in the School of Nursing (95192-0057).
- (5) List of courses that you are enrolled in (can be obtained from SJSU internet site)

C. All application materials should be directed to:

School of Nursing Office
Attn: Mary Lou Bennett

3. **Due date for Spring 2009: February 12, 2009**

No application will be considered until the application, original receipts and reference letters are submitted.

4. Recipient notification

- A. You will be informed whether you have received a Traineeship during the semester in which you applied.
- B. If you obtain the award, there is additional paperwork that must be completed before monies can be awarded. The following forms will be provided by Mary Lou Bennett and must be returned to her:
 - (1) Statement of Appointment and (2) Award Acceptance Letter.

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.

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 Dr. Irene Lewis, HB 411, 408-924- 3160, idlewis@son.sjsu.edu.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL HINTS

Special Sessions Course Registration

Registration: You may download the registration form from <http://iesweb.sjsu.edu/specialSession/>
If you are taking a course in Special Sessions. For additional questions, please contact Trudy Miller at 408-924-3176, tmiller@son.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.cashnetsmartpay.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 and NURS 204 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 BlackBoard; 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 connollydr@son.sjsu.edu and provide documentation regarding meeting the conditions. 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.

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

Students enrolling in NURS 127B, NURS 137, and/or NURS 147B in Fall 2008 must attend:

- Add/Drop Session: Thursday January 22, 2009 from 1030-1145 in Health Building Room 311.
- Orientation: Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 12:10-1340 Student Union Loma Prieta Room

Students enrolling in NURS 128 in Spring must attend:

- Add/Drop Session: Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 1215-1315 in Health Building Room 311
- Orientation: Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Student Union Loma Prieta Room

Check the SON website for rooms for Add/Drop and Orientation.

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. Irene Lewis, Semester 7 Chair, at 408-924-3160 or email ilewis@son.sjsu.edu. If you have questions about Nurs 128, please call or contact Dr. Lori Rodriguez, Semester 8 Chair, lrodriguez@son.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.

Exam Date	Registration Deadline
February 7, 2009	January 15, 2009
April 4, 2009	March 12, 2009

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

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.

- You may update through online courses in statistics or through a two-year college with the equivalent course of STAT 95 (Usually Math 10) or through SJSU STAT 95.

Economics This requirement is in effect starting Spring 2007. The course, Principles of Economics, (Econ1A) may be taken or its equivalent either at SJSU or any community college. It must be met within the first year of admission to the graduate program.

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 Dr. Irene Lewis 408-924-3160 or idlewis@son.sjsu.edu or go to the Sigma website <http://www.nursingsociety.org>. If you are a member applications for scholarships are considered each spring.

THESIS AND PROJECT INFORMATION

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://www2.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/Current/Forms.html> must be reviewed and signed by the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Connolly. **This means the completed forms must be turned into Dr. Connolly by February 10, 2009 for students planning to graduate in December 2009.** All Conditions must be met first (see Clearing Conditions).

Submission of Application of Advisor

If you were not assigned a project advisor in Fall 2008 and you want to work with a project or thesis advisor in Spring 2009, contact Dr. Connolly by email as soon as possible. Advisors will be assigned after submission of the *Application For Advisors*, and is based on the quality of the application and a match of interests and faculty availability.

Enrollment in 297 Project Work

The conditions for eligibility to apply for a thesis reader or project advisor are:

- Completion of HPRF 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 2009. 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 an 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. Connolly at connollydr@son.sjsu.edu for a permission number. Please include your full name and PeopleSoft 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**. 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 six units of NURS 298. The schedule codes for these units of NURS 298 are available after the beginning of school from the staff in the Continuing Professional Development office (408-924-3179).

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.”

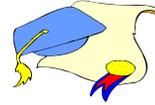
Students demonstrate readiness for orals by completion of the project, data analysis and recommendations and a significant completion of the manuscript. Both the First Project Advisor and Graduate Coordinator will determine if a student is ready for Orals.

On the day of Orals students need to submit to the Graduate Coordinator: (a) two copies 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.

If you have used SJSU School of Nursing 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 TBA, by May 8, 2009. You should have back up of print outs of slides for the ELMO projector 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 University holds Commencement every year in May (see above article). **The graduate liaison to the undergraduates is Grace Lee for the Non-Moore students you can contact her at graciethuyle@yahoo.com or (408) 826-1218. Neelam Murthi is the liaison for the Moore Nurse Educators and you can contact her at neelam.murthi@gmail.com or 408-425-8052. The undergraduate liaison will need the title of your project, so please be sure to forward that to Grace or Neelam in a timely manner.**



**December 20, 2008 Convocation Speech
By Maleka Virani, Master's Graduate Nurse Administrator Option**

*Respected Guests, faculty members, families, friends and my fellow graduates
Good Afternoon and Welcome.*

It is an honor to speak to you today on behalf of my fellow master graduates. Today is a day of celebration and time to cherish all our achievements. We all have gone through a rigorous journey of

education in our respective fields which has transformed us to better professionals and human beings. Attending classes after 8 hours of a busy shift, writing exams and assignments amidst family and work commitment, long hours of literature searches have all culminated in a positive enriching experience. With our commitment to life long learning, many of our graduates have embarked to new positions and also had events such as weddings and birth of a baby, Bravo !!!!

Thank you to our families for their immense support and for being there. For picking up the slack and reassuring us in stressful times and not forgetting the technical help in preparing our presentation!!

Thanks to our colleagues and peers with their support and collaboration, we all sailed through. From each other, we drew inspiration and said to ourselves that ‘we can do it.’

Thanks to our entire faculty for guiding us and being there as mentors. It has indeed been a great learning journey with an opportunity to build upon our experiences and to relate learning to practice. Thanks for directing us at every step and having confidence in us.

Today we stand proud as your School Nurses, Nurse Administrators, Nurse Educators, and Family Nurse Practitioners. We are your Master’s prepared nurses and determined to touch and make a difference in whatever way we can. My fellow graduates, let us affirm to keep the candle of knowledge, compassion and caring burning and illuminate the paths for those who follow us. Let us strive to heal and touch hearts as healing is the greatest gift we possess.

I would like to end with a quote by Florence Nightingale:

“Nursing is an art: and if it is to be made an art, it requires an exclusive devotion as hard a preparation, as any painter's or sculptor's work; for what is the having to do with dead canvas or dead marble, compared with having to do with the living body, the temple of God's spirit? It is one of the Fine Arts: I had almost said, the finest of Fine Arts.”

Thank You.

FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Omaha Outcome Study

Student nursing interventions were found to make a statistically significant difference in our Nurse Managed Centers. Four students met their Project requirements through the collaborative research this Fall semester. 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. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity contact Dr. Daryl Canham 408-924-1323 or canham@son.sjsu.edu.

Simulation Project: SIMS Project exam the impact of using simulations in teaching and learning. Research Assistants are also needed, contact Dr. Colleen O’Leary-Kelley at collear@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 evaluate in the use of clinical simulation using human patient simulators in the School of Nursing.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 10, 2008 (Yes this deadline has passed)	Last date to file Candidacy Form in Graduate Studies for May 2009 Graduation. If you have not filed, see Dr. Connolly and call Graduate Studies (408) 924-2480 immediately
January 22, 2009	First day of instruction. Add/Drop begins.
January 28, 2008	First Day for Moore Cohort III classes, UCSC Ext. 10420 Bubb Rd, Cupertino
February 3, 2009	Last day to drop or withdraw without a “W” grade
February 10, 2009	All Candidacy Forms for December 2009 must be completed and turned into Dr. Connolly in the School of Nursing
February 10, 2009	Last Day to Add a Course
February 10, 2009	General Orientation for New Graduate Students IRC 302 (NURS 204) 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
February 11, 2009	Last day to file application or reactivation of Award of Degree for May 2009 Graduation with Graduate Studies
February 12, 2009	Professional Nurse Traineeship Applications Due to Mary Lou Bennett in Nursing Office
March 23-27	Spring Break
March 31, 2009	Cesar Chavez Day – Campus Closed
May 13, 2009	Last Day of Instruction
May 14, 2009	Comprehensive Exams (Orals) for Thesis and Project Students
May 15, 2009	Final Exams (All courses must meet for a final exam/evaluation activity during the
May 18 - 21, 2009	Scheduled final exam time as directed by University Policy.)
TBA	Convocation



HELPFUL WEBSITES

For Campus, Course, and Program information

Academic Technology (site for webcasting)
<http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/atn/>

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

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

CSU Dominquez Hills, Nursing
<http://www.csudh.edu/hhs/son/msn/postmasters.htm>

General Advising Session (Webcasted–Graduate Program)
<http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/delivery/webcasting/archive/s/sn/#spe>

Graduate Studies Forms
<http://www2.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/Current/Forms.html>

Human Participation Protections Education for Research Teams online course, at
<http://cme.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/learning/humanparticipant-protections.asp>

Institutional Review Board, SJSU website
<http://www2.sjsu.edu/gradstudies/Research/irb.html>

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Registration forms
www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms

For Researchers

Office for Human Research Protection
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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SJSU School of Nursing Graduate Program
<http://www2.sjsu.edu/nursing/masters.htm>

Special Sessions Registration Form
<http://galaxy.sjsu.edu/specialSession/pdfs/rdform.pdf>

University catalog on line
<http://info.sjsu.edu>

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
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