

University of Southern Maine  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

**Annual Report 2001-2002**

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**COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**Major Accomplishments within the College (not prioritized)**

1. Successfully completed review of the undergraduate nursing (lead Marianne Rodgers)
2. Received full 5-year accreditation for the Sports Medicine-Athletic training major from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (May 2002) (lead Brian Toy and athletic training faculty)
3. Resubmitted HRSA grant, Satellite Expansion of USM's Generic BSN Program, total award of 3 year grant is \$797,501
4. Successfully secured National Youth Sports Program at USM, including grant from Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation (lead Christina Beaudoin)
5. Played active role in revitalizing USM's Institutional Review Board (lead faculty Susan Vines) and the Faculty Senate (Brian Toy President)
6. With support of Helene Fuld Grant (Susan Vines Project Director) implemented "Partnerships for Health Curriculum" in nursing program including the development of additional community partners (nursing faculty)
7. Designed and implemented 15 month Accelerated Baccalaureate Program (lead Marianne Rodgers and nursing faculty)
8. Received extensive media coverage on research with pet therapy in long-term care with involved Recreation and Leisure Study faculty and students (lead Nancy Richeson and Bill McCullough)
9. Continued to actively work to refine peer review processes, criteria, etc. (Peer Review Committee Chairperson William McCullough and faculty)
10. Three faculty promoted/tenured: Patricia Becker (promoted Associate Professor, Valerie Hart (tenured), and Susan Sepples (promoted Associate Professor and tenured)
11. Actively supported faculty scholarship, including providing editorial support, grant writing support, and pilot money
12. Successfully recruited full time faculty for all vacant faculty positions except one

**Administrative Goals 2002-2003**

1. Continue to work on well thought out, systematic plan, for fund-raising for the College of Nursing and Health Professions.
2. Write HRSA Division of Nursing Grant for second admission cohort, Accelerated Baccalaureate Program.
3. Prepare "needs statement" in collaboration with Terry Shipps at the University of Maine for additional nursing faculty for consideration/action by the Chancellor.

4. Support Nursing Chairperson and LAC faculty in operationalizing HRSA Division of Nursing Grant.
5. Support the Recreation and Leisure Studies Chairperson and the Director of Sports Medicine, and the respective faculties, in their curriculum work.
6. Reevaluate the College's administrative structure in relation to the role of the Associate Dean.
7. Continue to work on the creation of a nursing center in Maine, located at USM and the development of the Minimum Nursing Data Set for Maine.

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### **2001-2002 Scholarship (publications, reports, grants, and presentations):**

- Messecar, D.M., Archbold, P.G., Stewart, P.J., & Kirschling, J.M. (in press). Home environmental modification strategies used by caregivers of elders. *Research in Nursing and Health*
- Kirschling, J.M. (January 2002). Rewrote Department of Health and Human Services Grant Basic Nurse Education and Practice Program, Satellite Expansion of USM's Generic BSN Program. M. Rodgers (Project Director). Approved and funded.
- Kirschling, J.M. (2002). View from the Board – America's nursing shortage: Fact or fiction? *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing*, 4(3), 124-126
- Kirschling, J.M. (2002). View from the Board - HPNA position statements: Speaking on behalf of our membership and Association News Excellence in hospice and palliative care nursing. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing*, 4(2), 64-65, 68
- Kirschling, J.M. (2002). Hospice. In D.J. Ekerdt, R.A. Applebaum, K.C. Holden, S.G. Post, K. Rockwood, R. Schultz, R.L. Spratt, & P. Uhlenberg (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Aging*. New York, NY: Macmillan Reference USA
- Kirschling, J.M., Conover, L., Curley, D., Ernest, P., Girard, T., Kuhrt, S., Philbrook, P., Samia, L., Sinclair, C., Smith, N., Stuchiner, K., & Whitehead, B. (2002). *Report from the Maine Nursing Summit – Maine Health Care: Colleagues in Caring Nursing Workforce Initiative*. Portland, ME: University of Southern Maine College of Nursing and Health Professions
- Kirschling, J.M. *The worldwide nursing shortage*. CHANS – Community Health and Nursing Services Annual Meeting. Brunswick, ME, April 2002
- Ponti, M.A., Whitehead, B., Bethanis, S., Broadway, M., Bosica, T., Harvey-McPerson, L., Kirschling, J.M., Maschnino, A., Ogonowski, M.H., Pelissier, B., Philbrook, P., Shipps, T., Smith, N., & Stuchiner, K. (May 2002). *Report and Recommendations of the OMNE Task Force: 2002 Overview of Maine's Nursing and Health Care Workforce*. Maine: OMNE Nursing Leaders of Maine
- Casarett, D., Ferrell, B., Kirschling, J., Levetown, M., Merriman, M., Ramey, M., & Silverman, P. (2001). NHPCO Task Force Statement on the Ethics of Hospice Participation in Research, *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 4, 441-449
- Kirschling, J.M. (2001, December). Member of opening plenary panel: Maine's changing demographics and the relationship between health care and economic community development. Maine Rural Health Association Conference, "Building

Vibrant Communities – Linking Rural Health and Economic Development, Rockland, ME, December 2001

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing. (November 2001). *Indicators of Quality in Research-Focused Doctoral Programs in Nursing*, AACN Position Statement. Co-authored statement as member of Task Force, chaired by Dr. Sandra Edwardson. Washington, DC: author
- Kirschling, J.M., Amarsi, Y., Chernomas, W., Daly, J., Kim, S., Tsai, S., & Wong, T.K.S. Nursing education across the globe: Recent successes and future challenges. Was to be presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention, Sigma Theta Tau International, Indianapolis, IN, cancelled due to September 11th and international travel, coordinated panel and write-up, November 2001
- Kirschling, J.M. Higher education and the nursing profession. Invited presentation at the Leadership Initiative for Nursing Education (LINE), Leadership Institute, Freeport, ME, August 2001
- Kirschling, J.M. Observations on master's education (summary comments from conference as chairperson of the planning committee). 2002 Master's Education Conference Contrasts and Decision Points: Models for Innovation Master's Education. American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Amelia Island, FL, February 2001

**2001-2002 Teaching:**

- *Fall, Spring, Summer:* Options students enrolled in end-of-life partnership course, students completed Hospice Volunteer Training and provided volunteer services to hospice patients/families or end-of-life organizations (e.g., HIV).
- Guest lectures:
  - *The nursing shortage: Fact or fiction*, baccalaureate nursing students, University of Southern Maine NUR470 Professional Issues, December 2001, and April 2002
  - *The nursing shortage and higher education*, registered nurses enrolled in leadership pilot course at University of Southern Maine NUR399/699, October 2001
  - *A vision for the future of nursing: How do we get there?* Panel presentation with Patricia Cook, Julie L'Heureux, and Paul Kuehnert, registered nurses enrolled in University of Southern Maine CON472 Leadership and Professional Issues, USM Lewiston-Auburn College, April 2002

**2001-2002 Professional Service:**

- Convener, Maine Nursing Summit, December 4, 2001 and December 6, 2002 Augusta, ME
- Co-convene with K. Stuchiner, Maine Hospital Association, Maine Health Care Workforce Tracking Committee, 2001-present
- Consultant, University of Kentucky School of Nursing, Lexington, KY – nursing degree options for individuals with a bachelor's degree in another discipline, March 5, 2002
- Member of the Advisory Committee and faculty for the Leadership Initiative for Nursing Education (LINE), University of California San Francisco Center for the Health Professions, funded by the Helene Fuld Health Trust. The Leadership Institute

held August 9-13, 2001 in Freeport, ME

- Serve as reviewer for:
  - *The American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*, 1985-present
  - *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 1988-present
  - *Advances in Nursing Science*, 1989-present
  - *Journal of Nursing Education*, 1991-present
  - *Progress in Palliative Care An International Journal*, 1994-present
  - *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 1994-present
  - *Home Healthcare Nurse*, 1996-present
  - *Families, Systems & Health*, 1997-1998 Ad-Hoc, 1998-present Advisory Editor
  - *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing*, 1997-present
  - *Nursing and Health Care Perspectives*, 2000-present
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
  - *Member, Task Force to Revise Quality Indicators for Doctoral Education 1999-2001*
  - *Member, Program Committee 2000-present*
    - *Chairperson, Planning Committee Master's Conference 2000-present*
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
  - *Board of Directors, 2000-present*
    - *President 2002*
    - *Member, Education and Research Subcommittee, 2000- present*
      - *Member, Research Subcommittee, 2001-present*
    - *Member, Professional Relations Subcommittee, 2000, 2002*
    - *Member, Governance Committee, 2001-present*
    - *Member, Finance Committee, 2002*
  - *Member, Continuing Education Advisory Committee 1999-present; Chairperson 2002-present*
  - *Representative to the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's Annual Assembly Steering Committee, 2000-2002*
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation
  - *Member, Board of Directors, 2002-present*
- National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses
  - *Member, National Board for Certification of Hospice Nurses, Role Delineation Advisory Committee 1997-1998*
  - *Ex-officio member, Board of Directors, 2002-present*
- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Professional Member of National Council of Hospice Professionals
  - *Research Committee Member 1996-present*
    - *Research Awards Subcommittee Chairperson 1998-present*
    - *Web Development Subcommittee Chairperson 2000-present*
  - *Ethics Committee Member 1997-present*
- OMNE, Nursing Leaders of Maine
  - *Task Force to make recommendations to Maine Legislature in 2002 regarding nursing shortage*
  - *Chairperson Bylaws Committee, Member of Executive Committee, 2001-present*
- Sigma Theta Tau International

- *Member, Program Committee 2000-present*
  - *Chair, Melanie C. Dreher Dean's Award Subcommittee 2000-2002*
  - *Member, Distinguished Lecturer Subcommittee 2000-2002, Chairperson 2002-2004*
  - *Organizer, Dean's Panel for Biennial Convention 2000-2002*
  - *Abstract Reviewer for 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention Clinical Sessions 2001*
- *Member, International Honor Society of Nursing Foundation, Board of Directors, 2002-present*
- *Member, Planning Committee for development of "America in Grief Nurses Responding to Tragedy", post 9/11, website:  
[www.nursingsociety.org/new/grief.html](http://www.nursingsociety.org/new/grief.html)*
- *Virginia Henderson Fellow*

**2001-2002 Community Service:**

- Member, Committee to Advise the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, State of Maine, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, 2002-present
- Member, Maine Center for Public Health, Board of Directors, 2001-present
- Member, Maine Health's Women's Wellness Day Planning Committee, 2000-present
- Member, Maine Hospice Council Board of Directors, 2000-present
- Member, Maine Medical Center Joint Conference Committee, 2000-present
- Member, Maine Statewide AHEC Advisory Committee, 2002-present
- Member, Portland's Partnership for Healthy Aging, Board of Directors, 2001-present
- Member, Southern Maine Technical College Respiratory Therapy Program Advisory Committee 2000-present

**2001-2002 University Service:**

- Academic Council, Member 1999-present
  - Director Task Force, Chairperson 2001-2002
- Faculty Senate, ex-officio Member 1999-present
  - Dean representative to Bylaws Revision Subcommittee 2001-present
- Advisory Committee Center for the Study and Prevention of Hate Violence, Member 1999-present
- Chairperson, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Search Committee 2000-2002
- Member, Research and Development Oversight Team 2001-present
  - Member, Strategic Plan for State Funded R&D Development Committee, 2001-2002

**Professional Goals for 2002-2003:**

1. Continue to actively participate in the RWJ Executive Nurse Fellowship, including actively working on my required project.
2. Continue active involvement within Maine on the issue of the nursing shortage and health care.
3. Continue active involvement nationally in the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and Sigma Theta Tau International.

4. Continue to speak and write on issues related to end-of-life care, nursing education, the nursing shortage, and leadership.

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