Research

The School has several Research Hui’s – work groups – that collaborate on a regular basis to engage in scholarship and research. As new topics emerge, new Hui’s are formed. Current Research Hui’s include:

**Big Data Set Hui (BDSH)**

This group is coordinated by Dr. Merle Kataoka-Yahiro. Members include faculty from UH Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, UH Manoa School of Social Work and its Public Health Studies program, John A. Burns School of Medicine Biostatistics Core Unit, and UH Hilo College of Pharmacy. At times, colleagues from Japan also participate in work meetings via distance technology. The BDSH identifies key chronic disease management questions that can be queried through analysis of big data sets, and disseminate their findings through peer review publications and professional presentations.

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Disaster Nursing Hui (DNH)

Nursing faculty and doctoral students have formed a special Disaster Nursing Hui coordinated by Dr. Kristine Qureshi. The DNH focuses their efforts on disaster preparedness here in Hawaii and at the international level. Their most recent study is focusing on family disaster preparedness and how it was impacted by the January 2018 Hawaii missile alert.

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Maternal Child Health Hui (MCHH)

The Maternal Child Health Hui is coordinated by Dr. Maureen Shannon, who serves as the School’s Frances A. Matsuda Chair for Women’s Health. The MCHH is focusing on oral health among children in Hawaii and the relationship between oral flora and pre-term labor.

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Research Focus Areas

- Chronic disease management
- Health promotion
- Evidence based practice
- Large data set inquiry
- Disaster preparedness
- Medical pluralism
- Population health in Native Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Island peoples

Class of 2021 PhD Scholars

- Natalie Anderson, RN, APRN, and Emily Heenan, RN, MS are Future of Nursing scholars. UH Manoa Nursing is one of 31 Schools of Nursing selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to participate in the program. To support their studies, the program provides scholars with a $75,000 scholarship and the leadership, research, and other skills they need to take their nursing careers to the highest levels. These funds are matched by a commitment of $50,000 from the School.
- Uliana Kostareva is the Global Health Nursing Scholar. Kostareva is a UH Manoa Nursing Graduate Entry Program in Nursing student. At graduation, she will have completed an RN and PhD program in four years. She will focus her scholarship on health and disease management in Eurasia.

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