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***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**  
***Transition to the unknown is difficult***

We have had many transitions this past academic year, furloughs, reduction in course offerings, reduction in admissions, reduction in overall resources, and moving to a new learning management system, Desire2Learn. We survived and resilience has been increased while new opportunities were explored.

I would like to express my gratitude to the faculty, staff and students as we worked through the changes and reduction in resources this past academic year. Graduate faculty who didn't have their core course offered this Spring still came to Committee meetings and actively contributed to our efforts improving our program. A special recognition to Dr. Canham who stepped up because of some administrative staffing changes and completed the required federal documents so that the funds for the students who applied for the Nurse Traineeship Grant could be dispersed to the students. Dr. Canham will also serve as the interim Graduate Coordinator while I am on a sabbatical in the fall—you will be in good hands.

As one of the many strategies that were used to maximize University resources, students were asked to complete an Advising Form and to revise and resubmit annually. This along with reviewing each student's anticipated time to graduation made it possible to monitor and improve student progression through the program. Please note the plan for course offerings so that you plan your program effectively. In addition, we managed to reduce student costs and with the help of Graduate Studies and Special Sessions were able to offer NURS 202 this summer. Not only did this save students money it also increased their progression. We were also the first SJSU Desire2Learn (D2L) course launched this summer with NURS 266 Health Informatics, following an immersion day on May 21<sup>st</sup>. All online courses will be using D2L this summer and fall. There were many CSU System wide reasons that the University needed to convert to D2L however, it was one more hurdle for faculty and students. The System seems to be functioning as expected and we are all in the early learning curve. A special thank you for Mark Adams and the D2L staff who provided excellent resources for faculty and students—be sure to go to the website for D2L. More over we express our appreciation of the support which the program and students received from Alfred Eclipse in Academic Technology and Rick Solsten for IS 134A.

Fifteen graduate students completed their NURS 297 projects and Oral examination as well as submitting their manuscripts to professional journals. Thirteen students were admitted last fall and participated in an all day Orientation in August. The immediate evaluations were very positive and comments throughout the year from the new students have encouraged us to continue this activity. The Orientation for new students will be August 12, 2010; we expect to admit 17 students this fall. In addition, to the Orientation students will be required to enroll in NURS 298, Introduction to Technology, 1 unit in Special Sessions taught by Dr. Gonzales. If there is space for other students who wish to take the course, you may contact Dr. Gonzales at [igonzales@son.sju.edu](mailto:igonzales@son.sju.edu) as soon as possible. This new course to help students navigate the various technologies used in the graduate program resulted from our explorations into an informatics option in the graduate program and student feedback.

This coming year we are preparing our self-study for another of our accrediting bodies, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and we welcome an opportunity to review and describe the work of our students and the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Our reviews and improvements were enhanced with the input from the student representative, Julie Segers who will be completing her program this May—we will need a new student representative, if you are interested please contact Dr. Canham at [canham@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:canham@son.sjsu.edu).

Students who are completing their Orals in December and are interested in participating in the Convocation Event should contact Jill Peters at [jillfpeters@hotmail.com](mailto:jillfpeters@hotmail.com) or 408-243-9659

**Please note that all graduate courses start on Wednesday August 25, 2010. Please pay all course fees promptly to avoid being dropped from courses. This is critical when you are taking Special Session Courses.**

*Dee M. Connally*



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Students successfully completed their oral examinations on May 18, 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 December 10, 2010 there will be many stimulating presentations!!

**Anawalt, Valeria** (Advisors: D. Canham & S. McNiesh) *"Perception of Quality of Life Among Asthmatic Elementary School Children"*

**Beckner, Giggy** (Advisors: L. Rodriguez & C O'Leary-Kelley) *"Preceptors' Perception of Stress and Support in the RN Residency Program"*

**Bommarito, Gina** (Advisors: C. O'Leary- Kelley & K. Bawel-Brinkley) *"Clinical Simulation Performance Evaluation in Nursing Students with Focus on Clinical Nursing Judgment"*

**Castillo, Juana** (Advisors: M. Crider & P. Connolly) *"Nurse Manager Empowerment: A comparison of Magnet vs Non Magnet Hospitals"*

**Chou, Hsiao-Fong Chu** (Advisors: P. Connolly & V. Wong) *"Using E-Learning for Student Training for the Electronic Health Record"*

**Hoover, Eileen** (Advisors: I. Lewis & T. Adelman) *"Emergency Department Nurses Knowledge, Attitudes and Confidence in Caring for patients with Hazardous Alcohol Use"*

**King, Diane** (Advisors: V. Wong & K. Bawel-Brinkley) *"Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Nurse-Led Response Team"*

**Meregillano, Grace** (Advisors: I. Lewis & P. Connolly) *"Attraction and Retention Factors of Public Health Nurses: Keeping Nursing in Public Health"*

**Minnich, Suzanne** (Advisors: J. Cohen & J. Smith) *"Perceived Differences in Clinical Autonomy and Decision Making Between Medical Surgical and Critical Care Nurses"*

**Regan, Loretta** (Advisors: L. Rodriquez & D. Nelson) *"Nurse Empowerment from a Middle Management Perspective: Managers and Assistant Nurse Managers Workplace Empowerment Views"*

**Reyes, Melissa** (Advisors J. Cohen) *"Perceptions of Charge Nurse Leadership Behaviors and their Relation to Staff Nurse Satisfaction"*

**Rhinehart, Patricia** (Advisor: D. Canham) *"School Rentry for Children with Cancer: Participation of School and Pediatric Nurses"*

**Sadueste, Luanne** (Advisors: C. O'Leary-Kelley & S. McNiesh) *"Perceived Barriers Toward Research Utilization"*

**Segers, Julie** (Advisors: S. McNiesh & I. Gonzales) *"What are Nurses' Perceptions of Their Relationship with the Patient, and the Patient's Family"*

**Short, Debra** (Advisors: R. Rosenblum & K. Ketner) *"California Nurse Practitioner Job Satisfaction: Currently Working in the Role"*

**Trail-Mahan, Tracy** (Advisors: C. Mao & K. Bawel-Brinkley) *"Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Nurses' Attitudes and Knowledge"*

## PUBLICATIONS

Luong, J., Yoder, M. K., & Canham, C. (2009). Southeast Asian Parents Raising a Child With Autism: A Qualitative Investigation of Coping Styles. *The Journal of School Nursing* 25: 222-229.

## NURSING COURSES

Summer Courses 2010				
Course	Title	Units	Day	
NURS 202*	Theoretical Foundations	2	June 2, 9,16, 23,&30 July online; Aug 4 & 11	4:30-7:20 4:30-7:20
NURS 266*	Health Informatics	3	Online – will start May 21	One day on campus immersion day and Synchronous Elluminate sessions will be Scheduled during the course.

\*special sessions

Fall 2010			
Course#	Title	Units	Day
NURS 204	Diverse Populations and Health Care	3	T
NURS 297.01	Project Seminar	1	W
NURS 295	Research Methodology	3	W
NURS 216*	Nurse Edu Theory and Practicum II	5	R
NURS 297.02	Project	2	TBA
NURS 246*	Modern Organizations and Health Care	3	R
APSci 201	Statistical Data Analysis for Research	3	M
NURS 298*	Introduction to Technology (required all new admissions)	1	Online TBA

\* Course is in Special Sessions you will not be able to register until you receive special instructions and fees are \$400/unit

### Proposed Course Offerings Spring 2011 to Fall 2011

Course	Spring 2011	Fall 2011
NURS 202	X	
NURS 204		X
NURS 200	X	
NURS 295		X
NURS 297.01 Seminar		X
NURS 297.02 Project	X	X
NURS 212*	X	
NURS 236A*	X	

<i>Course</i>	<i>Spring 2011</i>	<i>Fall 2011</i>
<b>NURS 236B*</b>		X
<b>NURS 298* Introduction to Technology</b>		X
<b>APSci 201</b>		X

\* Special Sessions

## **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 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**

### **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. This summer Health Informatics, NURS 266 will be taught by Dr. Elfrink, Dr. Gonzales & Dr. Connolly (see Summer 2010 courses). There will be one on campus immersion day then the course will be online in Desire2Learn and Elluminate will be used for synchronous meetings during the course. NURS 246 Modern Organizations and Health Care will be offered fall 2010 by Dr. Capella and will be blended online and in person.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Nurse Educator Option**

We now have University approval of the post master's certificate in our Nurse Educator Option. This is the first certificate to receive University approval. NURS 266, Health Informatics will be taught by Dr. Elfrink, Gonzales & Dr. Connolly this summer. There will be one on campus immersion day then the course will be online and Elluminate will be used for synchronous meetings during the course. NURS 216, Nurse Educator Theory and Practicum II will be taught in Fall 2010. NURS 212 Curriculum Design will be taught in Spring 2011.

### **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**

### **Professional Nurse Traineeships**

We received a federal traineeship grant for Academic Year 10-11 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.***

#### 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 Dr. Canham 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 Dr. Canham 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: Dr. Canham  
 Applications are reviewed and approved by Dr. Canham, any questions you may e-mail her at [canham@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:canham@son.sjsu.edu)
3. **Due date for traineeship application September 27, 2010** 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 Dr. Canham 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, [tmiller@son.sjsu.edu](mailto: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](http://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.

various components in blended courses—TALK TO THE FACULTY.

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](mailto: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

**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](mailto: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.

**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. Connolly 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. Connolly.** Any questions, please email Dr. Connolly at [connollydr@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:connollydr@son.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. Irene Lewis, Semester 7 Chair, at 408-924-3160 or email [ildewis@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:ildewis@son.sjsu.edu). If you have questions about Nurs 128, please call or contact Dr. Lori Rodriguez, Semester 8 Chair, [lrodriguez@son.sjsu.edu](mailto: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.

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
July 17, 2010	June 24, 2010
September 25	September 2, 2010
November 13	October 21, 2010

Please visit the Testing and Evaluation Department website, <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/>. 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](mailto:valeria.molteni@sjsu.edu). Additional helpful websites: <http://libguides.sjsu.edu/nursing> and <http://libguides.sjsu.edu/cultureandhealth> Watch for workshops on APA and RefWorks.

### **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** – APSci 201 (3 units) Statistical Data Analysis for Research, taught by Dr. Shiffett. 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>) 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>. 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 [msmyrabeth@yahoo.com](mailto:msmyrabeth@yahoo.com) 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://www.sjsu.edu/gape/docs/candidacy.pdf> must be reviewed and signed by the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Connolly. **This means the completed forms must be turned into Dr. Canham by September 15, 2010 for students planning to graduate in May 2011.** All Conditions must be met first (see Clearing Conditions).

### **Submission of Application of Advisor for NURS 297 Project**

If you were not assigned a project advisor in Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 and you want to work with a project or contact Dr. Canham by e-mail [canham@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:canham@son.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.

### **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 Fall 2010. 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. Connolly at [connollydr@son.sjsu.edu](mailto: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 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

*Editorial (2002)*  
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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.

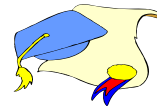
On the day of Orals in order to meet the requirements for the Culminating Experience form (the ticket out of SJSU) that the student has met all requirements for the Award of Degree, students need to submit to the Graduate Coordinator: (a) two copies of the manuscript; (b) the Project Signature form signed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

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 technical support by December 2, 2010. You should have back up of print outs of slides copies of your Power Point ready the day of Orals.

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## **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 December 2010 Convocation is Julie Peters and you can contact her at [jillfpeters@hotmail.com](mailto:jillfpeters@hotmail.com) or 408-243-9659.** The University holds Commencement every year in May (see above article).



### **May 30, 2010 Convocation Speech**

By Tracy X. Trail-Mahan, Master's Graduate Nurse Administrator Option

*Good morning respected guests, nursing faculty members, families, friends, and my fellow graduates. "Nursing is an art." These are the words of Florence Nightingale our esteemed nursing pioneer. These words opened my first nursing graduation speech in 1987 and it is only fitting that they open this speech as well 23 years later. When I first addressed my classmates we were young and anxious to begin our careers, to be able to finally work independently and practice our newly acquired skills. As I stand before you now, along with my fellow graduate students we are seasoned and proud of the nursing careers we have built, yet anxious for the new opportunities our advanced degrees will provide.*

*Nursing is truly an art but after years of experience, patients, diagnoses, treatments, and med passes, I realize it is also something more. The whole of nursing cannot be captured by a single label or definition. Is it a calling? a profession? a career? It goes beyond a verbal description, a list of competencies or acquired skills. It is an experience, a relationship, a privilege to meet a diverse group of individuals, at perhaps their most vulnerable moment, make a difference in their time of need, support their healing process, provide a listening ear, a comforting touch, words of reassurance when they are needed the most. Nursing is all this and more.*

*In the sometimes tedious, challenging or mundane tasks of our profession come the opportunities to make a difference. When you are having "one of those days" and wonder just why you are a nurse, it happens. A moment with a patient transcends the normal everyday tasks, a patient thanks you for listening, relates how much your caring has meant to them, and you smile and say 'its nothing, just doing my job', perhaps share a tear or a warm hug. This is the essence of nursing, a shared embrace, a memory created or as Jean Watson describes, a 'caring moment'.*

*We can all recall a special patient or nursing experience we will never forget, one that makes us proud to be nurse. But wait, what about the ones we don't remember, the busy day when the call lights seemed never ending, the pharmacy was late, the lab 'lost' your specimen. You made just as much of an impression on those days, too. Were you the nurse who barely had time for your patient, or the nurse who stopped to sit at their bedside and hold their hand as they struggled with a new diagnosis. Even when we may not remember, our patients do. To our patients, what you do is not just a job but a lifeline between them and unfamiliar healthcare system. Nursing bridges the entire life span with nursing specialties ranging from pediatrics to geriatrics and limitless opportunities in between. Nursing is indeed more than the sum of its parts, it is a unique privilege and an honor. May we remember this in each action and task we perform, we have the ability to impact the lives of those we serve and responsibility to do so with caring and compassion. I am honored to stand with both the seasoned graduate students and our new baccalaureate nursing graduates and proclaim we are nurses and proud to follow in the footsteps of that famous "Lady with the Lamp". May our light burn brightly with kindness and compassion.*

## 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 [canham@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:canham@son.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 [collear@son.sjsu.edu](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lrodriguez@son.sjsu.edu)

### **Nurse Managed Centers: Omaha System Outcome Study**

For nursing there is a challenge to measure and describe client problems, nursing interventions and outcomes. All the SJSU Nurse Managed Centers provide care based on the specific American Nurses Association (ANA) published Standards of Care for the population being served. Standards of Care are available at all sites and faculty are responsible to monitor that students are following relevant ANA Standards of Care. The purpose of this on going longitudinal evaluative research is to document and monitor and improve the nursing interventions and subsequent outcomes of the nursing care provided by nursing faculty and nursing students at the San Jose State University Academic Nurse Managed Centers (NMCs).

If you have an interest in either of these projects, please contact Dr. Canham at 408-924-1323 or via e-mail at [canham@son.sjsu.edu](mailto:canham@son.sjsu.edu)

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## IMPORTANT DATES



<b>February 15, 2010 (Yes this deadline has passed)</b>	<b>Last date to file Candidacy Form in Graduate Studies for December 2010 Graduation. If you have not filed, see Dr. Canham and call Graduate Studies (408) 924-2480 immediately</b>
<b>August 12, 2010</b>	<b>Orientation New Graduate Students, 8:00 – 4:00PM, HB 407</b>
<b>August 25, 2010</b>	<b>First day of instruction. Add/Drop begins.</b>
<b>September 7, 2010</b>	<b>Last day to drop or withdraw without a “W” grade</b>
<b>September 14, 2010</b>	<b>Last Day to Add a Course</b>
<b>September 15, 2010</b>	<b>All Candidacy Forms for May 2010 must be completed and turned into Dr. Canham in the School of Nursing</b>
<b>September 15, 2010</b>	<b>Last day to file application or reactivation of Award of Degree for December 2010 Graduation with Graduate Studies</b>
<b>September 27, 2010</b>	<b>Professional Nurse Traineeship Applications Due to Dr. Canham in Nursing Office</b>
<b>November 11, 2010</b>	<b>Veteran’s Day</b>
<b>November 24, 2010</b>	<b>No classes after 4:00PM</b>
<b>November 25-26, 2010</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>December 9, 2010</b>	<b>Last Day of Instruction</b>
<b>December 10, 2010</b>	<b>Comprehensive Exams (Orals) for NURS 297 Project Students</b>
<b>December 13-17, 2010</b>	<b>Final Exams (All courses must meet for a final exam/evaluation activity) Scheduled final exam time as directed by University Policy</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Convocation</b>
<b>May 28, 2011</b>	<b>Commencement Spartan Stadium 9:00 am</b>



## HELPFUL WEBSITES

### **For Campus, Course, and Program information**

Academic Technology (site for webcasting)  
[http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/spring\\_2010/index.htm](http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/spring_2010/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. Connolly, My Faculty Web Page  
<http://www.sjsu.edu/people/phyllis.connolly/>

Desire2Learn  
<http://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/D2L/>

Illuminate Live SJSU  
<http://elm.illuminate.com/HOSTEDSJSU/>

General Advising Session (Webcasted–Graduate Program) March 11, 2010  
[http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/spring\\_2010/sn/nurs\\_advising.htm](http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archives/spring_2010/sn/nurs_advising.htm)

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>

IRB Coordinator, Alena Filip  
[Alena.Filip@sjsu.edu](mailto:Alena.Filip@sjsu.edu)  
 408-924-2477 fax; 408-924-2479

**Registration forms**  
[www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms](http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/forms)

SJSU ECampus  
<http://online.sjsu.edu>

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

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

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>

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<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/nursing>  
<http://libguides.sjsu.edu/cultureandhealth>


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  
 Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars>



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