





### Faculty Member Contact Information

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### **1 Funded, 1 Unfunded URCA Assistant**

	This position is <b>ONLY</b> open to students who have declared a major in this discipline.	<b>M</b>
	This project deals with social justice issues.	
	This project deals with sustainability (green) issues.	
<b>X</b>	This project deals with human health and wellness issues.	
	This project deals with community outreach.	
	This mentor's project is interdisciplinary in nature.	<b>I</b>

**Are you willing to work with students from outside of your discipline? If yes, which other disciplines?**

Yes

**How many hours per week will your student(s) be required to work in this position?**

(Minimum is 6 hours per week; typical is 9)

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**Will it be possible for your student(s) to earn course credit?**

**Location of research/creative activities:**

Alumni Hall 2326

### **Brief description of the nature of the research/creative activity?**

This research study explores the concept of psychological safety in undergraduate nursing education, focusing on how the relationship between nursing instructors and students in the classroom impacts student well-being and academic success. Psychological safety refers to a student's ability to express concerns, ask questions, and engage in learning without fear of embarrassment or negative consequences. This study aims to assess students' experiences, perceptions, and outcomes to understand how instructor behavior and teaching environment influence student success. The research will involve a combination of survey distribution, data analysis, and literature review to explore existing evidence and contribute new insights to nursing education.

### **Brief description of student responsibilities?**

Research assistants will gain hands-on experience in various aspects of the research process. Responsibilities include:

- Conducting literature reviews to gather background information on psychological safety, nursing education, and student outcomes.

- Assisting with the development, distribution, and collection of survey data from undergraduate nursing students.

- Helping to organize and analyze survey responses using qualitative and quantitative research methods.

- Participating in team meetings to discuss findings, troubleshoot challenges, and collaborate on research tasks.

- Assisting in the preparation of research presentations or reports, including potential contributions to conference abstracts or manuscripts.

- Maintaining confidentiality and ethical research standards in accordance with university policies.

No prior research experience is required—this position is ideal for students interested in nursing education, psychology, or research methodologies. Training will be provided.

**URCA Assistant positions are designed to provide students with *research or creative activities* experience. As such, there should be measurable, appropriate outcome goals. What exactly should your student(s) have learned by the end of this experience?**

By the end of this experience, students will:

- Understand the fundamentals of psychological safety and its impact on student learning in nursing education.

- Gain experience conducting literature reviews and synthesizing academic research.

- Develop skills in survey design, data collection, and basic analysis of research findings.

Learn how to interpret and apply qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Improve critical thinking and problem-solving skills through active participation in the research process.

Gain insight into academic writing and presentation skills, which may support future research or graduate school applications.

**Requirements of Students**

**If the position(s) require students to be available at certain times each week (as opposed to them being able to set their own hours) please indicate all required days and times:**

na

**If the location of the research/creative activities involves off campus work, must students provide their own transportation?**

na

**Must students have taken any prerequisite classes? Please list classes and preferred grades:**

na

**Other requirements or notes to applicants:**