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EDUCATION

Widener University– PhD of Nursing Science
Present

Drexel University— *Masters of Science in Nursing Education*
2017 - 2018

Grand Canyon University — *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*
2010 - 2011

Helene Fuld School of Nursing — *Diploma of Nursing*
2007 - 2009

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ROLE

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ — Clinical Instructor

May 2023– Present

- Perform instructional duties to facilitate student learning in the specialty of Psychiatric and Pediatric Nursing to traditional and second-degree students.
- Collaborate with pediatric clinical instructors to ensure proper orientation to site, coursework, assignments, and student learning.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ROLES

Widener University, Chester, PA — Director of Undergraduate Clinical Placement

June 2022–April 2023

- Interview and hire qualified clinical adjunct faculty
- Lead orientation for clinical faculty to University and Clinical Sites
- Develop and implement formal and informal learning opportunities in clinical pedagogy for clinical faculty
- Conduct site visits as needed to assure maintenance of a strong working relationship
- Assure compliance with clinical sites

CERTIFICATIONS

CNE

CPEN

BCLS

PALS

LICENSURES

State of New Jersey–
Professional Registered Nurse

State of Pennsylvania–
Professional Registered Nurse

CURRENT COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

Baccalaureate Curriculum

Scholastic Standing

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE

Chair of BSN Committee

Clinical Practice Committee
Member

Simulation Committee Member

Admissions Committee Ad Hoc
Member

Assessment Committee Ad Hoc
Member

Eastern University, Saint Davids, PA — BSN Director, *Mental Health Nursing Course Coordinator & Faculty Adjunct*

August 2019 – May 2022

- Ensure the management and quality of the Pre-Licensure Nursing Program with the pre-licensure team
- Perform all in classroom instructional duties to facilitate student learning in the specialty of Psychiatric Nursing to traditional undergraduate and second-degree students.
- Collaborate and supervise mental health clinical instructors to ensure proper orientation to site, coursework, assignments, and student learning.
- Supervise care, create and evaluate assignments, and instruct students how to perform duties within their clinical rotation in mental health and virtual settings.

OTHER TEACHING AND NURSING ACADEMIC ROLES

Nursing Academic Success Coach– Partnered with nursing students to create a personal plan of action for successful completion of the nursing program. Individualized plans may include identification of strengths, discussion surrounding test taking strategies, assessment of learning styles, assess factors influencing success, and early identification of resources to address these factors.

Fundamentals of Nursing Course Coordinator– Co-taught in classroom instructional duties to facilitate student learning in Fundamentals of Nursing to traditional undergraduate and second-degree students

Fundamentals of Nursing Lab Instructor– Provided weekly instruction in the lab to review skills and content related to the fundamentals of nursing course. Evaluated skill competency and provided one on one guidance to students who needed additional assistance

Mental Health Nursing Clinical Instructor– Facilitated in person clinical rotations at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coatesville, Friends Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Created and facilitated virtual clinical assignments and simulations focused on mental illness and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic

Community Health Clinical Instructor– Supervised students providing nursing care to medically complex, chronically ill children and adolescents at Saint Edmond's Home for Children

School of Nursing ATI Champion– Guided staff, faculty, and students on the use of ATI solutions for student success and program improvement

Pre-Nursing Student Advisor– Advised incoming pre-nursing students on academic planning to successfully prepare for the nursing major

PREVIOUS PROJECTS

Eastern University Wide Student Development Committee Member

Fundamentals of Nursing Search Committee Chair

Eastern University Wide IRB Committee Member & Application Reviewer

LEARNING MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Brightspace

Blackboard

Canvas

Prezi

Microsoft Office

Google Suite

Kaltura Gallery

- CCNE Self Study Team- Contributed to the writing of Eastern University's self study with a focus on CCNE's Standard III and Standard IV
- Nursing Academic Success Program- Actively contributed to the development and refinement of Eastern's program through collaboration and discussion with University Testing and Disabilities Services
- MSN Graduate Preceptor
- TEAS Administration- Compiled and shared data related to TEAS to provide ongoing academic support to Eastern University
- Mental Health Telehealth Simulation- Co-wrote and facilitated a Standardized Patient Alcohol Withdrawal Telehealth Simulation with the Director of Simulation at Eastern.
- Eastern School of Nursing 3 Year Strategic Plan- Contributed and reviewed School of Nursing strategic plan
- Assisted in coordinating, facilitating, and developing tools to improve lab and simulation practices as an Eastern simulation committee member, particularly the use of EHR in simulation
- Provide recommendations for teaching strategies, curricular designs, and ongoing evaluation of learning as an Ad Hoc curriculum committee member and the ATI champion at Eastern
- Assisted Eastern School of Nursing as a member of the clinical practice committee in developing tools, evaluating areas of improvement, and promoting faculty development to enhance clinical practice

RECENT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & ACTIVITIES

- APNA Motivational Interview Webinar
- Linda Caputi Next Generation NCLEX Recommendations
- Castle Branch Pediatric Behavioral Nursing Interventions, Interventions During Crisis & Psychopharmacology Webinars
- ATI Educator Consultation for Program Improvement- A Review of TEAS & Content Mastery Series Data
- ATI Champion Calls for Best Practices and Product Updates
- Intrusive Advisement for Nursing Students Workshop
- Academic and Clinical Partnership Meetings
- New Faculty Orientation (University Learning Management System, ATI, & Academic Success)
- AACN Cultural Humility Workshop
- Best Practices & Meeting the Needs of Adult Learners

RECENT PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia, PA — Float Registered Nurse

May 2023- Present

- Provide nursing care to patients in the Emergency Department, Neonatal Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care or Medical Surgical Units on a per diem basis.

Virtua Hospital, Mount Holly, NJ — Pediatric Emergency *Registered Nurse*

December 2013 – January 2022

- Provided nursing care in the emergency room and inpatient hybrid unit with the varied role of charge, staff, preceptor, and inpatient RN on a per diem basis.
- Triage and provided care to children and their families who are experiencing a psychological emergency crisis such as mental status changes, acute psychosis, escalating aggression, behavioral disturbances, and suicidal and homicidal ideations until they are stabilized for discharge or inpatient transfer to a psychiatric facility.
- Pediatric Mobile Services Member: Provided vaccines and health promotion testing within communities.

PREVIOUS NURSING RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Pediatric Clinical Nursing Instructor – Rowan College of Burlington County
Provided clinical instruction to undergraduate students in the pediatric inpatient and emergency units.
- 2016–2017 Registered Nurse – Cooper University Hospital
Provided nursing skills and care to patients and families on the pediatric, pediatric step down, and transitional nursery units on a per diem basis.
- 2012 Substitute School Nurse – Renaissance Charter School
Responsible for nursing skills and health knowledge in the school environment to encourage the best health while promoting the learning, social acclimation, and emotional and physical wellness of the child.
- 2011–2013 Registered Nurse – South Jersey Healthcare
Provided direct patient care and nursing skills to patients and their families on the pediatric unit in the role of both staff and charge nurse. Successfully oriented and periodically floated to partnered units: mother/baby and transitional nursery.
- 2010–2012 Registered Nurse – Atlanticare Regional Medical Center
Provided nursing skills and care to patients and families on the pediatric and adult trauma step down floors.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

2019–Present: Parkway Elementary School – Perform routine circulation desk tasks, assist students in locating materials using the online catalog, shelve books, and assist with inventory.

2019–2021: Atco Assembly of God – Load incoming food and household supplies for community pantry monthly. Lead teams in community outreaches and fests throughout the year.