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EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Health	University of Texas School of Public Health: Houston	2006
Masters of Science	Texas Woman's University: Houston	1992
Bachelor of Science: Nursing	University of Texas Medical Branch: Galveston	1987

Other Education

George Washington University	Health Policy & Media Relations Graduate Certificate	2020-2021
UTHealth-Houston	Health Educators Fellowship Program	2018-2019
Dale Carnegie	Communication and Human Relations	1987

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

Texas Registered Nurse	Active	1987- present
Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)	National League of Nursing	2015-2025
Basic Life Support	American Heart Association	1987-present
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	American Heart Association	1994-2007
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	American Heart Association	1991-2001
Basic Life Support Instructor	American Heart Association	1999-2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital	Staff Nurse, Surgical Services/Preceptor	1987-1990
Memorial SW Healthcare Systems	Central Education/Med-Surg Manager/Pediatric Manager/ House Supervisor	1990-1993
Pasadena General Hospital	Chief Nursing Officer	1993-1995
Avanti Health Systems Inc	Director of Clinical Operations	1995-1996
Sharpstown General Hospital	House Supervisor	1996-1997
Texas Orthopedic Hospital	House Supervisor/Case Manager/JCAHO Liaison Adjunct Clinical Faculty: San Jacinto College of Nursing	1997-2005 2001-2003

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE continued

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing	Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, Joan and Stanford Alexander Fellowship Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	2008-present
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, Dean's Teaching Fellowship	UTHealth School of Public Health	2003
Governor-appointed Board Member	Texas Board of Nursing	2015-2027
Elected, UT System New Direct Leader Forum	UTHealth: Houston	2017
Elected Participant	National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities	2017
Nominee, President's Scholar Award-Clinical Service and Regents Outstanding Teaching Award (ROTA)	UTHealth: Houston	2017, 2020
Honoree, Hurricane Heroes	Texas Nurses Association, District 9 Foundation	2017
Nominee, AAIDD Education Award	American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	2018
Candidate, Josiah Macy Foundation Scholar	Josiah Macy Foundation	2018
Hall of Fame Recipient	University of Texas Medical Branch	2020
Scholarship Recipient	National Council of State Boards of Nursing George Washington University: Health Policy	2020

GRANTS*Training*

Neurodevelopmental Program for Integrating Disability Education in Undergraduate Curriculum. Joan and Stanford Alexander Foundation. **Edwards, Allison.** (Program Director) \$500,000 Endowment. 2016- life of endowment.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Unfolding Case Study, "John's Journey." Hekel, Barbara (Project Director), Alexander, Juane; DesOrmeaux, Christina; Edwards, Allison (Co-Directors); Pullis, Bridgette. \$5,000 Grant. 2020.

American Dental Education Association (ADEAgies) "Educating Students through Interprofessional Dental Care Delivery for Adults with Cognitive Deficits," Sadowsky, June (Project Director), Edwards, Allison and Fray, David (Co-Directors). \$41,000 September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

Projects

Integration of weather-related education in an intermediate school setting using WeatherBug. Edwards, Allison. \$5,000. 2009-2019.

GRANTS continued*Projects continued*

UTHealthy Wellness Program. Awarded by UT System. Parnell, Susan and Edwards, Allison. (Co-Director). \$5,000. 2017-2018.

PUBLICATIONS*Peer Reviewed Publications*

Thomas, L. W., & Edwards, A. P. (2018). A Guidance Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of Brain Injury Rehabilitation PRN Bowel Medications. Abstract: *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 99 (10), e82.

Edwards, Allison & Thomas, Lisa W. (2021). Trifecta for RN-BSN Curricula: Algorithms, Interdisciplinary Practice, and Authentic Application Within a Quality Improvement Project. *Nurse Educator*, 46(2), 105–105. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NNE.0000000000000891>

Edwards, Allison P. (2021). Elevating Equity and Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities: A Nursing Student Sexual Health Promotion Project. *Creative Nursing*, 27(3), 195–200. <https://doi.org/10.1891/CRNR-D-20-00048>

Edwards, A. P., Hekel, B. E., & Cron, S. (2021). Disability Attitudes of Nursing Students: A Curriculum Intervention. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 43(4), 255-257. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000870>

Edwards, Allison P. (2021). Cocurricular Clinical Opportunity: Addressing Student Attitudes, Knowledge, and Skills with Disability Education. *The Journal of Nursing Education*, 60(11), 637–641. <https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20210913-08>

Norman, Leslie, Wells, Brandy, & Edwards, A. P. (2021). From policy to practice: A DNP student perspective. *Nursing Forum (Hillsdale)*, 56(3), 630–634. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nuf.12582>

Edwards, Allison P. & Hekel, Barbara E. (2021). Appraisal of disability attitudes and curriculum of nursing students: a literature review. *International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship*, 18(1). <https://doi.org/10.1515/ijnes-2021-0029>

Edwards, Allison P., Cron, Stanley, & Shonk, Cameron (2022). Comparative effects of disability education on attitudes, knowledge and skills of baccalaureate nursing students. *Nurse Education in Practice*, 61, 103330–103330. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nepr.2022.103330>

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Edwards, Allison P. (1990). The ABC's of AICD. CV Nurse: *Trends in Cardiovascular Care*, 3 (1), pp.4-5, 10.

Edwards, Allison P. (1993). Catch 22: manipulative family members. *Nursing Management*, 24(10), 33-35.

Edwards, Allison P. (1996). Reporting and Detecting Child Abuse, NURSEweek. Continuing Education. #531A. pp. 10-11.

PUBLICATIONS continued*Book Chapters*

Edwards, Allison P., Thomas, Lisa W. & Jordan-Troutman, Meredith. (2018). Populations Affected by Disabilities. In M.A. Nies & M. McEwen (eds.), *Community/public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations* (7th ed., pp. 1- 17). St. Louis: Elsevier.

Edwards, Allison P., Thomas, Lisa W. & Jordan-Troutman, Meredith. (2022). Populations Affected by Disabilities. In M.A. Nies & M. McEwen (eds.), *Community/public health nursing: Promoting the health of populations* (8th ed., in press). St. Louis: Elsevier.

Blog Post

Hekel, Barbara, Pullis, Bridgette, Edwards, Allison & McCrea, Deborah. (2022, June 24). "Improving Community Health Nursing Students' Attitudes towards People Living with a Disability." Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations (CPHNO). <https://www.cphno.org/category/blog/>

PRESENTATIONS*International*

Invited Speaker: Texas Heart Institute's International Symposium. "ABC's of AICD." Houston, TX, April 1990.

Speaker: Sigma Theta Tau's 30th International Research Congress. "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." Alberta, Calgary, Canada. July 2019.

National

Invited Speaker: Luncheon CEU Offering for the Developmental Disability Nursing Association's 25th Annual Conference. "Integrating Disability Education in Undergraduate Curriculum: The UTHealth: School of Nursing Experience." Dallas, TX, April 2017.

Thomas, L., Edwards, A. & Nwagboso, A. "A Guidance Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of Brain Injury Rehabilitation PRN Bowel Medications." American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine; Dallas, TX, September 2018.

Invited Speaker: PATH PWIDD National Consortium monthly meeting. "Imperative Undergraduate Interprofessional Education for People with Disabilities." Virtual via Zoom, January 26, 2022.

Poster Presentations

Edwards, A. "Birds, Bees and STD's: Sexual Activity and Health for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." 24th Annual Developmental Disability Nursing Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2016.

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "An Algorithm to Improve Communication and Management of PRN Bowel Medications in Rehabilitation Settings." Houston Medication Safety Symposium: High Risk Medications and Prescription Abuse, Houston, TX, April 28, 2017.

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "Bowel Management in Brain Injury: A Guidance Algorithm." Association of Rehabilitation Nurses: 2017 REACH Conference, Seattle, WA, November 8-11, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS continued*Poster Presentations continued*

Edwards, A., Thomas L., & Nwagboso, A. "Bowel Management In Brain Injury: A Guidance Algorithm." National Association of Indian Nurses of America: Clinical Excellence Conference, Houston, TX, December 2, 2017.

Thomas, L., Edwards, A., Velasquez, J., & Nwagboso, A. "A Guidance Algorithm for Neurogenic Bowel." Memorial Hermann Robust Process Improvement Expo, Houston, TX, February 2018.

Edwards, A. & Thomas, L. (2019, June 27) Transforming Nursing Student Attitudes toward People with Disabilities. [Poster Presentation]. UTHealth: Breaking the Mold-Transformation as a Call for Scholarly Action: Advances in Teaching and Learning, Houston, TX.

Hekel, Barbara & Edwards, Allison (2020). "A Curricular Intervention to Impact Nursing Student Attitudes about People with Disabilities." Association of Community Health Nursing Educators. Virtual Conference, June 2020.

Hekel, B., Pullis B. R., Edwards, A. P., DesOrmeaux, C., & Alexander, J. (2021, June 11). An Unfolding Case Study to Teach Public Health Concepts [Poster presentation]. UTHealth Advances in Teaching and Learning Day. Virtual due to COVID-19. Houston, TX, United States.

Marshall, A. N., Elechi, C., Cruz, N., Azebe-Osime, Z. A., Azebe-Osime, I., Melchor, M., Djukic, M., McWhorter, J. W., Edwards, A. P., & Hernandez, D. C. (2022, October). Evaluation of Oral Health and Nutrition Education Curriculum Topics: Pre- and Post-Program Implementation. Poster presented at the 2022 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo, Orlando, FL.

Marshall, A. N., Elechi, C., Cruz, N., Azebe-Osime, Z. A., Azebe-Osime, I., Melchor, M., Djukic, M., McWhorter, J. W., Edwards, A. P., & Hernandez, D. C. (2022, October). The Role of Session Zero in High School Students Sense of Belonging, Attendance and Learning Outcomes with the Nourishing Smiles Program. Poster presented at the 2022 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo, Orlando, FL.

Local and Regional Presentations/Video

Interactive Video Presenter: "Vital Signs." Series presenting hospital-wide quality improvement and nursing practice issues. Memorial Care Systems, Houston, TX, March-December 1992.

Educational Video for Staff "Code Team Protocol." Houston, Texas.

Produced for Tenet Health Care Systems at Pasadena General Hospital, Pasadena, TX, October 1993.

Invited Speaker: Association of Rehabilitation Nurses: Southeast Texas Chapter- CEU offering: "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." February 26, 2019, Houston, Texas.

Speaker: Summer Health Professions Education Program. Cizik School of Nursing. "Disability Care and Awareness." June 2019, June 23, 2020, June 8, 2021, June 14, 2022.

Speaker: Texas Woman's University 2019 Founders Day Forum-Embracing the Art and Science of Nursing. "Transforming care for people with disabilities: Empowering pre-licensure nursing students to improve quality and reduce barriers through clinical education." Houston, Texas, October 8, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS continued*Local and Regional Presentations/Video continued*

Invited Speaker: UTHealth Office of Governmental Relations for Health and Human Services Commission: IDD. “Transforming Care for people with disabilities: Improving quality and reducing barriers through clinical education.” McGovern Medical School, October 8, 2019, Houston, Texas.

Speaker: UTHealth School of Dentistry/School of Nursing Virtual Workshop. “Transforming care for people with disabilities: improving quality and reducing barriers through clinical education.” Houston, Texas, April 9, 2021.

Invited Speaker: University of Texas Medical Branch Nursing Faculty “Hot Topics”. “Imperative undergraduate education-nursing care for people with disabilities.” April 19, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Texas Nursing Association	Task Force Review Panel Top 20 Nurse Candidates	2012
Editorial Panel: Southern Nursing Research Society	Abstract/Research Reviewer	2015-2017
Texas Board of Nursing	Board Member Vice President Eligibility and Disciplinary Chair Education Committee Representative	2015-2027 2021-2023 2015-present 2015-present
National Council of State Boards of Nursing Area 3 Representative NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee		2018-2023
PATH-PWIDD Partner Partnering to Transform Health Outcomes with Persons w/IDD	Consortium Action Network IPE Practice, Policy and Regulation	2020-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education	2017-present
Developmental Disability Nurses Association	2016-present
Sigma Theta Tau- Zeta Pi Chapter	2014-present
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)	2017-2022
Southern Nursing Research Society	2014-2016
American/Texas Nurses Association	2014-2016
American Public Health Association	2014-2016
Houston Organization of Nurse Executives	1994-1996

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing Baccalaureate Council Admission, Progression and Graduation Subcommittee	2010-present 2015-2016
UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing Faculty Assembly Vice Chair, 2015-2016 Chair, 2016-2017	2015-2017
UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing Faculty Life Council	2017-2019
UTHealth Interfaculty Council UTHealth Wellness Committee University Classified Staff Education Award Panel	2015-2019 2017-2022 2020
<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	
Covenant House Guild Secretary, 1993	1992-1994
Boulevard Oaks/Southampton Civic Club Executive Director	1998-1999
Junior League of Houston, Member (Sustainer) Writer, Contributor Houston News, 2001 Child Advocates Chair, 2000 Juvenile Probation, 1999	1998- present
Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary	2005-present
West University Little League Auxiliary Board Member	2006-2007
National Charity League Tea and Style Show Chair, 2010 Speaker Chair, 2011	2008-2017
The Center for Pursuit Elected Board Member	2019-2023
University of Texas Medical Branch Elected Development Board Member	2019-2022
University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing Alumni Board 1994-1997, 2019 to present	2019-present

Awards Committee 2021, 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICE continued

PARTNERS	2021-2022
Chair 2022	
Spring Luncheon Chair 2021	

COURSES TAUGHT (at Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth)

*indicates lead faculty

Baccalaureate RN-BSN

N3601/3601W	Community Health: RN-BSN*	2015-2017
N3602/3602W	Community Project/Clinical*	2008-2012, 2015-2016
N3701	Professional Practice of Nursing*	2012-2015
N3702	Issues in Professional Nursing*	2015-2016
N3703	Management and Leadership	2012-2015
N3704	Synthesis*	2015-2018
N4526	Role Transition	2008-2009, 2015

Baccalaureate Pre-licensure

N4527W	Professional Practice and Leadership*	2022-present
N3511/N3511W	Health Assessment	2020-2021
N4521	Community Health*	2016-2020
N4521B	Community Health: Pacesetter Clinical*	2016-2021
N4499	Independent Study: Fellowship-Care of People with Disabilities	2016-2022
N4499	Independent Study: Honors Students	2016-2022

Master's/Doctoral Program

N5594W	Synthesis for RN-FNP	2019-2020
N6860A	Doctoral Program-DNP Practicum	2018-2019

Major Teaching Areas

Community Health: Vulnerable Populations-Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Public Health/Health Promotion/Ethics/Policy