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Faculty Information

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Educational Background

University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 1996, PhD
Boston University, Boston, MA, 1969, MS
Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, 1967, AS,BS

Interest Areas

Expertise: child/adolescent psychiatric nursing, specifically inpatient treatment of children, milieu therapy, parenting emotionally disturbed children, children dealing with divorce, development of self-esteem, nurse-parent relationships in child psychiatric units; researching sensitive issues in child psychiatry; group therapy/support groups.

Research: nurse-parent relationships in child psychiatric inpatient settings; provider-family relationships in health care; mental health promotion in schools; web-based social support.

Teaching

Dr. Scharer's area of expertise is psychiatric mental health nursing. She teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She is currently teaching Nursing 795: Seminar on Consultation. She also serves as chair of a doctoral dissertation committee.

Research

National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research; *Social Support for Mothers of Mentally Ill Children*. Kathleen Scharer. Funded. R01 NR008580-01A1, 2005.

Service

Dr. Scharer is active in university, community, and professional organizations and associations. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Xi Chapter for

which she serves as Vice-President. Dr. Scharer chairs the Research Council of the International Society of Psychiatric Nurses and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation for Families. Additionally, Dr. Scharer serves as a reviewer for several journals including the *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*, *Journal of Applied Nursing Research*, and *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*.

Scholarship

Scharer, K. (2005). An Internet Discussion Board for Parents of Mentally Ill Young Children. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*. 18(1), 17-25.

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