

University of Southern Maine  
College of Nursing and Health Professions

**Annual Report 2002-2003**

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

1. Admissions for, and matriculated students in, the College continued to grow, especially in nursing. The College admitted and enrolled the following number of new freshman/transfer students in Fall and Spring:

|                         | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Health Sciences         | 2         | 2         |
| Nursing Candidate/Major | 123       | 158       |
| Sports Medicine         | 43        | 41        |
| Therapeutic Recreation  | 10        | 9         |

2. Implemented year 1 of HRSA grant, Satellite Expansion of USM's Generic BSN Program, total award of 3 year grant is \$797,501 (Marianne Rodgers Project Director); enrollments in the generic baccalaureate nursing program at LAC are exceeding targets set in grant; Lewiston-Auburn health care community remains very supportive of the nursing programs at Lewiston-Auburn College
3. This summer implemented National Youth Sports Program at USM for the second year (lead faculty Christina Beaudoin) and ran a successful Sports Nutrition Institute (lead faculty Janet Whatley Blum)
4. Played active role in revitalizing USM's Faculty Senate (Brian Toy President)
5. Implemented 15 month Accelerated Baccalaureate Program (lead Marianne Rodgers and nursing faculty), first cohort admitted May 2002, second cohort May 2003, and third cohort September 2004; demand for this program is very high, allows USM to prepare additional baccalaureate prepared nurses for the workforce without putting pressure on other academic years within USM
6. Continued to actively work to refine peer review processes, criteria, etc. (Peer Review Committee Chairperson William McCullough and faculty)
7. Two faculty promoted/tenured: Janis Childs promoted Associate Professor of Nursing with Tenure) and Janice Thompson (Professor of Nursing); one faculty member completed doctoral program (Lois Hamel)
8. Actively supported faculty scholarship, including providing editorial support, grant writing support, and pilot money. College faculty have "in press" or published articles

in a variety of journals including. For example,

- *American Journal of Therapeutic Recreation*
- *American Journal Physiology Heart Circulation Physiology*
- *American Recreation Therapy Journal*
- *Annual American Therapeutic Recreation Association*
- *Applied Nursing research*
- *International Journal of Human Caring*
- *Journal Advanced Nursing*
- *Journal of Nursing Education*
- *Journal Professional Nursing*
- *Leisure/Loisir*
- *MRPA Today*
- *North American Journal of Psychology*
- *Nurse Educator*
- *The Maine Scholar*

Over the past year, faculty also presented at a variety of national and international meetings. For example,

- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Primary Care for the Underserved Conference
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference Critical and Feminist Perspectives in Nursing (the College sponsored this meeting under the leadership of Janice Thompson)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Assembly for Men in Nursing
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education Conference
- American College of Sports Medicine
- American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
- American Therapeutic Recreation Association
- Gerontological Society of America
- International Association Advanced practice Nursing
- National Recreation and Park Association Congress
- Qualitative Health Research Methods Conference

An estimated 11% of faculty submitted new grant proposals during fiscal year 2003 for a total of \$2,180,568

9. Faculty continued to actively contribute in the service mission. Examples include:

- Adolescent Task Force, Portland, Maine
- Assistive Technology Think Tank Advisory Group associated with Assistive Technology Framework for the State of Maine Project
- Athletic Trainer for Race for Racism
- Community Counseling of Maine Board of Directors
- Community Health Services - Professional Advisory Committee, Ethics Committee
- Department of Health and Human Services, Prevention of Adolescent Suicide

Educator

- Healthy Maine 2010, Nutrition and Physical Activity Priority Area Workgroup
  - Maine Center for Public Health Board of Directors; Member Soda/Snack Policy Partnership
  - Maine Nutrition Council Board of Directors
  - Maine Partnership for Healthy Aging – consultant “A Matter of health” Pedometer-Based Physical Activity Program for Older Adults
  - March of Dimes, Maine Chapter - Prematurity Campaign, Program Services Committee, Folic Acid Council
  - Mercy Health System of Maine and Mercy Hospital, Board of Directors
  - Portland Breast Feeding Collaborative, Organizer
  - Ronald MacDonald House Volunteer
  - State of Maine Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, Health and Wellness
  - Team Support Person Maine State Quadriplegic Rugby
  - VNA Home Health Care, Board of Directors
  - Visiting Nurse Service – Board of Directors, Professional Advisory Committee
10. Successfully recruited staff and full-time faculty for all vacant faculty positions except one faculty position at Lewiston-Auburn College
11. In collaboration with University of Maine, University of Maine at Augusta, and University of Maine at Fort Kent, secured University and Chancellor’s office financial support for developing software for tracking nursing students progression
12. Completed year one of a subcontract with Maine Bureau of Health to Build Infectious Disease Surveillance Capacity (funded through Centers for Disease Control), including Anne Keith serving as lead program evaluator

**Administrative Goals 2002-2003 (not prioritized)**

1. Continue to work on fund-raising for the College of Nursing and Health Professions (ongoing goal).
2. Continue to actively work on “needs statement” for nursing program expansion in collaboration with University of Maine System nursing programs, and OMNE Nursing Leaders of Maine.
3. Support Nursing Chairperson and LAC faculty in operationalizing HRSA Division of Nursing Grant.
4. Support the Recreation and Leisure Studies Chairperson and the Director of Sports Medicine, and the respective faculties, in their curriculum work.
5. In collaboration with the College’s Peer Review Committee, secure faculty approval for College’s Post-tenure review process revision.
6. Continue to actively support College’s initiatives related to diversity.
7. Continue to explore USM’s involvement in offering public health education in Maine.
8. Host one day retreat for College of Nursing and Health Professions faculty and staff to assess our accomplishments over past four-years and to establish priorities for the next four to five years.

## DEAN

### Honors:

- Kappa Zeta Chapter-at-Large, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Recognition Award, for Devotion and Leadership in Nursing, June 2003
- OMNE Leadership Achievement Award, OMNE Nursing Leaders of Maine, June 2003

### 2002-2003 Scholarship (publications, reports, grants, and presentations):

- Kirschling, J.M. (2003). View from the Board – Envisioning HPNA’s future: Your participation is key to our success. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing*, 5(1), 3-4
- Kirschling, J.M. (2003). *Maine’s Nursing Workforce: 2001-2002 Sample*. Portland, ME: University of Southern Maine
- Kirschling, J.M., Baughman, S., Bethanis, S., Broadway, M., Devoe, J., Ernest, P., Glidden, S., Higgins, P., Ogonowski, M.A., Samia, L., Seeley, R., Sinclair, C., & Smith, N. (2003). *Report from the 2002 Maine Nursing Summit*. Portland, ME: University of Southern Maine College of Nursing and Health Professions. Available at [www.usm.maine.edu/College of Nursing and Health Professions](http://www.usm.maine.edu/College of Nursing and Health Professions)
- Kirschling, J.M. (2003, July). *Nursing labor market*. Invited presentation MaineHealth Nursing Executive Council Meeting, Portland, ME
- Kirschling, J.M. (2003, June). *Ethical and compassionate end of life care*. Invited presentation for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Infusion Nurses Society Annual Meeting and Industrial Exhibition. Nashville, TN; manuscript submitted to *Journal of Infusion Nursing* (currently in review)
- Kirschling, J.M. (2003, May). *Envisioning the future of nursing in Maine: A mosaic of opportunities*. Invited presentation, First Annual Nursing Summit, Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick, ME
- Kirschling, J.M., & Dorrity, C. (2003, April). *Maine’s statewide initiative to recruit elementary school children into health careers*. Poster presented at Taking the Long View: A Gathering of State Nursing Workforce Centers, Raleigh, NC
- Kirschling, J.M. (2003, March). *Expert testimony “LD735 An Act to Increase Faculty in Maine Nursing Education Programs”*, provided on behalf of the Organization of Maine Nurse Executives and University of Southern Maine, Maine Legislature - Business, Research and Economic Development Committee, public hearing
- Kirschling, J.M. (2002, October). *Strengthening Research Partnerships to Enhance Nursing Practice*. Invited speaker, Maine Medical Center Research, 2002 Nursing Research Conference “Exploring Best Clinical Practice”. Portland, ME
- Kirschling, J.M. (December 2002). Submitted grant to Department of Health and Human Services Grant Basic Nurse Education and Practice Program, Program Expansion of USM’s Generic BSN Program on Portland Campus. Unfortunately not funded.

**2002-2003 Teaching:**

- Guest lectures:
  - *The nursing shortage: Fact or fiction*, baccalaureate nursing students, University of Southern Maine NUR470 Professional Issues, November 2002
  - *The nursing shortage and higher education*, registered nurses enrolled in leadership pilot course at University of Southern Maine NUR399/699, April 2003
  - *A vision for the future of nursing: How do we get there?* Panel participation with Marty Moore March 2002
  - *The nursing shortage*, CON472 Professional Issues for Nursing and Health Professionals, October 2002

**2002-2003 Professional Service:**

- 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
- Convener, Maine Nursing Summit, December 6, 2002; Augusta, ME
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
  - *Member, Board of Directors, 2003-present*
    - *Chairperson, Government Affairs Committee, 2003-present*
  - *Member, Program Committee 2001-2003*
    - *Chairperson, Planning Committee Master's Conference 2001-2003*
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
  - *Board of Directors, 2000-present*
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation
  - *Member, Board of Directors, 2002-2003*
- International Honor Society of Nursing Foundation
  - *Member, Board of Directors, 2002-present*
- National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses
  - *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 1996-2002*
    - *Research Awards Subcommittee Chairperson 1998-2002*
    - *Web Development Subcommittee Chairperson 2000-2002*
  - *Ethics Committee Member 1997-2002*
- OMNE, Nursing Leaders of Maine
  - *Chairperson Bylaws Committee, Member of Executive Committee, 2001-present*

- Sigma Theta Tau International
  - *Member, Program Committee 2000-present*
  - *Member, Kappa Zeta Chapter 1999-present*
    - *Chair, Bylaws Committee 2003-present*
  - *Virginia Henderson Fellow*

**2002-2003 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
- Member, Androscoggin Home Care Hospice In-patient Project Advisory Committee, 2003-present

**2002-2003 University Service:**

- Academic Council, Member 1999-present
- Faculty Senate, ex-officio Member 1999-present
  - Dean representative to Bylaws Revision Subcommittee 2001-2003
- Advisory Committee Center for the Study and Prevention of Hate Violence, Member 1999-present

**Professional Goals for 2002-2003**

1. Conclude work on RWJ Executive Nurse Fellows Program (formal part of program is complete, have one year extension to complete Leadership 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.