

Undergraduate Honors Scholar and Evidence-Based Practice Projects School of Nursing - 2011-2012

Honors Scholar Projects

Ashley Miner

The Experience of a Laboring Woman with Care Managed by a Midwife: A Pilot Study

Tracey Puckett

Auditory Developmental Care of the Preterm Infant in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Caroline Rubin

Nursing Students' Attitudes and Perceptions Toward Patients Who Abuse Alcohol

Rachel Webb

Perceived Barriers to Transitioning End-of-Life Pediatric Patients to Palliative Care

Evidence-Based Practice Projects

Jessica Maples, Andrea Lopez, Kailey Garrett, Annamarie Pekar

In new graduate nurses does a specialized orientation or residency program compared to no orientation decrease nurse burnout in the first year of practice?

McKenzie, Dana, Courtney Smith, Kelsie Witty

In patients with potential or standing chronic conditions does an online audio/visual system for teaching compared to traditional verbal teaching improve patient knowledge and compliance?

Patrick Sagisi, Caroline Rubin, Erica Svoboda, Ingabritt Backlund

In medical/surgical patients does providing healthcare professionals with communication skills training compared to the current practice of not providing specific communication skills training improve patient satisfaction and experiences in the hospital?

Skyler Atterbury, Rufina Bavin, Stanna Robertson, Ashley Johnson

In pediatric patients does the use of animal assisted therapy compared to pharmacological intervention or no treatments decrease stress and pain?

Matthew Curnow, Tracey Puckett, Korinne Woo, Sarah Laine

In nurse to nurse change of shift hand off does the utilization of a standardized nursing hand off as compared to the nurse's personal preference more effective in providing the oncoming nurse with needed information?

Kendra Foreman, Erica Wessels, Caitlin Skelly, Christina Tutino

In hospital nursing staff does working 8 hour shifts compared to working 12 hour shifts increase nurse job satisfaction and retention?

Cassie Monnahan, Jamie Felice, Amber Rutherford, Brittany Hans

In low risk healthy women in second stage of labor does the practice of spontaneous pushing compared to the practice of directed pushing decrease the risk of maternal or fetal trauma?

Alicen McClaren, Shannon Conner, Elizabeth Nelson

In the hospital setting, do collaborative efforts as opposed to incivility between physicians and nurses increase patient and employee satisfaction?

Bryant Chang, Brina Martinez, Jarah Dent, Rebecca Bauer

In adult patients with out of hospital cardiac arrest, do patients that are treated with induced therapeutic hypothermia after restoration of spontaneous circulation compared to the patients receiving standard post-resuscitation care have better neurologic outcomes and lower mortality rates?

Crystal Lamar, Allison Dalton, Briona Colthart

In post-stroke patients, is the Becks Depression Inventory compared to the Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression more effective at identifying post- stroke depression?

Mark Aragon, Stacey Olsewski, Alyse Straub

In Point Loma Nazarene University's School of Nursing will the implementation of adding a required Spanish course with medical emphasis in comparison to the current curriculum lacking a Spanish course improve patient and student nurse satisfaction for delivery of care in Spanish speaking patients?

Aubree Daniel, Shantee Downer, Guerline Fleurent, Olivia Robinson

In immobile patients does the use of kinetic therapy beds and specialty mattresses compared to the current practice of manual repositioning decrease the incidence/progression of pressure ulcers?

Asley Miner, Julie Nakamoto, Jeremy Spry, Tiffany Warren

In hospital nursing staff does delivering change-of-shift report at the patient bedside compared to current change-of-shift report practice increase patient safety and satisfaction related to nursing care?

Courtney McComb, Bridgid McGowan, Rachel Webb, Yi You

In patients nearing end-of-life does approaching end-of-life discussions from concurrent psychological and analytical frameworks compared to only an analytical framework improve decision making by timely utilization of palliative care services in the acute care setting?

Kat Capule, Annie Leitzell, Merina Palma, Andrea Sandoval

In determining patient assignments on medical/surgical units does implementing unit-specific patient acuity scales as compared with standard mandated nurse-patient ratios increase patient safety decrease nurse fatigue, improve job satisfaction, and contribute to overall cost-effectiveness?