**Education** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing**

* **Doctor of Nursing Practice Acute Care Pediatrics – May 2021 GPA: 3.81**
* **Bachelor of Science in Nursing – May 2017**

**Licensure/ Certification**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Registered Nurse, State of Illinois License #041.459647 (2020- Present)
* American Heart Association Pediatric Advance Life Support Certification (2020-2022)
* Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support Certification (2021-2025)
* American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification (2021- Present)
* American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation Certification (2018- 2020)
* S.T.A.B.L.E. Certification (post-resuscitation/pre-transport stabilization care of sick newborns) (2019)

**Clinical Experience**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Northwestern Central DuPage Hospital**, Winfield IL                                  February 2020- Present

***Clinical Nurse – Inpatient Pediatrics***

* Provide state-of-the art care for pediatric patients varying in age from birth through eighteen years of age in secured, 22 bed unit
* Care for pediatric patients with a range of conditions (e.g., congenital anomalies, respiratory distress syndrome, medical complications such as seizures, sepsis, apnea; pediatric oncology)
* Monitor pediatric patient’s status and educate the families on how to best manage care in coordination with various family support programs designed to reduce negative impact of illness and hospitalization
* Cross trained to work to level III NICU at CDH in April 2020 to provide state-of-the-art care for premature and seriously ill newborns

**Northwestern Memorial Hospital**, Chicago IL                                  January 2018-  February 2020

***Clinical Nurse - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit***

* Provide state-of-the-art care for premature and seriously ill newborns in secured, 84 bed, level III unit
* Care for premature neonates and newborn infants with a range of conditions (e.g., congenital anomalies, respiratory distress syndrome, medical complications such as seizures, sepsis, apnea; pediatric oncology)
* Monitor infant’s status and educate the families on how to best manage care in coordination with various family support programs designed to reduce negative impact of illness and hospitalization

**University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital, Iowa City IA**                                     May 2017- August 2017

**Summer Internship Program, Post- Anesthesia Care**

* Participated in a 10-week summer internship at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital.
* Assisted patients with activities of daily living.
* Assisted with maintaining open airway in pediatric patients after surgery; documented care
* Obtained patient vital signs and set up medical equipment in recovery.
* Shadowed three Registered Nurses in the post-anesthesia, neonatal intensive care, and general

pediatric care units.

**Research**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, Urbana Campus**  2016- 2017

Project Title: Chlorhexidine versus Povidone Iodine for Surgical Site Antisepsis

Project Description: student group project for undergraduate evidence-based practice course

* Completed literature review of seven articles comparing the use of Chlorhexidine versus Povidone Iodine for pre-op cleansing of surgical sites for postoperative infection reduction.
* Prepared and presented professional quality poster

**Publications**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Allender, A., Boyd, G., Ko, S., Leonard, J., Schuldt, A., Weilbacher, A., Wydra, J. (2017). Chlorhexidine versus Povidone Iodine for Surgical Site Antisepsis. *Carle Selected Papers*, 60 (1), 26-38.

**Presentations**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Allender, A., Boyd, G., Ko, S., Leonard, J., Schuldt, A., Weilbacher, Wydra, J. (2016). *Chlorhexidine versus Povidone Iodine for Surgical Site Antisepsis*. Carle’s 8th annual Evidence Based Practice Conference.

Leonard, J., Short, V., Singer, R. (2021). *Radical Engagement: Confined Youth and Nursing Students Coming Together for Learning*. 2021 National Conference on Correctional Health Care.

**Committee Assignments**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Northwestern Memorial Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Social Committee**      2018- 2020

**Awards**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Urban Health Program Student Achievement Award UIC College of Nursing** (2020)

**People’s Choice Award** (August 2019)

Assessing Usability of Pediatric Asthma mHealth Technology

The People’s Choice Award was a peer-voted award of N=54 informatics graduate students who developed a storyboard regarding a mHealth application.

**University of Illinois at Chicago Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship** (2019)

**University of Illinois at Chicago Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Scholarship** (2019)

**The Daisy Foundation Nominee** (2021)

**The Daisy Foundation Nominee** (2018)

**Leadership Experience**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Board *Secretary* of the Urban Health Program** 2015-2017

* Facilitated monthly meetings for planning of members involvement
* Assisted with fundraisers and community service

**Executive Board Member *Secretary* of the Men’s Nursing Association** 2015-2017

* Arranged monthly meetings
* Participated in Mentorship Program with Doctor Howard Elementary School
* Organized fundraisers and community service resources for members

**University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Student Council: Illini Mentor Program** (***Mentor***) 2016-2017

* Guided Junior Nursing students in the baccalaureate nursing program
* Provided study sessions and social outings

**Memberships** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Student Nurses Organization** 2018-Present

**Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)**         2019- Present

**Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society Alpha Lambda Chapter** 2019-Present

**University of Illinois at Chicago Urban Health Program** 2015- 2017

**University of Illinois at Chicago Student Nursing Association**  2015- 2017

**University of Illinois at Chicago Student Mentorship Program**   2016- 2017

**University of Illinois at Chicago Men’s Nursing Association** 2016- 2017