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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

LSUHSC
New Orleans, LA
Doctor of Nursing Science
Adult Nursing Education
Forensic Nurse Death Investigation
December, 2007
Dissertation Topic: Life after Death: A Comparison of Coping and Symptoms of
Complicated Grief in Survivors of Homicide and Suicide Decedents

Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office, Miami, FL
Medicolegal Death Investigations
Certificate of Completion - 40 hours July 2002

Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans, LA
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Certificate of Completion - 40 hours June 2002

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL
Master of Science in Nursing
1995
Adult Nursing Education
Critical Care

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1993
RN to BSN track

Louisiana State University Medical Center
New Orleans, LA
Associate of Science in Nursing
1991

LICENSE:

Active: Louisiana
August, 1991

California
May, 2001

Texas
August, 2008

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Inactive: Georgia
1993

Minnesota
April, 2001

EXPERIENCE:
2008 – CURRENT

Texas A&M – Texarkana
RN-to-BSN & Graduate Programs
Assistant Professor – Tenure-Track
All undergraduate and graduate courses are web-enhanced (at least 49% of the course is administered online) or web-based (100% of the course is administered online) using WebCT 4.1 or 8.0. The university is currently transitioning to the newer version.
RN to BSN Program
Advising prospective and currently enrolled students
Development and/or revision of syllabi for courses with alternative delivery formats
Co-development of a web-enhanced, 3 hour, mini-semester nursing computer course
Coordinator and lecturer – NURS 302 Physical Assessment across the Lifespan as a web-enhanced course; Re-development of the course into a complete web-based format
Coordinator and lecturer – HSCI 347/547 Foundations in Health Care Ethics, development of this course into a web-based format, identification and recommendation of texts and online assignments appropriate for undergraduate and graduate students
Faculty advisor for RN-licensed students in practicum environments in NURS 303 Leadership in Nursing; NURS 406 Community Health Nursing
Faculty Advisor for A&M Nursing Club
Graduate Program
Advising prospective and currently enrolled students
Co-developer and lecturer in MSN core and educator track courses
Responsibilities include identification of texts, development of course descriptions and lectures, graduate student handbook, and course syllabi

2007 – 2008

Our Lady of the Lake College/Undergraduate School of Nursing
Accelerated ASN Program
New Orleans, LA
Associate Professor
All courses are web enhanced using Blackboard.
Coordinator, Lecturer, & Clinical Instructor – BIOL 100 Medical Terminology, NURS 120 Foundations in Nursing
Lecturer, & Clinical Instructor NURS 130 Med/Surg Nursing I, NURS 140 Mental Health Nursing, NURS 210 Med/Surg II, NURS 230 Maternal/Child Nursing, and NURS 240 Med/Surg Nursing Preceptorship
Responsibilities include coordination of varied courses, lecture and test construction, and clinical experiences. Additionally, I've developed lecture presentations, handouts, and test items, and supervised clinical experiences for NURS 130, NURS 210 (med/surg 1 & 2), NURS 140 clinical (Mental Health) and NURS 230 (Clinical, Maternal/Child).

1994 – 2006

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing
New Orleans, LA
Associate Professor, Nursing of the Adult Client I, Med/Surg
Responsibilities included lecture development and presentation on content including gallbladder, pancreas, upper GI, upper respiratory systems, and critical care subjects and concepts, and clinical components for Level II and Level IV students.

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- 2001 – CURRENT St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office
Slidell, LA
Forensic Nurse Death Investigator
Conduct investigations; provide field reports and summaries for use by the forensic pathologist; take field photographs; perform chart reviews and communications with physicians referencing decedents; and prepare and communicate Orders for Protective Custody (OPC) for citizens reported as mentally ill or a danger to self or others, per parish protocols.
- 2001- 2005 Nurse Bridge,
New Albany, MS
Travel Nursing/Critical Care, ER
Travel nursing duties at assigned hospitals in ICU and ER in Oakland, CA.
- 2003 – 2006 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
New Orleans, LA
Guest Lecturer on the role of the Forensic Nurse Death Investigator for the Baccalaureate Forensic Nursing Elective every semester
Present current information on Forensic Nurse Death Investigator roles, skills, and education needed, linking the roles of nursing and death investigation together, and completing a mock field summary on a case.
- 2004 – 2005 University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Campus
Gulfport, MS
Guest Lecturer on the role of the Forensic Nurse Death Investigator for the RN-to-BSN program spring semesters
Present current information on Forensic Nurse Death Investigator roles, skills, and education needed, linking the roles of nursing and death investigation together, and completing a mock field summary on a case.
- 2002 – 2005 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
New Orleans, LA
Graduate Assistant/Dr. Anita Hufft and Dr. Demetrius Porche
Literature reviews, searches, and collection data collection and input, SPSS variable labeling and data input for ongoing projects, and miscellaneous duties as needed.
- 2002 – 2003 Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
Charity Campus
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
On Call Position
Performed sexual assault exams
Responsibilities included conduction of sexual assault physical examinations, evidence collection, victim counseling in health matters and follow-up care related to assault, testify in court cases as necessary.
- 1996 – 2001 Slidell Memorial Hospital
Slidell, LA
PRN staff - MICU/ER/SICU

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Responsibilities include care of patients with varied medical and surgical critical care needs including Emergency Department care.

- 1991 - 1996 Lakeview Regional Medical Center
Mandeville, LA
PRN staff - Critical Care
Responsibilities included care of surgical and medical intensive care patients.
- 1993 - 1995 Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital
New Orleans, LA
Staff Development Instructor
Responsibilities included development of study modules and tests for multiple disciplines throughout the hospital setting, orientation of new employees, direction and execution of CPR courses for employees, assistance with community programs and CPR classes.
- 1991 Ochsner Foundation Hospital
Jefferson, LA
Staff RN – Pediatrics/In-house chemotherapy course
Responsibilities included care of 5-7 pediatric patients with varied health care needs including but not limited to administration of chemotherapy, pre-op preparation of patients for organ transplantation, organ rejection care and protocol, cardiac care.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Sigma Theta Tau
Member since 1997
Membership Committee – 1997

International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)
Member since 2000
Entertainment Committee for Regional Conference in New Orleans, April 2002
Coordinator for travel and accommodations for, and member of, Task Force on Forensic Nursing Curriculum Hosted by LSUHSC, New Orleans, LA, November 2003
Bylaws Committee – 2007-2008, 2008-2009

American College of Forensic Examiners International (ACFEI)
Member since 2003
Diplomate since 2007
Certified Forensic Nurse since 2005

NLN
Member since 2001
Recruitment & Retention Committee

ANA
Member since 2007

AAUP
Member since 2008

Research mentor for Loyola graduate nursing student

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Fall 2004, Spring 2005

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (Peer and Non-Peer Reviewed)

- Fall 2003 Web Mystery Magazine; 'Forensic Nurse Death Investigators'
www.lifeloom.com/webfall2003.htm
- Summer 2004 St. Germain, D. K. & Vessier-Batchen, M. (2004). A different venue. *Advance for Nurses*, 2(8), 16-18.
- Winter 2005 Web Mystery Magazine; 'Envisioning Forensic Nursing Science Education'
<http://lifeloom.com/II3VessierBatchen.htm>
- August 2005 Vessier-Batchen, M. & St. Germain, D. (2005). Forensic Nurse Death Investigators: A Non-Traditional Nursing Role. San Jose, CA: A Plus CES
- Spring 2006 Vessier-Batchen, M. & Douglas, D. (2006). Coping and complicated grief in survivors of homicide and suicide decedents. *Journal of Forensic Nursing* 2(1), 25-32.
- Fall 2008 Vessier-Batchen, M. & St. Germain, D. K. (2008). Forensic Nurse Death Investigators (FNDI): Basic Concepts and Responsibilities of Death Investigation Incorporating Nursing Concepts, Knowledge, and Skills, Part I of III. *The American Institute of Forensic Education, Inc.* A 3 hour online CE course.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Who's Who Among America's Teachers
2003-2004-8th Edition
2004-2005-9th Edition
2006-2007-11th Edition

Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges
2007

Delores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award for Recognition of Outstanding Entrepreneurial Leadership Qualities
2008

LSUHSC Traineeship
2002-2004

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Concurrent Presentation – International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Scientific Conference, Dallas, TX
The Intrapsychic and Interpersonal Impact for Children of a Modified Equivocal Death Determination – 90 minutes
9/19/08

Research Presentation-Sigma Theta Tau Research Day, New Orleans, LA
Life after Death: A Comparison of Coping and Symptoms of Complicated Grief in Survivors of Homicide and Suicide Survivors
4/11/08

Recurrent lecturer for undergraduate students - LSUHSC
Forensic Nurse Death Investigators – 2 hours
7/03; 11/04; 1/04; 6/04; 8/04; 6/05; 9/06

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Recurrent lecturer for BSN students – University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus
Forensic Nurse Death Investigators
4/04; 4/05

CE Presentation 6.0 hours-UL Lafayette
Forensic Nursing Roles
8/20/04

CE Presentation 6.0 hours-SELAHEC
Forensic Nursing Roles
10/8/04

Concurrent Presentation – International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Scientific Conference, Chicago, IL
Forensic Nurse Death Investigator Roles - 1.0 hours
10/22/04

CE Presentation 2.0 hours St. Tammany Parish Hospital
Forensic Nurse Death Investigator Roles
11/19/04

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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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