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The contribution of the University of São Paulo School of Nursing in the health scenario

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The University of São Paulo School of Nursing has a successful 70-year history of preparing nurses, offering and teaching graduate courses (specialization, master and doctorate degree courses) to national and foreign professionals, developing research and publishing the results, promoting national and international events, and defining and redefining innovative strategies for care and management processes – guided by faculty committed to the scientific, political, ethical and esthetical development of nursing and the overall field of healthcare, particularly in Latin-America, Europe and Africa.

I've had the opportunity over the last forty years to follow the work of the faculty, who are professionals with specific and unique competencies and prominence in different educational, healthcare, administrative and governmental sectors in local, regional, national, and international settings.

These professionals developed innovative practices, leading the implementation of working processes in hospitals considered to be state-of-the-art in both the national and international settings – University of São Paulo University Hospital, Hospital Sírio Libanês, Beneficência Portuguesa, Hospital Albert Einstein – also providing international advice regarding the implementation and organization of health systems.

Within this country, special emphasis should be given to the participation of University of São Paulo School of Nursing faculty in the processes for the consolidation of primary health care services in the cities, including, for example, the Family Health Strategy, in addition to other state and national programs.

The international connection deserves to be highlighted because of the value attributed to the influence of the documentation of innovative processes characterized by the utilization of the results of research developed in Brazil, presented and published in international settings, particularly those that provide the foundations for the development of nursing diagnoses and interventions, in addition to others that are no less important.

The participation of a faculty member on the board of the International Council of Nursing (ICN) characterizes the importance of the recognition of Taka Oguisso and the University of São Paulo School of Nursing in the international scene.

The characterization of specific nursing knowledge, particularly regarding care processes, their meanings and ways of manifestation in the everyday lives of people, families and communities, was researched and documented in 987 master dissertations and 661 doctoral theses between 1975 and 2012^(a).

Furthermore, the EEUSP faculty has generated an impressive number of publications through renowned publishers in several different fields of knowledge, including: the history of nursing, types of research, nursing theories, nursing care systems, psychiatric nursing, nursing communication, gerontology, complementary practices, basic instruments, stomal therapy, nursing in intensive care units, nursing in emergency care, anthropology, obstetrical nursing, pediatric nursing, primary care, and home care, among other highly important works in education, training and the cognitive development not only of nurses but also of other healthcare professionals.

Furthermore, it is important to highlight the publication of a recent study, edited in Brazil and published in the Spanish language in Argentina, by Professor Paulina Kurcgant and collaborators, a study that focused on the possible influence of nursing management processes in the Latin-American culture.

On October 31, 2012, the University of São Paulo School of Nursing will be celebrating 70 years of existence, with a history of commitment to the development of knowledge in health, ethical guidelines, contextualized working processes, technology, and care and management innovations, all of which characterize its commitment to the promotion, maintenance and recovery of health. EEUSP will celebrate its anniversary by promoting the III International Nursing Research Meeting, where national and international researchers will gather to discuss the most pressing issues of nursing research.

Congratulations to the School!

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