

Hawaii State Center for Nursing

Dr. Katherine Finn Davis, Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing faculty, serves as Associate Director for Evidence-Based Practice at the Hawaii State Center for Nursing (HSCN). In this role she develops, manages, and advances a unique evidence-based practice (EBP) statewide program involving multiple healthcare systems and schools of nursing. This program supports incorporation of evidence-based practices across many users at all levels. Programs include EBP workshops for clinicians, healthcare leaders, and educators. Through this work, the quality of nursing care and patient outcomes are improved by developing an evidence-based competent workforce. Dr. Davis also directs the Writing Workshop, EBP Educators Workgroup, and EBP Collaborative.

EBP in UH Manoa Nursing Curricula

With the guidance of Dr. Davis, the Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing faculty have included EBP throughout the undergraduate and graduate curricula ensuring that knowledge and skills build logically upon one another and that all students receive complete content.

Clinician EBP Workshop & Internship

This annual offering is the mainstay of HSCN EBP outreach. The aim is to empower clinicians to solve healthcare issues at their organization using evidence. Dr. Davis leads clinicians from across the state in a 2-day intensive workshop where they learn the basics of EBP followed by bimonthly 8-hour internship meetings for the remainder of the year. At culmination, participants complete an EBP project and disseminate results both within their organization and to the local and national community.

Leadership (1-day) & Educator EBP (2-day) Workshops

These two intensive workshops educate nursing leaders and educators about EBP so that they can support their staff and students in applying evidence to nursing practice to improve patient care outcomes.

EBP Educators Workgroup

This group represents 12 statewide schools of nursing. The goal is to support these educators in their unique academic settings to integrate EBP into curriculum. EBP resources are shared across institutions improving academic collaboration on shared initiatives and avoid duplication of work.

Writing Workshop

HSCN hosts this workshop that assists novice nurse scientist teams from healthcare organizations across Oahu to develop and submit manuscripts for publication. The workshop consists of six months of didactic and skills development along with expert editing and feedback from published faculty recruited from the community.

EBP Collaborative

The EBP Collaborative is a working group that consists of academic and employer partners across the state and created a Repository of EBP projects which allows sharing of key findings of statewide evidence based activities. Access to the Repository is facilitated by a Memorandum of Agreement signed by all organizations (public, private, and federal). These efforts expedite evidence-based practice changes, spread resources equitably to all organizations, and reduces redundancy of work. This enhances the impact and value of EBP across organizations and; therefore, the state.

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