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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Dates	Institution/Location	Degree/Field of Study
Aug. 2011 – May 2016	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Lexington, KY	DNP, Nursing
Jan. 2002 – May 2004	Murray State University Murray, KY	BSN, Nursing
Aug. 1998 – May 2000	Western Wisconsin Technical College La Crosse, WI	ADN, Nursing

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

February 2002 – present	Nurse Registration, KY 1098003, Kentucky Board of Nursing
March 2018 – present	ANCC Adult-Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification
May 2018 – Sept. 2021	APRN Registration, KY 3012338, Kentucky Board of Nursing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic

Dates	Institution and Location	Title
June 2023- present	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Lexington, KY	Full-time Senior Lecturer
Jan. 2016 – May 2023	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Lexington, KY	Full-time Lecturer
Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2015	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Lexington, KY	Part-time Lecturer

Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2014	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Lexington, KY	Teaching Assistant
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Clinical/Other

Dates	Institution and Location	Title
Jan. 2016 – Jan. 2017	UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY	Part-time Staff RN
Jan. 2008 – Jan. 2016	UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY	Full-time Staff RN
Oct. 2005 – Jan. 2008	Lexington Country Place, Lexington, KY	Full-time Charge RN
May 2005- Oct. 2005	Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, MI	Full-time Staff RN
Dec. 2002 – May 2005	Murray Calloway County Hospital Murray, KY	Full-time Supervisor RN
May 2005 – Dec. 2002	Lexington Country Place, Lexington, KY	Full-time Staff RN

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017	Appalachian Research Day Poster Presentation – First Place
Fall 2018 – Spring 2019	Grant from UK “Student Center Challenge” to provide activities to The University Community in the new Student Center. \$8,000.00.
2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023	Achieved High Merit
Spring 2024	Discovery Rockstar Award – UAccel/Launch Blue
Fall 2024	Gloe L. Bertram Award
Spring 2025	Louise J. Zegeer Award

PRESENTATIONS

Pilon, Suzanne (May 2018). Engaging Generation Z nursing students in the learning process. Abstract Presentation. 14th Annual Nursing Faculty Development Workshop: Establishing an Evidence-Based Teaching Culture, Lexington, KY.

Pilon, Suzanne May 2017). Evaluation of serum vitamin D levels in older adults who fall and sustain a fracture: A retrospective chart audit. Poster presentation. Appalachian Research Day. Hazard, KY.

Pilon, Suzanne (April 2017). Evaluation of serum vitamin D levels in older adults who fall and sustain a fracture: A retrospective chart audit. Poster presentation. 69th Annual Kentucky Public Health Association Conference. Owensboro, KY.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

August 2021 – present	Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Psi	Treasurer
Jan. 2017 – present	Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Psi	Leadership Member

Oct. 2009 - present	American Nurses Association
Oct. 2016 – present	Kentucky Nurses Association
May 2024 – present	Kentucky League for Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP

Fall 2020-present	Nurse Education Intern Program	Faculty of Record-Mentor
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Student Mentored/Semester & Year	Title of Project/Format
Abigal Renner Fall/20	“Conducting a Successful SBAR” video
Kaylee Wessling Spring/21	“Oxygen Delivery Devices” video
Kiara Clay Spring/22	Clinical Paperwork Overview and Helpful hints for Completion NUR 225/227 document
Hannah Wampler Spring/22	“Non-Pharmacological Pain Management” Tri-fold brochure/pamphlet
Claire Mulhall Spring/22	Intake & Output charts/conversions for the Clinical Setting pdf
Hayleigh Murphy Spring/22	The Do’s & Don’ts of Sterility and Foley Catheter Insertion PP/video
Jake Fleming Spring/22	Clinical Day Checklist – how to organize your day document
Jessie DeHaan & Karli Jackson Fall/22	Alaris Pump Resource video
Maggie Sledge Fall/22	Foley Catheter Insertion video
Hannah Abukwaik Fall/22	Dynamap Resource video
Sydney Cooper Spring/23	Sterility Errors Video and Tip Sheet
Cooper Stanley Fall/23	Sterile Gloving Lit Review
Jennifer Rodriquez Fall/23	Every Patient, Every Interaction Posters
Lauren O’Hare, Brooke Cecil & Sophia Gapuz Fall/23	IV Insertion from Lab to Practice resource
Christiana de la Rosa Pagan, Gabrielle Burleigh & Emma Pence Spring/24	Video for Psyche/Mental Health Instructors on Therapeutic Communication
Meg Gamm & Lauren Ochab Spring/24	Injection Resource Video
Rosie Jump Spring/24	Medication Admin Resource

Alanna Cooper Spring/24	Patient Safety Poster Resource
Natalie Ryan Fall/24	Medication Administration Escape Room
Bryce Smith Spring/25	IV Smart Pump Resource
Jenna Brook Spring/25	SLIP Into Nursing
Anna Kolokowsky, Alexa Papazian, Chelsea Jefferies Spring/25	Inserting a Peripheral IV Demonstration Video
Elle Wegman, Paige Temple, Sky Dumont Spring/25	Bow Tie “boardgame” Project

Spring 2020 Student Project: Lynn Kelso DNP Committee Member
 “Emotional Support Dogs to Reduce
 Test Anxiety in Nursing Students”
 Spring 2024 Launch Blue Regional I-Corps Program
 Med Admin Pursuit Game
 Summer 2024 Applied for IMPACT Grant Smart Pump App - denied

SERVICE
University

August 2019- Dec. 2023 University of Kentucky Appeals Board Board Member

College

Inception-present Wellness Council Treasurer
 (Formerly: UK CON Work-Life & Student
 Wellness Council)

Reoccurring Events	Description
Pet Therapy Initiative	Built Collaboration with Pet Therapy Groups on Campus: UKHC Canine Counselors, 4Paws4Ability and Wildcat Service Dogs to have these groups visit our college on a regular basis to allow Students, Faculty & Staff to interact with Therapy Dogs.
Lavendar Bag Project	Purchase and construct small bags including an inspiring quote, herbal tea bag and some small prize such as chocolate, cookie, small plush toy &/or something to bring joy. These bags are for Students, Faculty & Staff when they need a small “pick me up” in their day.
Annual Chili Cook-off and Costume Parade	To promote engagement with faculty and staff in the CON and build bonds among co-workers in different settings.

Annual Grill Out	To promote community in the CON for Students, Faculty and Staff and outreach to the University to engage other Departments and visitors
Welcome to the CON Bags	Collect UK CON swag and prepare bags with note welcoming new hires to the College of Nursing
Pet Donation Drive	Collect donations from students, faculty, and staff to be donated to the Lexington Humane Society promotes community service
CON Annual Plant Exchange	Students, faculty, and staff share and exchange plants and plant clippings to promote community of shared interest
Puzzles and Breakfast Potluck	Space for faculty and staff to come together to build community and participate in an activity together
Halloween Pizza Party for Students, Faculty and Staff	Provide a fun lunch for everyone in the building on Halloween
Comfort Food Potluck at Thanksgiving time for Faculty and Staff	Opportunity for faculty and staff to share favorite comfort food and recipes with each other and build community amongst faculty and staff
Annual Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange for Faculty and Staff and desert potluck	Fun filled activity that is optional to participate where gifts are exchanged in a engaging activity to build community amongst faculty and staff

Professional

August 2021-present

Delta Psi

Treasurer

Public/Community

March 2019-Dec 2024

Voices of Hope – Community-Based Center Volunteer
For Support of Individuals in Any Stage of
Substance Use Disorder Recovery
Lexington, KY

Role	Description
Reception March 2019-present	Greet visitors to the Center and gather demographics on participants, answer phone, and provide support to individuals in the Center (0-2 hrs/month)
Telephone Recovery Support March 2019-present	Make phone calls to connect with individuals in active recovery providing support, encouragement and resources as needed (2-6 hrs/month)

Overdose Response Training May 2019-present	Travel remotely to engage and educate community members on Overdose Response and the use of Narcan (5-15 times/year)
Overdose Awareness Day Annually in August at Jacobson Park	Engage with the community to honor those lost to Overdose and celebrate those who are in Recovery (annually)

December 2019

Fayette County Schools STEAM
Students interested in healthcare
Professions – Cooper Drive Campus

Judge for Final Round
Community Projects

SCHOLARLY WORK

Spring 2018

Developed/designed and executed a “Clinical Reasoning Skills Competency.” Collaboration between Skills Lab and Clinical Faculty to Evaluate Fundamental Nursing Students ability to recognize cues and Critically apply Nursing Knowledge and Skills to improve patient Outcomes. This format was used for the 3rd Skills Competency Evaluation of Fundamental Students from Spring 2018 through Spring 2020.

Spring 2020

Collaborated on a pilot idea to utilize Simulated Clinical Experiences To enhance Fundamental Nursing Students Clinical exposure and Opportunities. Designed deliberate practice sessions that Clinical Faculty And students participated in and provide feedback as to whether this Enhanced the learning process of Clinical experiences.

Fall 2021-present

Designed new ways of presenting Skills Lab content to students with a More game-like style of engagement. To enhance participation and foster Team building strategies. I have designed B-I-N-G-O cards to represent Medication Administration and Review of NUR 227 Skills. A “Med-Match” game where student work independently then in groups to select The correct medication for a patient situation. I have designed a board Game in the style of “Trivial Pursuit” to have student engage and interact While learning Medication Administration.

Spring 2022

Collaborated with a Faculty Colleague to design a new Nursing Cognate “Love Yourself” based on Mindfulness Practice and Self Care. Taught Our first class and it was well received and will continue to offer two Section each Spring.

May 2022

KORU Certification Workshop. Attended a weeklong workshop on Teaching Mindful Practices to College aged individuals. Currently Working on building my Portfolio to achieve my Certification.

September 2022	IRB Approval “Reduce Stress and Make Learning Fun.” I intend To write and publish an article on my experience with the games I have designed and utilize to teach in the Skills Lab.
September 2022	University of Kentucky Intellectual Property has accepted my proposal To pursue and manufacture my board game “Med Admin Pursuit.” Awaiting further communications on the project.
February – April 2024	Launch Blue Regional I-Corps Program Med Admin Pursuit Game

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

May 2016	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2016	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
September 2016	Clinical Nurse Leader Workshop. Lexington, KY.
December 2016	Mindfulness Mini-Retreat by Dr. John Patterson. Lexington, KY.
March 2017	Kentucky Public Health Association Conference. Owensboro, KY.
September 2017	“You Are the Key to HPV Prevention”. UK CON. Lexington, KY.
November 2017	KNA Education Summit: Drowning in Substance Use – Focusing Upstream. Lexington, KY.
November 2017	Review for CNE Certification. Drexel University. Online.
May 2017	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
May 2017	Appalachian Research Day. Hazard, KY.
August 2017	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
February 2018	CITI Refresher Course. UK online.
February 2018	Cultivating Moral Resilience to Address Complexity. Lexington, KY.
May 2018	Nursing Faculty Development Student Retention Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2018	Simulation Facilitator Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2018	UK CON Faculty Retreat. Lexington, KY.

November 2018	Academic Lunch & Learn. Making Peer Review Valuable. Lexington, KY.
January 2019	UK CON Spring 2019 Mini Retreat4ward. Lexington, KY.
March 2019	Using Adaptive Practice for Student Success. Wiley, online.
March 2019	Academic Lunch & Learn “We can access that?” Lexington, KY.
March 2019	American Safety & Health Institute. Basic Life Support, Basic First Aid, Emergency Oxygen. YMCA of Central KY. Lexington, KY
May 2019	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2019	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2019	Advanced Pharmacology Update. Lexington, KY.
August 2019	University of Kentucky College of Nursing Retreat – “Hold That Thought”. Lexington, KY.
August 2019	ANA Use of Complementary & Integrative Health Practices to Minimize Opioid Use. Online.
September 2019	Build A Teaching Portfolio and Dossier. Lexington, KY.
November 2019	Webinar: “Managing the Legal Risks of Nursing Leadership”.
November 2019	Webinar: “Meaningful Recognition: A Key to Engaging Patients and Improving Outcomes”.
January 2020	Simulation Facilitator Workshop. Lexington, KY.
April 2020	The Science of Well-Being. Yale University Online.
August 2020	Fall Faculty Retreat: Mental Health Review. Lexington, KY.
February 2021	SPEAKing to Gen Z. ATI Nursing Education. Online.
August 2021	UK CON Faculty Development Workshop. Lexington, KY.
August 2021	Promoting Our Wellbeing/Building Our Resiliency. Lexington, KY.
May 2022	Mental Health First Aid Workshop. Lexington, KY.
May 2022	Omega Institute Online Weekend Retreat with Pema Chondron.

May 2022	Adult Mental Health First Aid. National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
October 2022	Stigmatized: A Hero's Journey. Ashley Wynn-Grimes. Zoom.
October 2022	5 Tips for Engaging Students in the Health Science Classroom using Scenario-Based Learning. Molly Kellgren. Online.
November 2022	Compass UK Cares Strategic Science Communication Workshop. Zoom.
November 2022	The New FACE of Lab. Raney Linck. Online.
November 2022	Virtual Escape Rooms in Nursing Education. Emily Rozek. Online.
November 2022	Moving the Needle on Meaningful Competency Assessment. Online.
November 2022	Peer Review Workshop. Peer Learning Methods. Zoom.
November 2022	In Person RCR Training. Office of Research Integrity, UK.
December 2022	Early Lessons: On the Journey to CBE in Pre-Licensure Nursing Education. ANCC, online.
February 2023	Stress First Aid. UK CON. Lexington, KY.
March 2023	Radical Acceptance Workshop. UK Health & Wellness. Zoom.
April 2023	Implementing the Essentials in RN to BSN Programs. AANC. Zoom.
May 2023	UK College of Nursing Simulation Conference. Lexington, KY.
June 2023	KNA Nure Suicide Prevention. Online.
June 2023	KNA Implicit Bias in Healthcare. Online.
July 2023	2023 Healer's Art & Power of Nursing Faculty Development Training Workshop. Yellow Springs, OH.
October 2023	Patent Palooza. Gatton School of Business and Economics UK Office of Technology Commercialization, Lexington, KY. Received copyright for Med Admin Pursuit Game
April 2024	CITI Refresher Course. Original Certification June 2015.
May 2024	Establishing Assessments to Measure Clinical Judgement Kentucky NLN Nurse Education Conference, Louisville, KY.
May 2024	Utilizing Escape Rooms

	Kentucky NLN Nurse Education Conference, Louisville, KY.
May 2024	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and Nursing Kentucky NLN Nurse Education Conference, Louisville, KY.
May 2024	How are you Measuring Up? Recognizing Reasoning Difficulties & Measuring Clinical Judgement in Today's Nursing Student Kentucky NLN Nurse Education Conference, Louisville, KY.
June 2024	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. UK, online.
October 2024	Lunch & Learn: Create a Bow-Tie. SPIN-Learning, online.
November 2024	In Person RCR Training. Office of Research Integrity, UK.
December 2024	EPIC Training Modules. Online.
February 2025	Pedagogy Workshop. UK CON, Lexington, KY.
May 2025	Clinical Judgement for Every Nurse, Every Student, and Every Leader Every Day. Nurse Tim Bristol. Annual Kentucky NLN Nurse Educator Conference, Louisville, KY.
July 2025	HIPAA Hospital Nurses. Castle Branch, online.