

PhD Research Practicum Opportunities 2009

- Gail M. Houck, RN, PhD
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 - Research Program 1: Mother-Toddler Project (Fall/Winter/Spring terms)
 - Opportunities: Coding mother-toddler toy clean up (maternal discipline and toddler compliance)
 - Time: No set hours—on own time once trained on the coding system; typically, 4-6 hours/week
 - Research Program 2: National Children’s Study: Community Engagement Activities (Winter/Spring/Summer terms)
 - Opportunities: Assist with community engagement activities in Marion County for NCS
 - Time: Will include meetings in Salem and other Marion County cities/towns; some evenings, otherwise scheduled around class times
- Vivian Gedaly-Duff, DNSc, RN, Principal Investigator
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 - Research Program: Pain and other symptoms in children and their families
Research Study: “Chemotherapy, Pain, Sleep, Fatigue in Children and Parents”
Longitudinal study examining the pattern of symptoms in children with cancer and their parents in their homes. Data collection includes diaries and actigraphy (miniature computer that records sleep activity data). The children and their parents do 3-day diaries and wear a wrist actigraphy after the child receives chemotherapy.
 - Opportunities: Participation in data collection, entry, management; measures of sleep (child, adult, self-report using diaries, standardized instruments, and objective measure actigraphy); Child and Family Research; longitudinal research; symptom research; oncology research; Quality of Life Instrument reliability. Opportunities to observe and meet children and families in outpatient oncology clinics, attend research meetings, and contribute to research process.
 - Time: The study is ongoing. Students can select to participate in the current activities, and/or design a specific activity. We have opportunities for 1, 2, or 3 quarters. There is also a potential for a student worker opportunity.
- Teresa T. Goodell, RN,CNS,PhD
Phone: (503)418-1271; email: goodellt@ohsu.edu (preferred)
 - Research Program: Acute Illness/ICU nursing interventions
 - Opportunities: The ICU delirium prevention program will be conducting follow-up through approx. May 2010; pressure ulcer study in preparation; publication of papers from previous studies
 - Time: Availability every quarter
- Christine A. Tanner, RN, PhD, FAAN
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 - Research Program 1: Evaluation of OCNE
 - We are in the second year of a 3 year study of OCNE, an innovative partnership among OHSU and 8 community colleges, offering a shared baccalaureate curriculum, incorporating new pedagogies, simulation and other clinical education approaches.

- Opportunities for coding qualitative data from student and faculty interviews, beginning fall, 2009. There may also be opportunities for secondary analysis of outcome data.
- Time: No set hours. Up to 2-4 hours/week

- Research Program 2: Clinical Education Redesign Project
- We are in the first year of a 4-year study in which we are implementing and evaluating a new approach to clinical education for pre-licensure students.
- Opportunities for coding qualitative data from student focus groups, doing preliminary analyses of online surveys; fall, 2009; opportunities to assist in testing interrater reliability of a clinical observation tool for evaluation of student performance.
- Time: No set hours.

- Karen Lyons, PhD
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 - Research program: Families & couples living with chronic or terminal illness (Chronically-ill older adults, Lung cancer, Fibromyalgia & Parkinson's disease)
 - Opportunities: Working with data (quantitative & qualitative); potential for data collection. Possibility of developing project/abstract or designing research experience around a specific activity.
 - Time: Fall & spring. Hours negotiable.

- Nancy Findholt, PhD, RN, Associate Professor
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 - Research Program: A University-Community Partnership to Prevent Obesity in Rural Children
 - Opportunities: Working with a community-based coalition to develop programs and bring about environmental change within rural schools and communities to promote physical activity and healthy eating among children. Based on available funding, we may conduct a community readiness assessment this summer or fall and may also begin to collect data on children's physical activity and eating patterns beginning in the fall.
 - Time: Any term is fine. As many hours as available.