

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Institution

Degree

Year

Texas Women's University
Houston, Texas

Doctor of Nursing Practice

2016

Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Master of Science in Nursing
Family Nurse Practitioner

2005

Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Science
Community Health

2003

LEADERSHIP

UTHealth
Houston, Texas

Emerging Leaders Institute

2020

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Registered Nurse License
Texas Board of Nursing

Texas

Exp.
2/28/2023

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
Texas Board of Nursing

Texas

2/28/2023

Family Nurse Practitioner
American Academy of Nurse
Practitioners Certification Board
(AANPCB)

Texas

10/31/2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

Track Coordinator Family Nurse Practitioner MSN Track & BSN-DNP Track	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Cizik School of Nursing	9/2019 to present
Assistant Professor Department of Graduate Studies	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Cizik School of Nursing	1/2017 to present
Clinical Instructor Department of Graduate Studies	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Cizik School of Nursing	11/2013 to 1/2017
Adjunct Clinical Instructor Undergraduate Program	Lamar University Beaumont, Texas	1/2007-1/2008

Professional Experience

Nurse Practitioner

Tomagwa Healthcare Ministries	Tomball, Texas	1/2016 to present
Dr. George Murillo, MD	Tomball, Texas	1/2015-8/2015
Georgia Regents University Hospital Hematology/Oncology	Augusta, Georgia	11/2011-8/2013
Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program Clinic	Bay City, Texas	1/2011-7/2011
Ubi Caritas Health Clinic	Beaumont, Texas	6/2006-6/2009

Registered Nurse

Emergency Room	The Medical Center of Southeast Texas	2005-2006
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HONORS & AWARDS

<u>Recognition</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
Excellence in Nursing Award- Bronze	Good Samaritan Foundation	2022
Finalist, McGovern Award Outstanding Teacher	UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing	2019
Finalist, McGovern Award Outstanding Teacher	UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing	2016

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

Practice Inquiry Project

Healthcare Professionals' Perceptions and Experiences After Implementing an Assessment Tool Promoting Healthy Lifestyle Education. A Professional Capstone Project, Texas Woman's University, Houston, Texas 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

Raval P, Kota V, Zakharia Y, Carter G, **Christopherson K**, Awan FT, Pantin JM, Jillella AP. (May 2013). Congestive heart failure (CHF) in acute myeloid leukemia patients during induction. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 31 (15), (suppl; abstr 7105). DOI: 10.1200/jco.2013.31.15

Kobeissi, M., **Christopherson, K.**, Kearney, K., & Aggarwal, S. (2021). Expanding clinical education during a time of crisis: Innovative virtual simulation. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*. In press. DOI: 10.1016/j.ecns.2021.04.018

Books and Chapters

Cook, M., & **Christopherson, K.** (2021). Pain management guidelines: Acute pain. In J.C. Cash, C.A. Glass, & J. Mullen (Eds.), *Family practice guidelines (5th ed.)*, pp. 59-61. New York, NY: Springer. DOI:10.1891/9780826135841

PRESENTATIONS

National

Raval P, Kota V, Zakharia Y, Carter G, **Christopherson K**, Awan FT, Pantin JM, Jillella AP. (May 2013). Congestive heart failure (CHF) in acute myeloid leukemia patients during induction. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 31 (15), (suppl; abstr 7105). Presented at the 49th American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting at Chicago, IL. May 2013.

Regional/State

Invited poster presentation: Thomas, L., Ottosen, M., Boss, L., Stafford, S., **Christopherson, K.**, Roussel, L., & Katigbak, C. (2022). An in-class analysis: Educational intervention to increase data competence. Texas Educators Academies Collaborative for Health Professions-Southeast (TEACH-S conference), Houston, TX (virtual). May 2022. Awarded 2nd Place.

Invited poster presentation: **Christopherson, K.** (2021) Online Pharmacy: Promoting a Safe Medication Market. Texas Nurse Practitioners 33rd Annual Conference, Galveston, TX. September 2021.

Invited poster presentation: **Christopherson, K.**, Hong, Y., Cole, L. (February 2019). Multimodal Process of Graduate Course Evaluation. Presented at The 2019 Innovations in Health Science Education (SHINE) Annual Conference at Austin, TX. February 2019.

Invited poster presentation: Hong, Y., **Christopherson, K.**, Cole, L. (February 2019). Multimodal Process of Graduate Course Evaluation. Presented at UTHealth 2019 Advances in Teaching and Learning Day at Houston, TX. June 2019.

Media

“Ubi Caritas Expanding Operations”. Television Interview. ABC 12 News Beaumont. 2008.

Scholarship in Progress

Scheduled APRN Workshop: 11/2022 Podium Presentation: CHF Updates for APRNs

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Service

National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties,
Preceptor Committee, 2021-2023

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board
Certification Exam Item Review Panel, 2020
Certification Exam Item Writer, 2020 and 2023(invited)

Regional/State Service

North Harris Montgomery County Advance Practice Nurse Society,
Scholarship Committee Chair, 2021-2022

Institutional Service

Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth

Master’s Council Member, 2013-present

Faculty Assembly, 2013-present
 Doctor of Nursing Practice Council Member, 2020-present
 Faculty Life Council, 2018-2020, 2022-2024
 Committee Chair: Graduate Course Evaluations, 2018-2020
 Committee Chair: Policy Review for Faculty Life Council, 2019-2020
 Committee Member: Curriculum PM DNP and BSN-DNP, 2021-2022
 Committee Member: COVID 19 Pandemic Policy and Procedures Development, 2020
 Committee Member: Patient Care EPA- Developing Competencies for NP Outcomes, 2020
 Committee Member: Preceptor Task Recognition Force, 2019-2020
 Committee Member: Admission Committee for MSN and BSN-DNP FNP. 2019-present

Community Service

Tomagwa Healthcare Ministries Clinic, Volunteer FNP, 2016-present

Community Clinical Programs

Ubi Caritas Diabetes Education program-developed program to provide patient education to patients with diabetes in the indigent population. 2007-2008

Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program mobile health outreach unit-Initiated project and sole FNP responsible for care provided to rural underserved areas. 2011

MEMBERSHIPS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Year</u>
Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society Zeta Pi Chapter	Member	2004 - present
American Association of Nurse Practitioners	Member	2005 - present
Texas Nurse Practitioners	Member	2014 - present
North Harris Montgomery County Advance Practice Nurse Society	Member	2015 - present
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties	Member	2019 - present
National League for Nursing	Member	2019 - present

American Academy of Family Physicians

Member

2020 - present

MENTORING

Faculty

New FNP Faculty Mentoring 2019-2022, 2022-current

New FNP Faculty Advisors for MSN students 2019-current

Students

Master's Nursing Education student preceptorship 2018

BSN-DNP mentor for project- Improving depression screening in outpatient gynecologic oncology clinic 2022

APPENDIX A – List of Courses Taught

Cizik School of Nursing at UTHHealth 2013-present

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member for 2 sections, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2013. Laboratory setting.

N6752B Advanced Clinical Practice: FNP Preceptorship. 6 credits. Team Member, conducted site visits, and student clinical evaluations. Fall 2013. Clinical Setting.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member, assisted with class duties, lead student laboratory group, presented lectures and provided student evaluation. Spring 2014. Laboratory setting.

N6194-B100 Family Nurse Practitioner-I Clinical. 2 credits. Team Member, conducted site visits, and student clinical evaluations. Spring 2014. Clinical Setting.

N6195-B100 Family Nurse Practitioner-II Clinical. 2 credits. Team Member, conducted site visits, and student clinical evaluations. Summer 2014. Clinical Setting.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member for 2 sections, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2014. Laboratory setting.

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N6752B Advanced Clinical Practice: FNP Preceptorship. 6 credits. Team Member, conducted site visits, and student clinical evaluations. Fall 2016. Clinical Setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Team member for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes and assisted with examinations. Fall 2016.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member for 1 sections, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Spring 2017. Laboratory setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes and assisted with examinations. Spring 2017.

N6194B Family Nurse Practitioner-1 Clinical. 2 credits. Team member, conducted site visits, and student evaluations. Spring 2017.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member for 2 sections, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Summer 2017. Laboratory setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes and assisted with examinations. Summer 2017.

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N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member for 2 sections, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2018. Laboratory setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes and assisted with examinations. Fall 2018.

N6194B Family Nurse Practitioner-1 Clinical. 3 credits. Team member, conducted site visits, and student evaluations. Fall 2018.

N6801 Scholarly Foundations for Adv Practice. 3 credits. Team member, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2018.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team member, assisted with class duties, lead student laboratory group, presented lectures and provided student evaluation. 2 Sections. Spring 2019. Laboratory setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes, and examinations. Spring 2019.

N6194-B100 Family Nurse Practitioner-I Clinical. 2 credits. Team Member, conducted site visits, and student clinical evaluations. Spring 2019. Clinical Setting.

N6154W. Transitions to Advance Practice. Team Member. Developed modules and evaluation of student learning. 2 credits. Spring 2019.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes and assisted with examinations. Summer 2019.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Lead, assisted with class duties, lead student laboratory group, presented lectures and provided student evaluation. 2 Sections. Summer 2019. Laboratory setting.

N6194B Family Nurse Practitioner-1 Clinical. 3 credits. Team member, conducted site visits, and student evaluations. Summer 2019.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Team member, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created evaluations. Summer 2019.

N6801 Scholarly Foundations for Adv Practice. 3 credits. Team member, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2019.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team Lead, assisted with class duties, lead student laboratory group, presented lectures and provided student evaluation. 2 Sections. Fall 2019. Laboratory setting.

N6152W Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis. 2 credits. Co-Lead for didactic, developed coursework including lectures, quizzes, and examinations. Fall 2019.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Fall 2019.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Fall 2019.

N6152B Advanced Physical Examination and Differential Diagnosis Practicum. 1 credits. Team Member, assisted with class duties, lead student laboratory group, presented lectures and provided student evaluation. 2 Sections. Spring 2020. Laboratory setting.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Team member, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created evaluations. Spring 2020.

N6802 Health Policy, Politics, and Ethics. 3 credits. Team member, educated on current policy and healthcare related political topics and ethical considerations in healthcare. Spring 2020.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. COVID pandemic response to clinical site placement loss. Developed and delivered virtual simulation experiences. Spring 2020.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 2 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. COVID pandemic response to clinical site placement loss. Developed and delivered virtual simulation experiences. Spring 2020.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Summer 2020.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Summer 2020.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Fall 2020.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Fall 2020.

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N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Spring 2021.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Spring 2021.

N6909B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical for BSN-DNP. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Spring 2021.

N6909W Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Didactic for BSN-DNP. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Spring 2021.

N6820 Data Analysis and Evaluation. 3 credits. Team member, educated DNP students application and analysis of statistics and data. Spring 2021.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Summer 2021.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Summer 2021.

N6830 Clinical Scholarship Portfolio Advisement. Lead, 2 students advising for DNP Project. Summer 2021

N6808 Translational Science. 3 credit hours. Team member, educated and evaluated DNP students including concepts, models, and methods for translation and implementation of evidence and research into practice. Summer 2021

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Fall 2021.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Fall 2021.

N6910W Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty. Didactic. 2 credits. Developed and lead new course which allows students to synthesize up- to-date, evidence-based information and resources directed toward care of patients with complex co-morbidities and clinically deteriorating conditions across care settings. Fall 2021

N6910B Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty. Clinical. 4 credits. Developed and Lead clinical course for BSN-DNP FNP students during specialty rotations. Fall 2021

N6801 Scholarly Foundations for Adv Practice. 3 credits. Team member, assisted with class duties and student evaluation. Fall 2021.

N6195B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Spring 2022.

N6195W Family Nurse Practitioner-2 Didactic. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Spring 2022.

N6909B Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Clinical for BSN-DNP. 4 credit hours. Lead, facilitated clinical instructors for site visits and student clinical rotations. Created course, maintained student paperwork, typhon logs, and site visits. Spring 2022.

N6909W Family Nurse Practitioner 2 Didactic for BSN-DNP. 3 credits. Lead, taught chronic disease education across the lifespan. Created lectures, coursework, and evaluations. Spring 2022.

N6820 Data Analysis and Evaluation. 3 credits. Team member, educated DNP students application and analysis of statistics and data. Spring 2022.

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