Colleen Delaney, PhD, AHN-BC, RN and Richard Fortinsky, PhD, Professor of Medicine, UCHC were awarded “Proactive Home Care Intervention for Heart Failure Patients: An Academic/Clinical Partnership,” a $5,000 grant from Visiting Nurses Association HealthCare. Their study will examine the influence of tele-monitoring combined with a structured educational program by home care nurses on heart failure outcomes such as hospital re-admission, home care utilization, depression, and quality of life.

**Recent Grant Applications**

Katie Love, MS, APRN, BC, AHN-C and Barbara Jacobs, PhD, MPH, RN have submitted a grant proposal to the American Nurses Foundation (ANF), “An Emancipatory Study of African-American Women at Predominantly White Schools of Nursing.” The aim of the study is to define the challenges facing African-American female nursing students at predominantly white nursing schools to discover ways of creating change and decreasing barriers. The total request is for $9,747.

Melissa Mokel, MSN, RN and Elizabeth Anderson, PhD, APRN have submitted a grant proposal to the ANF, “The Fetzer/NIA Brief Multidimensional Measure of Religiousness and Spirituality: Modification and Psychometric Testing in an African-American Population.” The purpose of the study is to assess the acceptability of the Fetzer Multidimensional Measure of Religiousness/Spirituality (FMMRS). The total request is for $5,000.

Carol Polifroni, EdD, CNAA BC, CNE, RN submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, HRSA for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). NFLP is a formula based grant devised to provide loan forgiveness to MS and PhD recipients who teach at the college level after completion.

Sherry Bassi, EdD, APRN, CNS and Liz Prince, Acting Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Services have submitted a grant application requesting $194,562 from the U.S. Dept. of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The funding will be used to reduce high risk drinking and its related harms at UConn by using both traditional and innovative prevention strategies.

**New Publications**


**Recent Presentations**

Colleen Delaney PhD, AHN-BC, RN presented the paper, “Distance Caring: Freshman and Sophomore Nursing Students Perceptions of Caring in an ITV Course” at the International Association of Human Caring, April 6-9, 2008 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Deborah Dillon McDonald, PhD, RN, presented, “The Effect of Pain Question Phrasing on Older Adult Pain Information,” a poster she authored with Maura Lu Shea, MS, RN, Leonie Rose, RN and John Fedo, MS, RN, at the American Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting on May 8—10 in Tampa Fl.

Patricia J. Neafsey, RD, PhD and Carolyn Lin, PhD, Communications Sciences, will present the paper “Usability Testing of a Computer-Mediated Health Communication” at the International Communication Association Annual Meeting held May 22-26, 2008 in Montreal, Canada.

Sandy Roosa, RN, MS, CNAA, presented the poster, “Hospitalized Patients’ Satisfaction with Nursing Care” at Saint Mary’s Hospital/Waterbury Hospital’s 10th Annual Research Day on May 9, 2008. Her poster presentation was awarded Third Place-Scientific Poster out of 50 presentations.

Maura Lu Shea, MS, BSN, RN, presented the poster, “Variables Affecting Pain Communication,” a poster she authored with Deborah Dillon McDonald, PhD, RN, at the American Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting on May 8-10 in Tampa Fl.

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