

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing

Graduate Newsletter

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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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Graduate Coordinator during Fall semester 2010. It's always exciting and stimulating to work with a group of graduate students who are dedicated to their nursing profession and advancing their careers. As you may all know, The Valley Foundation School of Nursing completed the CCNE accreditation visit successfully. We now wait for the written report from the accreditation team. Thanks to all of you who talked with the accreditation team. We will also be reviewing the Graduate program in response to the new Master's Essentials once they are approved by the AACN.

The Graduate program has received some positive news regarding admissions for Fall 2011. We will be able to admit 45 graduate students for Fall 2011. This is great news for the program and we look forward to welcoming the new graduate students in Fall semester.

Seven graduate candidates completed their Graduate Oral exams in December 2010. Additional information regarding topics is located in this newsletter.

The Graduate Program is in the process of gaining approval for a new track, Nursing Informatics. A survey conducted last year, indicated that Nursing Informatics is a needed specialty area in the current healthcare market. This track features a multi-disciplinary curriculum engaging other disciplines on the SJSU campus. We will update you as we receive more information.

We welcome Dr. Phyllis Connolly back from a productive sabbatical! Her expertise and leadership are critical to the success of the Graduate program!! We hope you all have a great Spring semester!!

Daryl Canham

Professor

Interim Graduate Coordinator, Fall 2010



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS COMPREHENSIVE ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Students successfully completed their oral examinations on December 10, 2010, thus concluding the final step in the project process. All of the candidates and advisors are listed. There were many interesting topics and areas which you may want to pursue for your project. Mark your calendars for May 18, 2011 there will be many stimulating presentations!!

Carbonell, Erma (Advisors: I. Lewis & T. Adelman) “*A Study to Explore the Factors of Anti-Hypertensive Medication Adherence Among Elderly Filipinos*”

Flores, Dawn (Advisors: D. Goyal & B. Willard) “*Hispanic Teen Mothers Infant Feeding Practices while Attending High School and Previous Breast Feeding Experience*”

McAllister, Deirdre (Advisors; D. Canham & C. Finkbeiner) “*Nurses’ Perceived Competency to Identify Risk Factors for Children with Mental Illness in the Classroom*”

Nwogu, Onyi (Advisors: D. Goyal & R. Rosenblum) “*Postpartum Hemorrhage Predictors; A Comparison of Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Mothers*”

Pascale, J. Mark (Advisors: D. Canham & T. Lawson) “*Elementary and Middle School Staff Knowledge and Perception of Head Lice*”

Peters, Jill (Advisors: D. Canham & C. Finkbeiner) “*Evaluation of the Relationship Between School Related Stress and School Attendance of High School Students*”

Wong, Natalia (Advisors: C. O’Leary-Kelley & S. McNiesh) “*Staff Nurses’ Perception of Teaching Methods and Styles: Learning to Use an Electronic Health Record System*”

PUBLICATIONS

Regan, L.C. & Rodriguez, L. (2011). Nurse empowerment from a middle management perspective: nurse managers’ and assistant managers’ workplace empowerment views. *The Permanente Journal*, 15 (1), e101-e107.

NURSING COURSES

Spring 2011			
<i>Course#</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Day</i>
NURS 200	Health Care Systems	3	W
NURS 202	Theoretical Foundations	3	M
NURS 212*	Curriculum Development	3	R
NURS 236A*	Nursing Admin Theory	3	R
NURS 297.02	Project	2	TBA
NURS 298*	Introduction to Technology (required all new admissions)		F

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

Summer Courses 2011 : None Scheduled

Course	Title	Units	Day

*special sessions

Proposed Course Offerings Fall 2011 to Spring 2012

Course	Fall 2011	Spring 2012
NURS 202		X
NURS 204	X	
NURS 200		X
NURS 295	X	
NURS 297.01 Seminar	X	
NURS 297.02 Project		X
NURS 214*	TBA	X?
NURS 246*		X
NURS 236B*	X	
NURS 203* Introduction to Technology	X	
APSci 201	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. Currently, there are no courses scheduled for Summer session 2011. Nurs 236 B will be offered fall 2011 by Dr. Connolly and will meet approximately 3-4 times on campus and online strategies (D2L and Elluminate) will be used.

Partners Needed For the Administrator Option

We are seeking agency partners to help support the offering of the Administration courses off campus. A unique partnership collaborative approach has been developed. If your agency is interested in this opportunity, please contact Dr. Diane Stuenkel at 408-924-3179 or diane.stuenkel@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. Plans are being made for scheduling Nurs 214 and Nurs 216 for the 2011/2012 academic year. Information will be posted as soon as the course schedule is confirmed.

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 part time or full time in the graduate program (including the 297/299 thesis/project seminar) and (B) 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 daryl.canham@sjsu.edu

- 3. **Due date for traineeship application: for Spring 2011, March 7, 2011** 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 Katherine.Abriam-Yago@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, mmyrabeth@yahoo.com 408-252-7124

GENERAL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL HINTS

Special Sessions Course Registration

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

Payment: CREDIT CARD: The Bursar's office is no longer accepting credit card payments **unless** they are processed on-line or by phone. To pay by credit card, log on to www.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 NURS 202, NURS 204, NURS 297 seminar depending on room availability in IRC.

Videotaping option

Often courses may be videotaped by the Instructional Resource staff. Students can view the tapes on campus or, if they bring a tape to the staff, they will copy the tape for them. There is a \$5.00 charge per tape for this service. Contact ATN for more information on this option.

ON CAMPUS attendance is required for a specific number of classes. You must consult with the faculty of record about the expectations for on campus classes and webcasting.

Academic Technology Network Contact Info

For information on services, media options and facility scheduling, call 408-924-2636, email at atn@sjsu.edu or visit the website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/atn>.

ONLINE COURSES

Some graduate courses are offered online through e-campus. This technology generally includes the use of a Discussion Board, E-mail system, and Chat Room. Many courses are now blended using Desire2Learn; Elluminate; webcasting and on campus components. An orientation is provided to students to both the technology and its function within the course. Students need to be sure they understand the expectations of the various components in blended courses—TALK TO THE FACULTY.

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

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

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

Clearing Conditions

If you were admitted with "Conditions," please notify the Graduate Coordinator by email phyllis.connolly@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 phyllis.connolly@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. Mark Crider, Semester 7 Interim Chair, at 408-924-3138 or email mark.crider@sjsu.edu. If you have questions about Nurs 128, please call or contact Dr. Lori Rodriguez, Semester 8 Chair, Lori.Rodriguez@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.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 5, 2011	January 13, 2011
April 2, 2011	March 10, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 19, 2011
July 16, 2011	June 23, 2011
September 24, 2011	September 1, 2011
November 12, 2011	October 20, 2011

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. 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 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. Connolly by April 1, 2011 for students planning to graduate in December 2011 (Students who were enrolled in Nurs 297.1 during Fall 2010 already completed their Candidacy Forms).** 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 Spring 2010 or Fall 2010 and you want to work with a project, contact Dr. Connolly by e-mail Phyllis.connolly@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 Spring 2011. 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 Phyllis.connolly@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 from 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.”

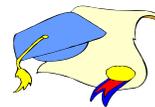
Students demonstrate readiness for orals by completion of the project, data analysis and recommendations and a significant completion of the manuscript. Both the First Project Advisor and Graduate Coordinator will determine if a student is ready for Orals.

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 May 10, 2011. You should have back up of print outs of slides copies of your Power Point ready the day of Orals.

GRADUATION



What is the Commencement Ceremony?

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

left side of the mortarboard. Master's candidates carry their hoods on their right arms during the processional. At the proper time, the President will confer upon the candidates the appropriate degree and will direct the faculty Hood Masters to "hood" degree recipients. **Regalia must be ordered in advance in the AS Bookstore.**

What is Convocation?

At the end of every semester graduating students in specific disciplines organize a commemorative ceremony called Convocation. It is held after final exams in December and May. Convocation is a student organized and implemented event. **There is a fee.** Faculty and the Director serve as consultants. In order to enhance the inclusivity of both baccalaureate and master's students at these important occasions, a planning meeting will be held early in each semester (i.e., September and February) to discuss all of the details of the upcoming Convocation. At least one faculty advisor and representatives from both the undergraduate and graduate students groups will be included. Convocation is a wonderful School of Nursing event. However, it is costly in terms of faculty, staff, students and guests' time and money. To enhance School cohesiveness, no other events will be organized to acknowledge graduating students from the School of Nursing. **The graduate liaison for May 2011 Convocation is Christina Fowlks and you can contact her at 510-746-0440 (home) or cfowlks@comcast.net . The graduate liaison for December 2011 is Sekou Diallo and he can be reached at 408-979-9534 (home) or diallosekou@msn.com .**The University holds Commencement every year in May (see above article).



December 19, 2010, Interim Graduate Coordinator Convocation Speech Dr. Daryl Canham, Professor and Interim Graduate Coordinator

Good afternoon graduates, family, significant others, guests, faculty and Dean Bullock and honored guests. I am grateful to be part of this important occasion today as the interim graduate coordinator for Fall semester 2010. The School of Nursing currently has two active options for advanced practice nursing: Nurse Administrator and Nurse Educator (including the Post Masters Nurse Educator option). Students are continuing in the 2 inactivated options of Clinical Nurse Specialist in School Nursing, the post master's School Nurse Credential, the Family Nurse Practitioner and the post master's FNP. This occasion, recognition as an advanced practice nurse, is important —advanced practice nurses make a difference in health care. On December 10, 2010, seven graduate students completed their graduate orals. Two completed the Nurse Educator option, 3 the School Nurse/CNS option, and 2 the Family Nurse Practitioner option. One of the graduates from the FNP specialization will be hooded today. Providing safe high-quality care for the best outcomes within the limits of available resources is the challenge for today as well as the future (Piette, Ellis, St. Denis, & Sarauer, 2002; Bolton Burnes et al., 2001).

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing delineates in the draft of the *Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing* that master's program graduates will: assume accountability for quality care outcomes; navigate and integrate care services across the healthcare system; lead and mentor healthcare team members; collaborate with and build inter-professional care teams; design innovative nursing practices; and facilitate the translation of evidence into practice. (AACN, 2010, *The Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing (Draft)*). (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu>).

These graduates are leaders in their advanced practice roles. Grossman and Valiga (2005) in *The New Leadership Challenge: Creating the Future of Nursing* delineate characteristics of leadership that can create a preferred future for nursing. The leaders of tomorrow are transformational and are charged with propelling a vision, empowering followers, and taking action. Guidelines for shaping a preferred future for nursing include having credibility (honesty and competence), keeping your head in the clouds and your feet on the ground, shared values, sharing the work, and realizing that leadership is everyone's business. Leaders create, support, and nurture leadership skills in their colleagues. We look to our

Masters prepared graduates to be the leaders in nursing and health care as health care in the United States and globally experience dramatic changes.

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

It is my pleasure to present the Master's Graduate today and recognize the graduates who were unable to attend. They have traveled the long hard road and have earned the rite of passage—being hooded—the honor bestowed for earning the Master's Degree. The apricot colored insert represents the discipline of Nursing. Congratulations to the graduate who is here today and those who will be hooded at the Spring 2011 convocation. The graduate will receive her hood from her Second Advisor for her Research Project. I will read the title of her project and her Advisor. The names of the other Master's students who completed their projects this semester are listed in your event program.

(Portions of this speech were excerpted from speeches given by Dr. Phyllis Connolly the Graduate Program Coordinator)

FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Nurse Managed Centers: Omaha System Outcome Study:

For nursing there is a challenge to measure and describe client problems, nursing interventions and outcomes. 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. The purpose of this ongoing 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 are interested in learning more about this opportunity contact Dr. Daryl Canham 408-924-1323 or daryl.canham@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 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 Deepika.Goyal@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 lori.rodriguez@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 lori.rodriguez@sjsu.edu

IMPORTANT DATES



October 1, 2010 (Yes this deadline has passed)	Last date to file Candidacy Form in Graduate Studies for May 2011 Graduation. If you have not filed, see Dr. Canham and call Graduate Studies (408) 924-2480 immediately
January 26, 2011	First day of instruction. Add/Drop begins.
February 7, 2011	Last day to drop or withdraw without a “W” grade
February 14, 2011	Last Day to Add a Course
	All Candidacy Forms for May 2011 must be completed and turned into Dr. Connolly in the School of Nursing
February 14, 2011	Last day to file application or reactivation of Award of Degree for May 2011 Graduation with Graduate Studies
March 7, 2011	Professional Nurse Traineeship Applications Due to Dr. Canham in Nursing Office
March 28 – April 1	Spring Recess
March 31, 2011	Cesar Chavez Day – Campus Closed
May 17, 2011	Last Day of Instruction
May 18, 2011	Comprehensive Exams (Orals) for NURS 297 Project Students
May 19-20, 2011 & May 23-25, 2011	Final Exams (All courses must meet for a final exam/evaluation activity) Scheduled final exam time as directed by University Policy
May 27, 2011	Convocation: Park Hall, San Jose, 5:30 PM – 8:00PM
May 28, 2011	Commencement Spartan Stadium 9:00 am

HELPFUL WEBSITES

For Campus, Course, and Program information

Academic Technology (site for webcasting)
http://www.sjsu.edu/atn/services/webcasting/archive/s/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/archive/s/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>

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Registration forms
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
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