2010-11 Faculty Research Interests

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Research Interest: Physical and psychological cost of caregiving for African American spouses and daughters caring for loved-ones with dementia

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Research Interest: Medical/Surgical nursing; adherence in women; hypertension

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Research Interest: Leadership; Gerontology; Quality care initiative aimed at improving care and outcomes of nursing home residents; Exploring the influence of “attractiveness” in long-term care

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Research Interest: Gerontology research focus; quality of care in nursing homes; administrative issues in nursing homes

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Research Interest: Gerontological nursing; qualitative methods - Focus: Vulnerable populations, health and health care disparities of marginalized older adults

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Research Interest: Examine molecular mechanisms related to the onset and progression (specifically the early stages) of Alzheimer’s disease (AD), (2) explore biological mechanisms to improve the screening, diagnosing, and prognosis of AD, (3) investigate the relationship among ethnicity (specifically African Americans), genes, and electrophysiology in AD, and (4) examine the electrophysiological and molecular changes in limbic system neurotransmitter receptors associated with the cognitive, behavioral, and functional systems of AD

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Research Interest: Critical thinking, clinical decision-making, rapid response teams, and civility/social capital

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Research Interest: Gero-psychiatric research - Focus: Older adults both community dwelling, assisted and long term care with mental health concerns
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Research Interest: Statistical process control and statistics education

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Research Interest: Nursing education and student development in the clinical setting, which strategies clinical nursing faculty utilize to promote development of self-authorship in nursing students

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Research Interest: Nursing and consumer informatics

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Research Interest: Leadership, workforce and diversity

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Research Interest: Emergency Nursing, Pain and Symptom Management, and Palliative Care

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Research Interest: Nursing leadership, nursing administration, change in health care systems, pediatrics, and advanced practice nursing

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Research Interest: HIV/AIDS prevention with vulnerable and marginalized women; exploratory and experimental methods; feminist views of women’s health

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Research Interest: International nursing and health, tuberculosis, treatment adherence, and stigma, health care workers’ knowledge of tuberculosis infection control to the list