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Education

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Doctoral Degree in Education (Ed.D)

Emphasis: Curriculum, Educational Research, and Evaluation

(Graduation: August 2004)

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green

Master's of Science Degree in Nursing (MSN)

Emphasis: Nursing Educator

(Graduation: May 2001)

Western Kentucky University

Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN)

(Graduation: May 1996)

Certifications

National League for Nursing

Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)

(Certified: December 2007)

Spalding University, Louisville

Intermediate Certificate in Parish Nursing

(Certified: November 1999)

Employment

- 8/04 to present Western Kentucky University
Department of Nursing
Assistant Professor: Nursing Theory and Clinical Supervision
- 8/01 to 5/04: Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, TN
TWC-Fort Sanders Nursing Department
Instructor: Nursing Theory and Clinical Supervision
- 6/01 – 10/01 Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center
Registered Nurse: Orthopedics
- 8/98 – 5/01 Warren County Board of Education, Bowling Green, KY
School Nurse Manager serving 8 public schools
- 5/95 – 8/98 Mediplex Rehabilitation Hospital, Bowling Green, KY
Staff Nurse: RN (Technician before receiving nursing licensure)

Teaching Activities

- 5/04 to present: *Western Kentucky University School of Nursing*
- NURS 313 Fundamentals of Professional Nursing
NURS 326 Health Alterations I (Spring 2005)
Clinical sites:
Britthaven Long Term Care Facility
Greenview Regional Hospital (Spring 2005)
- 8/2001 to 5/2004: *Tennessee Wesleyan College-Fort Sanders Nursing*
- NURS 300 Foundations of Nursing
NURS 303 Health Assessment
NURS 420 Adult Health Nursing
NURS 400 Adult Health III
Clinical sites:
Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center: Orthopedics
Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center: Cardiology
NHC Healthcare, Oak Ridge
Shannondale Long Term Health Care

Professional Organizations

American Nurses Association
Kentucky Nurses Association
Sigma Theta Tau, Kappa Theta Chapter

Scholarly/Creative Summary

- 1/08 Briggs, C. (2006). Keeping the fun in fundamentals: Combining creativity with social nursing interventions to enhance long term care clinical experiences. *Kentucky Nurse*, 56(1).
- 11/07 Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society Reserach Day. "Nursing Student Engagement in the Classroom Using a Case Study about Caring."
- 11/06 Briggs, C. (2006). Nursing Students' Assessment Ratings and Treatment Choices for Patients Experiencing Pain in a Case Vignette: Implications for Nursing Education. *Kentucky Nurse*, 54(1).
- 3/06 Briggs, C. (2006). DVD Review: The Use of Case Studies and Group Discussion in Science Education. *Teaching Spirit*, 17(7).
- 10/05 Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) Annual Conference in Frankfort. I was a poster presenter displaying research findings from my dissertation entitled, "Nursing Students' Assessment Ratings and Treatment Choices for Patients Experiencing Pain in a Case Vignette: Implications for Nursing Education."
- 11/05 Sigma Theta Tau Eighth Annual Nursing Research Day. "Nursing Research, Practice, and Education Across the Life Span." I presented my dissertation research entitled, "Nursing Students Assessment Ratings and Treatment Choices for Patients Experiencing Pain in a Case Vignette: Implications for Nursing Education."
- 11/ 05 Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) Annual Conference in Frankfort. I was a poster presenter displaying research findings from my dissertation entitled, "Nursing Students' Assessment Ratings and Treatment Choices for Patients Experiencing Pain in a Case Vignette: Implications for Nursing Education."

- Fall 05 Implementation of Safe Patient Handling Curriculum in Nursing 313 in Fall semester 2005 as part of National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and American Nurses Association (ANA) research study.
- 8/04 Dissertation Research: The purpose of the study was to examine nursing students' assessment ratings and treatment choices for patients experiencing pain in a case vignette. Data collected from junior nursing students (prior to formal classroom instruction) compared to senior nursing students (one year after initial instruction) provided implications for nursing education, as well as conclusions about the understanding of pain assessment among student participants. The sample consisted of 270 junior and senior nursing students from two schools of nursing in East Tennessee. The methodology included a descriptive design with a survey approach, utilizing a patient behavior case vignette and a demographic questionnaire for data collection. Publication housed at University of Tennessee Library.
- Summer 04 Dissertation presentation to committee members: Dr. Russell French (College of Education, UT) Dr. Judy Boser (College of Education, UT) Dr. Schuyler Huck (College of Education, UT) Dr. Sandra Thomas (College of Nursing, UT) Title: "Nursing Students' Assessment Ratings and Treatment Choices for Patients Experiencing Pain in a Case Vignette: Implications for Nursing Education."

Professional Development

- 8/08 Engaging the Spirit Conference: Celebrating Student Success
- 5/08 Kentucky Nurse Educator Conference: Making the Difference
Sponsor: Kentucky Board of Nursing
- 5/08 What's New in Kentucky Education Regulations
Sponsor: Kentucky Board of Nursing
- 2/08 ATP training for advisors
Sponsor: CHHS
- 1/08 IVS Winter Workshop
Sponsor: WKU FaCET
- 1/08 IVS workshop for distance education in nursing.
Sponsor: WKU School of Nursing

- 1/08 Simulation for Nursing Education Workshop
Speakers: Laerdal Inc.
- 9/07 Distance Education Seminar with Dr. Becky Smith.
- 9/07 Nursing Skills Competency Day at Medical Center
- 8/07 Engaging the Spirit Conference: Tools for Student Success.
- 8/06 CHHS conference. Engaging Our Students: Creating SPEC (Student-Centered, Problem Based, Experiential, & Collaborative) Learning Environment in Higher Education.
- 6/06 FaCET workshop entitled, "Inspiring the Underprepared Student." Sessions Attended: "Departmental Innovations for Closing The Preparation Gap." "A Heuristic Approach to Improve Academic Performance of Underprepared College Students." "Structuring Assignments as a Tool for Underprepared Writing Students."
- 6/06 Academic Technology Workshop entitled, "Teaching with TurningPoint Clickers"
- 6/06 Online informational session entitled, "Evidenced Based E-learning for Nurse Educators."
- 5/06 Health Education Systems Inc.(HESI)/Elsevier presentation entitled, "Testing & Remediation Products for Nursing"
- 5/06 NACADA Region 3 Drive-In Conference. "Academic Advsiors as Leaders in Student Engagement"
- 5/06 "A Nursing Living History Tea" In recognition of the Centennial Celebration of WKU and KNA.
- 5/06 Attended Sigma Theta Tau, Kappa Theta Chapter presentation at WKU by Dr. Susan Jones entitled, "This Little Piggy Went to the Market...This Little Piggy Decided to do Research."
- 9/05 "Creating a Teaching Portfolio" by Sally Kuhlenschmidt at FaCET.
- 8/05 Engaging The Spirit: Enhancing Student Learning.

- 8/05 Teaching Squares Workshop. Attempting to improve teaching and build community through a structured, non-evaluative process of classroom observation and shared reflection.
- 8/05 "Declining By Degrees" Video Viewing. WKU was one of the schools featured in this video. Topics included were grade inflation, student motivation and preparation for college.
- 8/05 Inservice for MegaCode Kelley Simulation Mannequin.
- 7/05 Web Audio Conference with ARJO entitled, "Health Care Ergonomics...Focus on Safe Patient Handling & Implementing the NIOSH Grant"
- 7/05 "Blackboard Upgrade" Workshop by Shawn Brewer through Academic Technology.
- 6/05 6th National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories Thursday June 23 - Saturday June 25, 2005 entitled, "Organization & Management of Teaching and Learning Resources". Attended sessions entitled: "New Shock Reality Show: Survivors of the Nursing Lab" "Responding to the Needs of Today and the Future in Clinical Simulation" "From Chocolate Pudding to Hula Hoops: Teaching Tools for Nursing Skills" "Video Lab: Another Look, A Different Look, It's Not What You Think" "Hopeful, Hectic, Hindsight: From Traditional to Simulation in a Single Semester" "Through the Looking Glass: From 'Lets Pretend' to Virtual Reality-Integrating Simulation in the Nursing Curriculum" "Creating a Real World Experience for Promoting Competence in Medication Administration- A collaborative effort" "Competency Performance Examination: An Educational Solution" "A collaborative Approach to Student Clinical Evaluations" "Nursing Skills Laboratory Fair" "Interpersonal Relationships"
- 4/05 Continuing Education Program "Improving Confidence in the Results of Classroom Multiple-Choice Exams" By: Mary McDonald
- 3/05 Creative Teaching for Nurse Educators Conference
- 2/05 Safe Patient Handling & Movement Conference. Chosen for Pilot Project through ANA to present new ideas/equipment in N313 (Fundamentals) curriculum next year.
- 2/05 Safe Patient Handling and Movement Train the Trainer Program

- 1/05 A Workshop for Faculty in College of Health & Human Services:
"Teaching for Critical Thinking" By: Martha Townsend, Ph.D.
- 11/04 The Balance Workshop. By: Dr. Terry Swan, professor, Lindsey
Wilson College
- 2/03: "Nurses and Students on the Move" on Capital Hill
- 10/02: Middle Tennessee State University
"Fit for the Future" pre-conference seminar
Coordinated School Health Initiative

Service

- Present: Member of BSN prelicensure Committee
- Curriculum Subcommittee
- Chair of Learning Resource Committee
CHHS Complaint Committee
- 2005-present Coordinate Nursing Student Orientation for Prelicensure Students
- 8/2008 Created WKU School of Nursing "Staff Nurse & Preceptor
Packet"
- 10/07 Majors Fair Sponsored by the WKU Academic Advising and
Retention Center
- 10/06 Homecoming 2006 Continuing Education Program for Nurses.
"Spirituality in Nursing: A Christian Approach."
- 5/06 External Advisory Board Meeting. Met with representatives from
clinical agencies to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the
nursing program.
- 9/05 Guest Speaker in Post-RN Public Health Nursing class. Topic:
School Health & School Nursing.
- 2005-2006 Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS) faculty advisor
2005-2006 school year.
- 2005-2006 Student Affairs Committee Member Fall 2005-Spring 2006

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| 11/05 | Published Article with Audrey Cornell in the eNewsletter for the College of Health and Human Services at WKU about KANS and this pre-professional organization's contributions to the university and community. |
| 5/05 | External Advisory Board Meeting. Met with representatives from clinical agencies to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the nursing program. |
| 4/05 | Kentucky Association of Nursing Students Fundraiser Event: Community-Wide Pancake Breakfast at Hillvue Heights Church. |
| 3/05 | Conducted Peer Review for Ms. Freda Embry during classroom teaching on Monday March 7, 2005. |
| 2/05 | Big Brothers & Big Sisters 2005 Bowl for Kids Sake with Kentucky Association of Nursing Students |
| 1/05 | Served as Preceptor for Barbara Minix, MSN student, during the spring semester of 2005. Observed her during classroom teaching and facilitated learning experiences during clinical rotation in Nursing 326. |
| 1/05 | Served as preceptor for Mary Kovar, MSN student, in the spring semester of 2005. Facilitated learning experiences as Mary accompanied me in Nursing 326 clinicals at Greenview Hospital. |
| 10/04 | "Majors Fair." Academic Advising and Retention at Garrett Ballroom. |
| 9/04 | Guest speaker in Post-RN public health nursing class. Topic: School Health & School Nursing |
| Fall 04 | Served as Judge for State \"Health Occupations Students of America\" (HOSA) event for high-school students competing in nursing skills at Western Kentucky University. |
| 2004/2005 | Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS) faculty advisor 2004-2005 school year. |
| 2004/2005 | Student Affairs Committee Member 2004-2005 school year. |
| 8/01 to 5/04: | TWC-FSN Program Evaluation Committee |
| 8/01 to 5/04: | TWC-FSN Curriculum Committee |
| 8/01 to 5/04: | TWC-FSN Faculty Development Committee |

8/01 to 5/04: TWC-FSN Junior class sponsor
8/01 to 5/04: TWC-FSN Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF) Leader

11/10/02: "Buddy's Race for the Cure" 5K Race

10/02: United Way & Knox County Police Department
"Be Someone's Hero" 5K Race

3/02: Volunteer Ministries, Knoxville
Taught HIV/AIDS prevention at homeless shelter

8/20/01: Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Hospital Fundraiser Volunteer

10/6/01: United Way & Knox County Police Department
"Be Someone's Hero" 5K Race

Grant Recipient

2/05

In February 2005, Dr. Crista Briggs from the Department of Nursing received funding from the American Nurses Association Occupational Safety and Health Division to participate in a pilot study to benefit nurses and nursing students. This project is part of the global initiative "Handle with Care" through the ANA. As part of this study, nursing educators from 26 nursing schools across the country participated in the "Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference" in St. Pete Beach, Florida. There were over 500 people in attendance including physical and occupational therapists, nurses, ergonomists, and nursing home administrators. The purpose of this conference was to report evidenced-based research findings and recommendations for safe patient handling. Included in the agenda were appropriate ways of transferring and moving patients without incurring musculoskeletal injuries, while improving patient satisfaction. A summation of the information presented in the week-long conference will be included in the Fundamentals of Nursing (N 313) course in the fall. Representatives from EZ WAY, Inc., agreed to supply the WKU nursing laboratory five mechanical lifting devices and innovative transfer materials to be used on a temporary basis in the fall '05 semester. Nursing students and faculty now have improved knowledge and improved perspectives about safe patient handling to disseminate to other institutions.

Awards/Honors

July 04 Award for Professional Nursing Clinical Excellence awarded by
Regional Cooperative Healthcare Agencies of East Tennessee

Advising

8/08 Advised 40 undergraduate students for the 2008-2009 school year.

01/08 Advised 35 undergraduate students for the 2007-2008 school year.

06/07 Advised 18 undergraduate students for the 2006-2007 school year.

05/06 Advised 21 undergraduate students for the 2005-2006 school year.

04/05 Advised 15 undergraduate students for the 2004-2005 school year.