

STATE OF HAWAII
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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SOCIAL WELFARE
NANCY ATMOSPORA-WALCH SCHOOL OF NURSING

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

General Introduction

The Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) mission is to provide an innovative, caring and multicultural environment in which faculty, students and staff work together to generate and transmit knowledge, wisdom and values to promote quality of life and health for present and future generations. To better reflect Hawaii's unique cultural diversity and heritage, NAWSON is committed to increasing the representation of Native Hawaiian and other underserved people in all nursing and dental hygiene programs.

The NAWSON's vision is to be the leader in nursing and dental hygiene education and research in Hawaii'i with outreach to Asia and the Pacific Basin.

Office of the Dean – Org Code: MADNND

The Office of the Dean coordinates the efforts of two departments within the NAWSON, facilitates policy implementation, evaluates programs, and guides institutional and individual research. The Office of the Dean coordinates the development, facilitation and support for the conduct of instruction, research and health sciences scholarship in the School.

Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing Community Advisory

The University and accrediting bodies encourage participation and feedback from community stakeholders. The school utilizes multiple mechanisms to obtain community perspective and participation, provide advocacy, support and consultation to the Dean.

The Office of the Dean includes the following units:

1. **Administrative Services – Org Code: MAASND**

The Administrative Services Unit is responsible for a wide variety of personnel, fiscal and other administrative affairs of the School. It provides technical assistance in the areas to ensure that the School is in compliance with federal, state, university, and other applicable regulations and requirements.

2. **Information Technology – Org Code: MAITND**

The Information Technology Unit plans and implements IT related projects; provides support for instructional design; evaluates and upgrades departmental software, databases, hardware, networking, instructional technology and video equipment; troubleshoots and manages equipment.

3. **Academic Affairs – Org Code: MAAAND**

The Academic Affairs Unit is responsible for the overall planning, development, organization, direction, and monitoring of the quality of the various academic program offerings in the School for nursing and dental hygiene; including but not limited to: Manoa Campus offerings, outreach and flexible program options for faculty and students.

4. **'IKE AO PONO – Org Code: MAIAND**

'IKE AO PONO facilitates the application, successful progression and graduation of underrepresented students from Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations, including but not limited to academic counseling, financial aid opportunities, cultural learning and service activities, mentoring, and professional opportunities.

5. Student Services – Org Code: MASSND

The Student Services Unit facilitates student admission, progression and graduation; student records; transfers of students; and is responsible for matters relating to students and graduates such as studies, reports, foreign student programs, public relations, marketing of programs, catalogues and brochures, and student organizations.

6. Translational Health Science Simulation – Org Code: MATHND

The Translational Health Science Simulation Unit focuses on safe quality health care through innovation in simulation education, information technology, and research. This includes but is not limited to serving as a resource for simulation based health education, integrating innovative teaching strategies into curricula to support lifelong learning from novice to expert health care practitioners, researching the effectiveness of learning strategies to improve and enhance quality and safe patient care, promoting interdisciplinary health professional collaboration, facilitating health service research and use of new equipment/technology, and generating and disseminating knowledge.

7. Research – Org Code: MARSND

The Research Unit is responsible to facilitate the research agenda of the school focusing on knowledge generating and practice relevant research. This includes but is not limited to the management of the school research infrastructure; developing and implementing guidance and support mechanisms; coordinating resources to facilitate scholarly achievement of faculty and students; assuring compliance with policies and procedures for the conduct of research and grant management; and developing and maintaining research partnerships.

Academic Programs – Org Code: MAACND

1. Department of Nursing – Org Code: MANURS

The Department of Nursing's program leading to the bachelor of science in nursing degree prepares beginning-level generalist professional nurses to deliver care to individuals in a variety of health-care settings, meet the state requirements for eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN), and obtain a sound basis for graduate study in nursing. The Department of Nursing's undergraduate program provides multiple entry routes to the Bachelor of Science degree: High School Direct Entry in Nursing (HS-DEN) Program, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Online RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The Department of Nursing offers graduate nursing education at the master's and doctoral levels to prepare nurses with advanced skills for the dynamic nursing profession. The graduate entry program in nursing pathway is offered as an accelerated alternative entry program consisting of an intensive pre-licensure year transitioning into one of the graduate nursing specialties. The program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree prepares students for the specialties in advanced population health nursing and nursing education and leadership. The program leading to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) prepares experts in specialized advanced nursing practice focused on evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and systems leadership. The DNP specialties offered are: adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, and post-master's in organizational leadership. The program leading to the PhD in nursing prepares scholars who are capable of conducting culturally appropriate clinical scholarship and teaching in nursing educational programs. The Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education aims to develop foundation skills and knowledge in nursing education and leadership development.

2. Department of Dental Hygiene – Org Code: MADH

The Department of Dental Hygiene offers a baccalaureate program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene qualifies students for admission to the national and state board dental hygiene examinations and maximizes opportunity for students to continue their education in graduate dental hygiene, public health, education, or other programs, or dental school.

The department also offers an advanced professional certificate for expanded function in dental hygiene in pediatrics. The certificate program enhances and expands the knowledge and skills of licensed dental hygienists who care for pediatric dental hygiene patients.

Aw International Center for Health and Healing Education – Org Code: MACHHE

Introduction: The Aw International Center for Health and Healing Education shares the missions of education, research, practice and service with the NAWSON and the broader University community.

Major Functions: Provides interdisciplinary and experiential programs. Develops academic and cultural enrichment initiatives that assist in understanding and enhancing solutions for human health. Develops new and experimental models of education. Offers programs which combine the latest advancements in health and healing theory with healing skills; and the Visiting Fellows Program which is a healing-based research and study program focusing on theory, methods, and application of the healing praxis models and mentored research. Develops complementary and alternative directions for clinical care models through strategic planning efforts. Provides a focal point for innovative work in nursing education and interdisciplinary professional development, with an emphasis on complementary and alternative health and healing practices. Conducts or participates in research initiatives. Develops databases to assist health agencies and ministries to develop national strategic plans. Maintains a global support program to provide information to improve nursing practices and enhance the role of the nurse in the health care delivery system.

(The Center is currently not in operation.)

Hawai'i State Center for Nursing – Org Code: MAHSCN

Introduction: The Hawai'i State Legislature in 2003 created the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (Act 198, HB 422) to address nursing workforce issues.

Major Functions: The center for nursing shall: (1) collect and analyze data and prepare and disseminate written reports and recommendations regarding the current and future status and trends for the nursing workforce; (2) conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes; (3) develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit and retain nurses; and (4) research, analyze, and report data related to the retention of the nursing workforce.