

College of Nursing SURF Project

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Research Topics: Relaxation Rooms, Getting to Know You Patient Boards, Aroma Therapy on the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU)

Research Questions: See specific project

Upstate Nursing and the College of Nursing have a unique opportunity to collaborate on research. There are various projects in progress such as:

The Relaxation Room - Does the use of a quiet break or meditation room have an impact on clinical nurse retention rates? Work with the pediatric and neuroscience units to collect and analyze data.

Getting to Know you Patient Boards- When nurses are able to connect with patients through a patient specific information board, does it result in improved patient satisfaction? Work with the oncology unit to collect and analyze data to determine the impact this practice change has on patient care.

Aroma Therapy in the EMU – Does aroma therapy have an impact on patients on the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Community Campus. This project is just getting started.

Student opportunities

Student will identify and extract data to perform secondary data analysis of nested information from larger project to look at measures of teamwork change after a two-day intervention. They will also have the opportunity to present the results and publish an article.

The following activities are required for this opportunity:

Data analysis
Data entry
Scholarly writing

Student characteristics

Education completed: 3rd or 4th yr in BS or post-BS

Licensure required: RN - no

Specific skills required:

MS Word
Data analysis: SPSS
Scholarly writing: advanced

Previous coursework *that would be helpful* for student:

Nursing research: BS
Writing