

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
COLLEGE OF NURSING
FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS
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Faculty Name	Office Phone	E-Mail	Research Interest
Charles Barton, CRNA, MSN, M. Ed.	972-7386	barton@uakron.edu	Anesthesia
Rose Beeson, DNSc, MSN	972-8332	Beeson@uakron.edu	Depression and loneliness in caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease
Marie Bright Cobb, MSN, RN	972-6306	mbcobb@uakron.edu	Maternal/Child Health and breastfeeding
Diane Brown, MSN, CCRN	972-7863	Dbrown1@uakron.edu	Pulmonary, cardiovascular and neurological disorders; student NCLEX success; teaching using simulation, new teaching/learning strategies/student success
Cheryl Buchanan, MSN, RN	972-7465	Cb12@uakron.edu	Student progress, work with elderly
Cynthia F. Capers, PhD, RN	972-7552	capers@uakron.edu	Measuring cultural competency; culturally specific care and resources; primary care intervention for obesity; disadvantaged populations; additional interest in academic leadership (not formal research)
Sheau-Huey Chiu, PhD, RN, CPNP	972-2438	schiu@uakron.edu	Skin-to-skin contact (kangaroo care); mother-infant interaction
Connie Chronister, MSN, RN	972-5931	Csc12@uakron.edu	Teaching using simulation, new teaching/learning strategies/student success.
Louise Cook, MSN, RN	972-5938	lcook@uakron.edu	Medical cardiac patients and their families; responses to critical illness; student NCLEX success
Marguerite A. DiMarco, MSN, CPNP	972-7683	dimarco@uakron.edu	Access/Utilization of health/dental services in homeless children; health conditions of homeless children; pediatrics; and parental grief/bereavement
Therese Dowd, PhD, RN, CNS	972-5924	tdowd@uakron.edu	Comfort as an outcome of interventions for a variety of conditions and populations and healing touch as one of the interventions. e.g. Comparing coaching and healing touch for college students who experience high stress. Other populations such as those with pain, anxiety, and stress related conditions. Working with persons who have urinary incontinence.
Elaine M. Fisher, PhD, RN	972-6125	efisher@uakron.edu	Pathophysiological processes of disease; gut oxygenation; cardiac arrest and hemorrhagic shock model
Karen Fitzgerald, MSN, RN	972-7715	kfitzgerald@uarkon.edu	Health Psychology (Integration of mental health screening into the primary health care visit for pediatrics and adolescents)
Wanda Franklin, PhD, RN	972-8654	Wjf5@uakron.edu	Smoking cessation in the general population, stress and coping in African American women, and spiritual well being in African American women. As a community health nurse, I am also interested in health disparities in African American women.

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Patricia Galon, PhD, RN	972-5933	pag9@uakron.edu	Serious and persistently mentally ill population, coercion, outpatient commitment, and health promotion in persons with cognitive impairments
Kristine M. Gill, PhD, RN	972-7563	kgill@uakron.edu	Pediatrics, homeless, public/community health, and nursing education
Irene Glanville, PhD, RN, CNP	972-7733	glanvil@uakron.edu	Family; risk/risk reduction; exercise; health promoting behaviors
Jacqueline Guhde, MSN, RN	972-2095	guhde@uakron.edu	Teaching and learning; obesity, Lymphedema
Margaret Halter, PhD, APRN	972-6907	mhalter@uakron.edu	Men's mental health; stigma and help seeking for depression; stigma by association, professional stigma; religious affiliation and stigma; distance learning; professional education.
Marlene Huff, PhD, RN	972-5930	mhuff@uakron.edu	Mother-infant relationships, women's health, osteoporosis prevention, service-learning, oral health
Mary Agnes Kendra, PhD, RN, CNS	972-7559	Kendra7@uakorn.edu	Recruitment of minority and disadvantaged students into nursing; perception of risk in home visiting including cross-cultural comparisons among home visitors in various countries; curricular content related to safety education (minimizing risk in the workplace) in baccalaureate nursing programs
Lorie Kidd, MSN, CNS	972-6703	kidd@uakorn.edu	Elderly with mental health needs, especially dementia and addictions, especially alcoholism and how it affects the family
Michalene King, PhD, RN	972-6826	making@uakron.edu	Parish nursing and health ministries.
Kim Kerr, MSN, RN	972-6697	kkerr@uakron.edu	Social isolation of the physically disabled, studies regarding nursing systems, and topics related to chronic health concerns of older adults and individuals with disabilities. Prefers qualitative methods, developed in an interdisciplinary fashion, which focus on outcomes analyzing health care, leadership, social, and behavioral sciences.
Gregory Knapik, PhD, RN	972-6926	gk@uakron.edu	The underserved and vulnerable populations, particularly in urban settings; the chronically and seriously mentally ill; and how these populations utilize spirituality in achieving and maintaining wellness.
Kathy Kolcaba, PhD, RN	972-6974	kolcaba@uakron.edu	Measurement of comfort as outcome of nursing care; relationship of patient comfort to health seeking behaviors and institutional outcomes; application and tests of comfort theory in diverse research settings (such as end of life care and continence care); clinical specialty: gerontology. Comfort Theory as a framework to improve practice environments, gain national recognition (Magnet, Gold Seal of Approval, etc).

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Raouth Kostandy	972-7682	Rk33@uakron.edu	Effect of Kangaroo Care (KC) (Skin-to-Skin Contact) on injection pain in healthy full-term neonates. Kangaroo care as a non-pharmacological intervention, have an analgesic effect on pain in pre-term and full-term neonates.
Mary Helen Kreidler, EdD, RN, CNS	972-6911	Mkreidler@uakron.edu	Adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse
Patrice McCarthy, PhD, RN, CNS	972-5923	mpm30@uakron.edu	Philosophical foundations of nursing, women's experience with infertility, spirituality and caring practices, phenomenology as philosophy/method, feminist critique.
Annette Mitzel, MSN, LMT	972-6698	annett1@uakron.edu	Complementary holistic nursing care provided via bodywork techniques and energetics (massotherapy, etc) (complementary methods have on chronic illness); lymphatic drainage and healing touch
Amber Murray, MSN, MPH, CNP, RN	972-7865	ac54@uakron.edu	Adolescent health including STDs, sexual activity among teens, teen pregnancy, and mental health.
Kelly Pond, MSN, CRNA	972-5925	pond@uakron.edu	Anesthetic pharmacology and nurse anesthesia education
Kathy Ross-Alaolmolki, PhD, RN	972-6704	Kr1@uakron.edu	Adolescent and family health: stress, coping, attachment and self-coherence; teaching and learning issues
Cheryl Sadler, PhD, RN	972-7557	Cheryl16@uakron.edu	Health promotion with vulnerable populations; gerontology; African American Health Issues, Women's Issues
Carol Scotto, PhD, RN	972-7885	cscotto@uakron.edu	Adherence after cardiac rehab, bioethics, acute care issues
Linda Shanks, MSN, ND	972-6699	shanks@uakron.edu	Cardiac rehabilitation, health beliefs, and cardiac rehabilitation participation
Kathleen Tusaie, PhD, APRN, BC	972-7561	ktusaie@uakron.edu	Adolescence, resilience; clinical practice in mental health nursing
N. Margaret Wineman, PhD, RN, CS	972-6105	wineman@uakron.edu	Consequences of violence and trauma in women's lives, substance-use disorders and counseling; chronic disabilities
Stephanie Woods, PhD, RN	972-7854	Sw5@uakron.edu	Complex inter-relationships between physiologic, immunologic and psychosocial responses to traumatic events (especially in women who have experienced violence throughout their lifetime); complementary therapies