

OFFICE OF NURSING RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP (ONRS)

Overview

1. The Office of Nursing Research and Scholarship (ONRS), housed in the School of Nursing, mentors student and faculty investigators, fosters interprofessional collaborations and helps investigators meet regulatory compliance for engaging in research (human subjects training, HIPPA compliance, etc.).
2. The School of Nursing is an integral part of a large internationally recognized academic health center (AHC) that is a site for a funded Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) (Institute for Integration of Medicine and Health (IIMS). Interprofessional research collaborations are strongly supported by the IIMS.
3. There are just over 100 AHC's nationwide that have enormous impact through integration of research, education, and patient care that produces the knowledge and evidence foundation for treating illness and improving health. The 2002 and 2003 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report on Academic Health Centers challenged AHCs to take the lead in:
 - a. Transforming content, methods, approaches, and settings used in
 - b. Health professional education
 - c. Designing and assessing new structures and approaches for patient care
 - d. Translating science through increased emphasis on clinical health service, prevention, and community-based research to move discoveries to clinical and community settings.
4. The School of Nursing faculty is responding to the IOM challenges through their programs of science that focuses on the scholarship of teaching, practice, and discovery (research). They're bringing to life the School of Nursing Mission which is, "We develop diverse nurse leaders to improve health and health care, through education, research, practice, and community engagement."
1. The School of Nursing provides several types of resources to support faculty research, scholarship programs, and research development. The Office is operated out of School of Nursing Funds and is not grant funded. Research resources include: 1) Mentorship program for new investigators; 2) Faculty grantsmanship and pre-submission 3) internal and external review support; 4) visiting and on-site consultants for methodological, statistical and topic expertise; 5) announcements, information, forms, and compilation of applications for funding agencies; 6) information, support, and rehearsal for presentation and publication of research findings; 7) staff support for data entry and analysis. It is the responsibility of each faculty member to negotiate the nature and level of support with the Vice Dean for Research, Vice Deans and the Dean.

Philosophy

The purpose of nursing research and scholarship is to improve health of patients, families, and the community, through the generation and utilization of new knowledge. The School of Nursing endorses

the basic principles of the scientific community: those of mentorship, individual responsibility for the generation and utilization of new knowledge, and review of research and scholarship by peers. Faculty-directed research provides the foundation for mentorship of other faculty and students from all programs. Individual faculty members ultimately determine their degree of research involvement, the nature of their research and scholarship endeavors, and the processes -by which their research is developed, completed, and disseminated. The process of peer review is crucial to successful research development at three critical points: proposal development, application for funding, and the presentation of results. The School of Nursing supports faculty research and faculty development in research and scholarship as one of its key missions. Faculty are expected to include and mentor nursing students in research activities, either as a mentorship or by including students in research teams. In the spirit of collaboration and dissemination, faculty are expected to share research findings formally and informally to their peers and to communicate investigative activities to the research office.

Research Office Functions

The Research Office was established to support the School and its associated scholars in developing programs of science. All nursing students, in particular doctoral students, are considered a part of this community of scholars. The human and material resources of the Research Office exist to provide assistance to faculty and scholars in each stage of research development, funding, management, and dissemination. Faculty and doctoral students are kept informed about research development, funding, and scientific news through the Office of Nursing Research and Scholarship.

Research Office Organization

The Vice Dean for Research reports directly to the Dean of the School of Nursing. Specific communication channels exist between the Vice Dean for Research and the other Associate Deans, Vice Deans and Directors. It is expected that these individuals will exchange information and articulate their activities in order to support the missions of the school and the Health Science Center. The maintenance of a database and records of all grant application submissions, institutional research board applications, and pending files; information about current funding resources and program announcements; forms and computerized application formats and negotiation for consultation services are the responsibility of the Vice Dean for Research. The Vice Dean administers dispersal of internal research funds for Research. Decisions related to internal salary support for faculty research are ultimately made by the Vice Dean of Faculty Excellence and the Dean. The Vice Dean for Nursing Research is responsible for mentoring faculty and doctoral students in grantsmanship and development of research skills.