# CURRICULUM VITAE

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# SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Professional registered nurse with over 10 years of experience in patient care, serving over 6 years as charge/lead nurse.
- Served as chair-elect on the shared governance committee at the National Institutes of Health.
- Excellent writer and detail-oriented.
- Deeply committed to understanding the legal policies and regulations influencing how healthcare organizations provide safe patient care.

# **EDUCATION**

Juris Master (J.M.) in Health Law	Anticipated June 2023
Liberty University School of Law	Lynchburg, VA
Master of Science in Nursing – Executive Leadership	2020 – 2022
Walden University School of Nursing	Minneapolis, MN
Capstone project: Assessing Leadership Perception of Work Culture within a College of Nursing	
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	2009 – 2011
Cedar Crest College School of Nursing	Allentown, PA

### LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

State of Texas Professional Nurse License (RN) #1049251	Expires: 04/2024
State of Pennsylvania Professional Nurse License (RN) # RN635028	Expires: 04/2023
Basic Life Support (BLS)	Expires: 08/2024
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	Expires: 10/2022
Progressive Care Certification (PCCN), American Association of Critical-Care Nursing	Expires: 04/2023
Qualified Mental Health Professional-Community Services (QMHP-CS)	Expires: 03/2023

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### Full-time Faculty Instructor

Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, TX

- Teach face-to-face bachelorette nursing (BSN) students in the clinical setting, focusing on fundamentals and adult health I and III.
- Grade written work and coach students for success.

2022 - Present

#### PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Health Registered Nurse, Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio, TX

- . Provide exceptional individualized care to consumers through an individualized crisis treatment plan of care to assure safety and psychological well-being.
- Perform charge nurse duties: delegate and supervise non-licensed staff and LVN to maximize treatment resources and safeguard the efficiency of the current healthcare plan.
- Collaborate with various medical emergency departments, state and local behavioral health facilities, and treatment centers to appropriately assist our clients' continuity of mental well-being through placement

#### Seasonal Registered Nurse, Methodist Hospital Metropolitan, San Antonio, TX 2021 - 2022

Utilized nursing knowledge to provide advanced care to patients with central lines, Peg tubes, JP tubes, GI tubes, colostomy bags, and wound care and highly experienced with pre-and post-management of cardiac catheterization, gastric bypass, suicidal, detoxing, and stroke patients.

Clinical Research Nurse, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD	2019 – 2021
Direct Patient Care	

- Monitored and assessed high-acuity surgical research participants utilizing expert skills in IV access, blood draws, complex wound care, surgical drains, chest tubes, central and peripheral and central lines, pain management (PCAs), and provided patient privacy (HIPAA).
- Leadership Roles
  - Performed charge nurse duties: created assignments, worked directly with nursing supervisor and manager to maintain the flow of patients, conducted chart audits per shift, collaborated with medical team and staff through daily rounds.
  - Appointed Nursing Practice Council (NPC) Chair-elect: created protocols and policies, oversaw the work of standing committees and supporting professional nursing practice, and worked directly with the DON.

#### **Education Roles**

- Nurse Preceptor and mentor to novice-experienced nurses and contracted nurses.
- Travel Registered Nurse, AB-Staffing, Gilbert, Arizona
  - Contracted to National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD
    - Collaborated with medical team players to offer excellent nursing skills and advanced critical thinking to support protocol implementation while collecting research data.

Travel Registered Nurse, Trusted Nurse Staffing, Buffalo, NY Contracted to Guthrie Robert Packer, Sayre, Pennsylvania MAR 2018-JAN 2019 Admitted, monitored, and discharged complex cardiac patients on a fast-paced 36-bed cardiac step-down unit, leading to the delivery of outstanding care by managing treatment; via oral, IV drips, intramuscular injections, trach care, and chest tubes. Contracted to Lehigh Valley Muhlenberg, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania JAN 2018 – FEB 2018 Ensured quality of care to complex patient needs in a 198-bed Level I trauma Magnet teaching facility on a transitional care floor 28-bed unit.

- Contracted to Asante Rogue Reginal, Medford, OR
- Provided exceptional patient care to critical cardiac patients on a fast-paced step-down cardiovascular unit in a 378-bed Level II trauma Magnet facility on a 30-bed unit.

Contracted to Sky Lakes Medical Center, Klamath Falls, OR

Delivered direct patient care to critically ill cardiac patients by assessing and implementing the nursing domain of care to patients on a Step-down/PCU floor in a 176-bed facility on a 30-bed unit.

2017 - 2019

2019-2020

2022

AUG 2017 - NOV 2017

APRIL 2017 - JULY 2017

# Registered Nurse, Lehigh Valley – Pocono, East Stroudsburg, PA Direct Patient Care

 Provided direct patient care in a 192-bed facility, on a 33-bed unit, by assessing and managing the treatment plan for complex patient diagnoses of CHF, DM, Cancer, GI, end of life care, Pneumonia, PE, DVT, MI, and preand post-management of cardiac catheterization.

### Leadership Roles

- Participated in Professional Development & Education Committee, Shared Governance, served on Wound Care Committee implementing a new protocol that improved patient care, and served on Pain and Palliative Care Committee, working with the local hospice house to provide the best patient care.
- Participated in charge nurse orientation to assume leadership responsibilities within the organization.
- Achieved specialty certification in Progressive Care, PCCN.
- Served on Cultural Diversity Committee, working with peer colleagues to increase knowledge of various cultures by hosting monthly Cultural Luncheons and poster presentations on the diversity within the organization and our patient population.

#### Education Roles

- Served on Handle with Care Committee as a certified trainer to hospital staff.
- Utilized expert nursing knowledge, mentored new hires, and participated in preceptorship to nursing students.
- Demonstrated best practice in instructing students during clinical classes through guidance and feedback while collaborating with faculty.

#### Registered Nurse, Monroe County Correctional Facility, Snydersville, PA 2012 – 2012

 Utilized nursing scope of practice by providing directed patient care to determine the presence or absence of substance abuse problems, monitored vital signs for signs and symptoms of instability during withdrawal and administered medication as ordered by the provider.

# ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Tutor: Peer, Northampton Community College, Tannersville, PA	2008 – 2009
Certified Nursing Assistant, Self-employed	1997 – 2009
Certified Nursing Assistant, Pleasant Valley Manor, Snydersville, PA	1997

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Tutor, Licensed Vocational Nursing student, Northampton Community College, Tannersville, PA	2007 – 2011
Secretary, Pocono Highlands Community, Henryville, PA	2011 – 2015

#### **PUBLICATIONS/WRITTEN WORK**

Elephant Journal

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS**

Recipient Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Transfer Scholarship	Awarded 2009
Recipient, Linda Lael Miller Scholarship, Linda Leal Miller Scholarship	Awarded 2010
Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship	Awarded 2010
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society	Awarded 2010
Member Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma)	
<ul> <li>Theta Rho Chapter – Cedar Crest College</li> </ul>	2011 – Present
<ul> <li>Phi Nu Chapter – Walden University</li> </ul>	2020 – Present