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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
Basic Life Support	American Heart Association	1987-present
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	American Heart Association	1991-2001
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	American Heart Association	1994-2007
Basic Life Support Instructor	American Heart Association	1999-2001
Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)	National League of Nursing	2015-2025
Certified Developmental Disabilities Nurse	Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association	2023-2025

**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	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

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** continued

Texas Orthopedic Hospital	House Supervisor/Case Manager/JCAHO Liaison Adjunct Clinical Faculty: San Jacinto College of Nursing	1997-2005 2001-2003
UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing	Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Studies Coordinator, Joan and Stanford Alexander Fellowship for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and <b>Mentoring our Students to Achieve Interprofessional Collaboration for People (MOSAIC) with Disabilities (PWD).</b>	2008-present

**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
Cizik School of Nursing (CSON) Nominee, President's Scholar Award-Clinical Service	UTHealth Houston	2017
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
CSON Nominee Regents Outstanding Teaching Award	UTHealth Houston	2020
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
Innovations in Professional Nursing Education for Academic Health Center- Disability Fellowship	American Association of Colleges of Nursing	2022
Golisano Institute for Developmental Nursing Fellowship	St. John Fisher University	2023-2024

## **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-MOSAIC,” 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.

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>

**PUBLICATIONS** continued*Peer Reviewed Publications (continued)*

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>

Hekel, B.E., Pullis, B.R. Edwards, A.P., Alexander, J. (2022) Teaching Social Determinants of Health Through an Unfolding Case Study. *Nurse Educator*, OPEN ACCESS: NNE-2022-395R1.

Edwards, Allison & Nash, Angela. (2023). Transformative Care for People with Disabilities: Empowering Senior Nursing Students with Competency Based Clinical Education-A Qualitative Study of the Impact. *Nurse Education Today*, 126, 105822. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2023.105822>

*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.

Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education. (2019). Core competencies on disability for health care education. [https://nisonger.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/post-consensus-Core-Competencies-onDisability\\_8.5.19.pdf](https://nisonger.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/post-consensus-Core-Competencies-onDisability_8.5.19.pdf)

*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. (2023). 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.

*Digital Open Resource*

Bestolarides, Doreen, Edwards, Allison & Pullis, Bridgette. (2023). American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry: National Oral Health Curriculum. Chapters 13: Primary Medical Care- Nursing and 22: Educational Resources- Nursing Schools. Indiana: McMillenHealth. [Invited-in progress]

*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*

Edwards, A. Texas Heart Institute's International Symposium. "ABC's of AICD." Houston, TX, October 13, 1989. [Invited-Podium presentation]

Edwards, A. 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 27, 2019. [Podium presentation]

### *National*

Edwards, A. 24th Annual Developmental Disability Nursing Association Conference. "Birds, Bees and STD's: Sexual Activity and Health for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." San Diego, CA, April 2-4, 2016. [Poster presentation]

Edwards, A. 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 8, 2017. [Invited-Podium presentation]

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

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

Hekel, Barbara & Edwards, Allison (2020). Association of Community Health Nursing Educators. "A Curricular Intervention to Impact Nursing Student Attitudes about People with Disabilities." June 4-6, 2020. [Virtual presentation]

Edwards, A. Partnering to Transform Health Outcomes with Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (PATH PWIDD) National Consortium monthly meeting. "Imperative Undergraduate Interprofessional Education for People with Disabilities." January 26, 2022. [Invited-Virtual presentation]

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 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo. "Evaluation of Oral Health and Nutrition Education Curriculum Topics: Pre- and Post-Program Implementation." Orlando, FL, October 1, 2022. [Poster presentation]

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 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo. "The Role of Session Zero in High School Students Sense of Belonging, Attendance and Learning Outcomes with the Nourishing Smiles Program." Orlando, FL, October 1, 2022. [Oral presentation]

Edwards, A. Action to Build Clinical Confidence and Culture (ABC3). Advisory Panel/Focus Group: Disability clinical educator forum. November 2, 2022. [Invited-Virtual panelist].

**PRESENTATIONS** continued*Local and Regional Presentations/Video*

Edwards, A. Memorial Care Systems. "Vital Signs." Series presenting hospital-wide quality improvement and nursing practice issues. Houston, TX, March-December 1992. [Video Series]

Edwards, A. Tenet Health Care Systems at Pasadena General Hospital. "Code Team Protocol." Houston, Texas, October 1993. [Staff Education Video]

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

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

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

Edwards, A. 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." Houston, TX, February 26, 2019. [Invited-presentation]

Edwards, A. Summer Health Professions Education Program. Cizik School of Nursing. "Disability Care and Awareness." June 11, 2019, June 23, 2020, June 8, 2021, June 14, 2022. [Invited-Virtual presentation]

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

Edwards, A. 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, TX, October 8, 2019. [Podium presentation]

Edwards, A. 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." Houston, TX, October 8, 2019. [Invited-presentation]

Edwards, A. University of Texas Medical Branch Nursing Faculty "Hot Topics". "Imperative undergraduate education-nursing care for people with disabilities." April 19, 2021. [Invited-Virtual presentation]

Hekel, B., Pullis B. R., Edwards, A. P., DesOrmeaux, C., & Alexander, J. UTHealth Advances in Teaching and Learning Day. "An Unfolding Case Study to Teach Public Health Concepts". Houston, TX, June 11, 2021. [Poster, oral, virtual presentation]

Edwards, A. UT Health Cizik School of Nursing PhD Course, N7530: Analysis of the context of healthcare. "Texas Board of Nursing-Policy Primer." Houston, Texas, October 27, 2022. [Invited-virtual presentation]

**MEDIA RECOGNITION**

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing, "Caring Minds," (2019). Joan and Stanford Alexander Fellowship enables training of future nurses to serve people with disabilities across the lifespan. Retrieved March 18, 2020, from <file:///C:/Users/AllisonE/Downloads/Caring%20Minds%20No13-2019.pdf>

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing (2019, March 8). Fellowship encourages third group of students to learn about helping people with disabilities: Edwards program teaching future nurses about caring for people with disabilities. Retrieved January 18, 2020 from <https://nursing.uth.edu/news/story/fellowship-encourages-third-group-of-students-to-learn-about-helping-people-with-disabilities>.

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing Newsletter (2019, May 9). Gaining skills and understanding: Nursing fellowship teaches nurses to care for people with disabilities. Retrieved January 17, 2020 from <https://nursing.uth.edu/news/story/gaining-skills-and-understanding>.

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing Newsletter (2019, May 13). Fellowship teaches selected BSN students to care for people with disabilities. Retrieved January 17, 2020, from <https://nursing.uth.edu/news/story/fellowship-teaches-selected-bsn-students-to-care-for-people-with-disabilities>.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing. (2023, February 2). Porter-Edwards and UTHealth Recognized with AACN Award. In Focus. Retrieved February 6, 2023, from [https://www.ncsbn.org/public-files/InFocus\\_Vol1\\_2023.pdf](https://www.ncsbn.org/public-files/InFocus_Vol1_2023.pdf)

UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing Newsletter (2023, April). Advocating for Disabilities Education-Edwards honored for her work. Retrieved April 5, 2023 from <https://nursing.uth.edu/cizik-nursing/story.htm?id=a929ab75-ed53-412f-ba74-b2e7c6e6c012>

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Texas Nursing Association	Task Force Review Panel for <i>Houston Chronicle's</i> Salute to Nurses Top 20 Nurse Leader Candidates in Houston	2012
Abstract Review 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 2021-2025 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 People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Consortium Action Network (CAN) Interprofessional Practice, Policy and Regulation	2020-present

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** continued

Medical Education Online	Manuscript Review/ Disability Competency Training in Medical Education	2023
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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education		2017-present
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)		2017-present
Developmental Disability Nurses Association		2016-present
Sigma Theta Tau- Zeta Pi Chapter		2014-present
Southern Nursing Research Society		2014-2016
American/Texas Nurses Association		2014-present
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 Committee, 2015-2016		2010-present
UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing Faculty Assembly Vice Chair, 2015-2016 Chair, 2016-2017		2015-present
UTHealth: Cizik School of Nursing Faculty Life Council		2017-2019
UTHealth Interfaculty Council		2015-2019
UTHealth Wellness Committee		2017-2022
University Classified Staff Education Award Panel		2020

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Covenant House Guild Secretary, 1993		1992-1994
Junior League of Houston, Member (Sustainer) Writer, Contributor Houston News, 2001 Juvenile Probation, 1999		1998- present
Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary		2005-present



**COMMUNITY SERVICE** continued

National Charity League Tea and Style Show Chair, 2010 Speaker Chair, 2011	2008-2017
The Center for Pursuit Board of Governors Elected Board Member Elected Vice President	2019-2023 2022-2023
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 Awards Committee 2021, 2022	2019-present
<b>PARTNERS</b> Providing Advancement Resources to Nursing Education, Research and Students Chair 2022 Spring Luncheon Chair 2021	2012-present

**COURSES TAUGHT (Cizik School of Nursing: UTHealth)**

\*indicates lead faculty

*Baccalaureate RN-BSN*

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

*Baccalaureate Pre-licensure*

Professional Practice and Leadership*	2022-present
Health Assessment	2020-2021
Community Health*	2016-2020
Community Health: Pacesetter Clinical*	2016-2023

**COURSES TAUGHT (Cizik School of Nursing: UTHealth)** continued

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*Baccalaureate Pre-licensure (continued)*

Independent Study: Fellowship-Care of People with Disabilities 2016-present

N4499-170 Independent Study: Honors Students 2016-2022

*Master's/Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Programs*

N5594W Synthesis for RN-FNP 2019-2020

N6860A DNP Practicum 2018-2019,  
2023

*Major Teaching Areas*

Community Health: Vulnerable Populations-Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Public Health/Health Promotion