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Associate Professor of Nursing
College of Health Science and Nursing
Belmont University

Academic Degrees:

Ed. D., Educational and Professional Leadership, Trevecca Nazarene University,
Nashville, TN.

M.S.N., Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

B.A., Psychology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

Professional Experience

BELMONT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

- Serve as Mental Health Nursing Coordinator
- Responsibilities include supervising and mentoring clinical adjunct faculty members and management of mental health nursing curriculum.
- Psychiatric clinical rotations include The Psychiatric Hospital at Vanderbilt, Parthenon Pavilion, and Middle Tennessee Middle Health Institute.
- Coordinate the nursing externship course during the summer term
- Mental Health Nursing Practicum.
- Nursing faculty in MSN nurse educator track. Developed Educational Perspectives and Educational Practicum courses.
- Awarded Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor May 2009.
- Presidential Faculty Award Finalist (2009 & 2011)
- Presidential Faculty Achievement Award Winner (2012)

NURSING INSTRUCTOR/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Franklin, TN

- August 1995 to August 2003

- Tenured and promoted August 2002

SERVICE

- Re-admissions Committee (Nursing)
- Practice Day Office of Student Affairs (University)
- Towering Traditions and Preview Days (University)
- Convocation Programs on Mental Health and Psychiatric Issues (University)
- Conduct Exit Interviews for School of Social Work (Department)
- Teaching Center Advisory Board (University)
- Honors Student Thesis Committee Member (University)
- QPR Certified Gatekeeper Instructor (University)
- Faculty Advisor (Nursing)
- Course Coordinators Committee Chair (Nursing Fall 2010-Fall 2012)
- Omicron Phi Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International President Fall 2006-Spring 2009)
- Religion and Ethics Committee (University Fall 2005-Spring 2007)
- Nursing Search Committee (Spring 2012)
- Occupational Search Committees (Spring 2006, Fall 2006)
- Social Work Search Committee (Spring 2008)
- Crabb Writing Award (University Fall 2008-Spring 2010)
- Difficult Dialogues Discussion Group (Fall 2009)

Current Professional and Academic Association Membership

- American Psychiatric Nurses Association
- Middle Tennessee Advanced Practice Nurses Association
- Sigma Theta Tau International (Chapter President Omicron Phi)

Current Professional Assignments and Activities

- Provide counseling to students on mental health issues up to six hours a week in the role of Advanced Practiced Psychiatric Nurse and education to the Belmont community through convocation programs and presentations.
- Consultant in the revision of Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Nursing Externship course.
- Formed partnership with Vanderbilt Medical Center and TriStar Hospitals for the Nursing Externship Course.
- Provide in-services to faculty on mental health issues.
- Partnered with Spiritual Development Office the integration of faith and psychology (Fall 2007-Spring 2009).
- Certified Nurse Educator
- Certified as an APRN/CNS in Psychiatric Nursing
- Monthly Supervision Chief Nursing Officer Rolling Hills Psychiatric Hospital (Fall 2010-Spring 2012)

Scholarly Activities

- What is a Nursing Externship? Drexel University Nursing Education Institute June 8-10, 2007.
- Dissertation: "Academic and Clinical Performance of Nursing Students and the Nursing Externship Program" August 2005.
- Dissertation Symposium, Trevecca Nazarene University, June 2005 (Recipient Award of Excellence).
- A Partnership Between a Hospital and a School of Nursing for a Nursing Externship Course" Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention November 2007.
- Presentation at Clinical Simulation Conference at Belmont University October 2008 on scenarios in Mental Health.
- Nursing Externship partnership with Vanderbilt University Medical Center identified by Nursing Executive Center as a *best practices model* and published Bridging the Preparation Practice Gap (The Nursing Advisory Board, 2008).

- Research study with VUMC on role socialization and skill acquisition comparing students who did and did not participate in a nursing externship course.
- Partnering on Robert Wood Johnson Grant with VUMC on clinical teaching associate to address the nursing faculty shortage fall 2008 with implementation and evaluation Spring 2010.
- Reviewed and critiqued five nursing textbooks for undergraduate psychiatric nursing
- Reviewed and critiqued one nursing textbooks for advanced practice psychiatric nursing.
- 8th Annual International Learning Resources/Simulation Conference presentation on the use of simulations in psychiatric nursing June 2009.
- TNA Convention presentation on the use of high fidelity mannequins in simulations.
- Ushering in a New Era of Professionals: How to Become a Clinical Instructor for Nursing Students presentation on Adult Learning June 2010 and June 2012.
- Mosby Faculty Development Institute: Clinical Teaching Associate Model January 2011 (Poster Presentation)
- 2011 ANCC National Magnet Conference. Student Nurse Interns' Perception of Role and Self-Confidence.
- Simulation Conference November 2010.
- PESI Psychopharmacology Conference December 2010.
- Nursing Care of Geriatric Patients with Dementia, Delirium, and/or Depression Conference Feb 2012.
- Clinical Teaching Associate Poster presented At Vanderbilt University Medical Center May 2011.
- CMI Personality Disorders Seminar January 2012.
- INR Toxic People: Living and Working With High Conflict Individuals Seminar May 2012
- INR Brain Injury: Stroke, Alzheimer's and Head Trauma Seminar June 2012

Community & Church Related Activities

- Member of St. Bartholomew's Church
- Eating Disorders Forum Planning Committee April 2007