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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)	Texas Woman's University-Houston, TX	December 2016
Masters of Science in Nursing	Vanderbilt University-Nashville, TN	August 2005
Bachelors of Science, Community Health	Texas A&M University-College Station, TX	August 2003

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) F1105036	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	11/2005-11/2025
Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) AP114515	Texas Board of Nursing	12/2005-2/2021
Registered Nurse (RN) 722024	Texas Board of Nursing	12/2005-2/2021
Advance Practice Registered Nurse RN217541	Georgia Board of Nursing	7/2011-1/2015
Registered Nurse RN217541	Georgia Board of Nursing	7/2011-1/2015
Registered Nurse 148374	Tennessee Board of Nursing	2/2005-2/2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Medical Center of Southeast Texas, Port Arthur, TX	Registered Nurse Emergency Department	12/2005-4/2006
Ubi Caritas Health Clinic Beaumont, TX	Family Nurse Practitioner	6/2006-6/2009
Lamar University Port Arthur, TX	Adjunct Instructor- part time	1/2007-1/2008
Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program Clinic Bay City, TX	Family Nurse Practitioner- part time	1/2011-7/2011
Georgia Regents University Medical Center, Augusta, GA	Family Nurse Practitioner	11/2011-8/2013
Dr. George Murillo, MD Tomball, TX	Family Nurse Practitioner	1/2015-8/2015
Tomagwa Healthcare Ministries Tomball, TX	Family Nurse Practitioner	1/2016-present
University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston, TX	Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing	10/2013-present
University of Texas Health Science Center- Houston Cizik School of Nursing	MSN Family Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator, BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator	8/2019-present

HONORS & AWARDS

Nominated for 2016 McGovern's Outstanding Teaching Award UTHealth May 2016
 Nominated for 2019 McGovern’s Outstanding Teaching Award UTHealth May 2019

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Developed and chaired Faculty Peer Online Course Evaluation Process with Graduate Evaluations Committee
- Family Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator of over 450 students (MSN and BSN-DNP)
- Master’s program lead for development of COVID 19 pandemic policy and procedures for the University of Texas Health Science Center Cizik School of Nursing
- FNP track facilitator of COVID-19 pandemic planning committee for clinical success including virtual simulation program initiation and maintenance
- Completed UTHealth Emerging Leaders Institute training in November 2020

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

Christopherson, K., Hong, Y., 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.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sigma Theta Tau	Member	2004-present
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	Member	6/2005-present
Texas Nurse Practitioners	Member	1/2014-present
North Harris Montgomery Advance Practice Nurse Society	Member	1/2015-present
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner	Faculties Member	8/2019-present
National League for Nursing	Member	2019- present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Board Certification Exam Item Writer Spring 2020

Institutional Service

University of Texas Houston- School of Nursing

Masters Council	Member	Fall 2013-present
Faculty Assembly	Member	Fall 2013-present
Faculty Life Council	Member	Fall 2018-Fall 2019
DNP Council	Member	Fall 2018- present

Community Service (past to current)

TOMAGWA Healthcare Ministries Volunteer Nurse Practitioner 1/2016-present
Tomball, TX

OPTIONAL APPENDICES

Courses Taught

Lamar University- BSN Program

NURS 3221 Practicum: Care of Adults. 2 credits. Team member, lead student group for hospital practicum. Spring 2007.

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University of Texas Houston School of Nursing- MSN and DNP Program

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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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.

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

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

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

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

List of Project/Thesis/Dissertation Advisees

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

Other Community Clinical Programs Initiated

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

2011 MEHOP mobile health outreach unit-Initial FNP responsible for care provided to rural underserved areas