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Research Interests:

- Family-based health promotion in community settings
- Child and adolescent obesity prevention
- Research methodology, program evaluation, measurement, and instrument development

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Eunice M. Areba, PhD, RN, PHN Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Influences on mental, emotional and behavioral health and well-being
- Health issues of refugee and immigrant youth
- Interpersonal violence and Substance use
- Capacity building and health equity

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Melissa D. Avery, PhD, APRN, CNM, FACNM, FAAN Professor

Research Interests:

- Increasing women's confidence for physiologic labor and birth
- Vaginal birth after cesarean section (VBAC)
- Exercise in pregnancy; exercise and gestational Diabetes
- Breastfeeding
- Outcomes of nurse-midwifery care
- Technology enhanced learning, interprofessional education and practice

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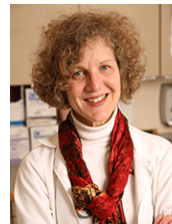


Barbara Beacham, PhD, RN Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

Research Interests:

- Family management of children with chronic health conditions
- Development of self-care and health care autonomy
- Mixed methods

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Mary M. Benbenek, PhD, MS, RN, FNP, PNP

Clinical Associate Professor
Family Nurse Practitioner Coordinator

Research Interests:

- Social ecological influences on adolescent health behaviors & nutrition
- Public health nursing
- Community-engaged, health promotion research with children, youth, and families
- Social ecological influences on adolescent health behaviors nutrition

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Mary L. Chesney, PhD, APRN, CNP, FAANP, FAAN

Clinical Professor Distinguished
Teaching Professor

Research Interests:

- APRN education, education, utilization
- Workforce issues
- Health care access and quality of care for children with special health care needs
- Health reform/transformation and new models of patient- centered care delivery
- Family adjustment following international adoption and special needs adoption
- Parent-child attachment/relationship; neurobiological, cognitive, social, and emotional effects of early childhood deprivation (hospitalization or orphanage care)

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Laura J. Duckett, PhD, MPH, RN
Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Breastfeeding and mother's milk feeding for full-term and premature infants
- Breastfeeding and maternal employment
- Breastfeeding and infant health
- Infant growth; maternal, infant and family health during the first postpartum year
- Complementary healing practices for premature infants
- Parent-infant attachment
- Moral reasoning development
- Theory of planned behavior and health promotion

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Ann E. Garwick, PhD, RN, LP, LMFT, FAAN
Center Advisor, Senior Executive Associate Dean for Research, Professor, Cora Meidl Siehl Endowed Chair in Nursing, Research Director for Center for Children with Special Health

Research Interests:

- Specialty areas include family stress and coping
- Children with special health care needs
- Cross-cultural health and culturally competent care
- Family health and care-giving
- Asthma management

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Sarah Hoffman, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN-BC
Associate Professor, Population Health and Health Systems Cooperative Unit

Research Interests:

- Displacement
- Migration
- Human rights
- Experiences of refugee mothers and adolescents

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Casey Hooke, PhD, APRN, PCNS, CPON
CPON, Assistant Professor

Research Interests:

- Children and adolescents with cancer
- Symptom management, fatigue and related symptoms, physical performance, growth and development

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Melissa Horning, PhD, RN, PHN
Assistant Professor

Research Interests:

- Community-engaged, health promotion research with children, youth and families
- Social ecological influences on adolescent health behaviors and nutrition
- Public Health Nursing

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Madeleine J. Kerr, PhD, RN
Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Worker Health promotion and protection
- Intervention effectiveness research
- Preventing occupational hearing loss, Pender Health Promotion Model
- Developing and testing theory-based health promotion interventions with special populations of workers

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Wendy S. Looman, PhD, RN
Associate Professor Chair, Child Family Health Cooperative

Research Interests:

- Social capital and family health.
- Quality of life among children with neurodevelopmental conditions
- Children and youth with special health care needs-

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Anne Chevalier McKechnie, PhD, RN, IBCLC

Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Understanding the needs of families who continue pregnancies after fetal diagnoses, are preparing for and adapting to the care required for their children with special health care needs
- Developing and testing family-centered interventions to enhance strengths and reduce risks for parents and their children with special health care needs during an early, formative time

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Susan K. O'Conner-Von, PhD, RN

Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Center for Spirituality and Healing (CSH)

Research Interests:

- Pediatric pain and palliative care interventions for pain management
- Web based educational programs adolescents with cancer
- Spirituality care

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Barbara J. McMorris, PhD

Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Youth violence and risk prevention
- Community-based intervention projects
- Prevention of risky health behaviors in adolescence
- Promotion of health among vulnerable populations
- Program evaluation, research methods, and statistical modeling

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Barbara L. Peterson, PhD, RN, CNS

Clinical Assistant Professor

Research Interests:

- Child and adolescent mental health

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Karen A. Monsen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Use of structured data for knowledge discovery and health care quality research
- Intervention effectiveness research
- Disseminating effective interventions
- Omaha System psychometrics and applications
- Visualization, data mining and machine learning methods

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Carolyn M. Porta, PhD, MPH, RN SANE-A

Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Health and well-being of vulnerable young people and their families
- Local and global focus on individual-level, family-level, and social-level problems
- Research methods, program evaluation, and use of technology in research and practice

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Cheryl L. Robertson, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN

Research Interests

- Refugee health
- War trauma and torture
- Strength-based interventions

- Global public health
- Eco-health strategies in Central/Eastern Africa

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Mary M. Rowan, PhD, APRN, CNM
Clinical Professor

Research Interests:

- Ethics
- Technology-enhanced education

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Melissa A. Saftner, PhD, CNM, RN
Clinical Associate Professor

Research Interests:

- Adolescent Sexual Risk Behavior
- Health promotion in adolescent populations

- American Indian Health
- Improving access to nurse-midwives

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Renee Sieving, PhD, RN, FAAN, FSAHM
Professor, Director, Center for Adolescent Nursing
Pauline A. Vincent Chair in Public Health Nursing
Director, Healthy Youth Development – Prevention Research Center (HYD-PRC)

Research Interests:

- Positive youth development
- Clinic and community based interventions focused on preventing multiple health risk behaviors during adolescence
- Reducing risk sexual behavior, violence involvement, and school failure among adolescent girls at high risk for early pregnancy
- Formative research and pilot testing of a culturally relevant teen parent program to promote positive development and prevent risky sexual behaviors among Latino youth and a school based youth development intervention focused on

preventing violence involvement and promoting school success among middle school students from resource-poor urban neighborhoods

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Mary F. Tracy, PhD, APRN, CNS, FAAN

Associate Professor, Nurse Scientist

Research Interests:

- Sedation in mechanically ventilated patients

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Samantha A. Sommerness, DNP, RN, CNM

Clinical Assistant Professor

Research Interests:

- All stages of Labor
- Economics associated with perinatal safety initiatives and how this affects both

outcome, cost and reimbursement from payers
- DNP project involved the creation of a guideline to standardize the second stage of labor for women who choose epidural pain management. Specifically, how this effects second stage labor outcomes.

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