

Vitae

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Education

A.A.S., Nursing, Collin County College, McKinney, TX

Teaching Experience

I am prepared to teach the following courses: Gerontology, Foundations of Nursing, Nursing in Health and Illness, Foundations of Nursing, Mental Illness, and Professional Development.

I currently teach the following courses:

VNSG 1304, Foundations of Nursing Fall 2024
VNSG 1360, Clinical I, Fall, 2024
VNSG 1509, Nursing Health and Illness Spring, 2025
VNSG 1361, Clinical II, Spring, 2025
VNSG 1162, Clinical III, Spring Minimester, 2025
VNSG 1334, Pediatrics, Summer 2025
VNSG 1262, Clinical IV, Summer, 2025

Professional Experience

August 2022 – Present: Grayson College, South Campus, Van Alstyne, TX: Coordinator VN Program
August 2017 – Present: Grayson College, South Campus, Van Alstyne, TX : Professor, Vocational Nursing
2001 – 2017 – McKinney Independent School District – School Nurse – Certified CPR Instructor
1998 – 2003 – Children’s Medical Center, Dallas, Texas – Certified Chemotherapy Level II Floor Nurse, Charge Nurse
1988 -1998 – Richardson Family Clinic Office Medical Assistant

Association Memberships

Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators

Languages

English

Professional Development

08/2017: Canvas Training
12/2017: ATI Proctor Certification
08/2018: Test-Item Writing-The NCLEX Connection
02/2019: Neurovascular Crisis: Caring for Stroke Patients
01/2020: Drug Diversion Training
02/2020: Human Trafficking
03/2020: Patient Engagement and Strategies to Build Trust – The Difficult Patient 03/2020: Mental Health and Substance Use – Chronic Substance Use Mood Disorder and Psychosis 03/2020: The Basics of Psychopharmacology – Psychopharmacology: A Comprehensive Review 03/2020: Psychopharmacology: A Comprehensive Review – Part 1 and 2
07/2020: Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics
07/2020: Aging and Long-Term Care: Memory Loss, Health Issues, and End-of-Life Care
10/2020: Skills for Inclusive Conversations
10/2020: Communication about Culturally Sensitive Issues
10/2020: Communication Across Cultures
10/2020: Asking for Feedback as an Employee
10/2020: Unconscious Bias
10/2020: Confronting Bias: Thriving Across Our Differences
10/2020: Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging
08/2023: Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence: Title IX VAWA and Clery Act for Faculty and Staff 08/2023: Unlawful Harassment Prevention for Higher Education Faculty
08/2023: Child Abuse and Molestation Awareness and Prevention in Texas
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2021 CEU

3 hours Psychosocial Care in People with Diabetes
3.5 hours Aging and Long-Term Care: Memory Loss, Health Issues, and End of Life Care
3.0 hours Drug Diversion Training
2.0 hours Patient Engagement and Strategies to Build Trust – The Difficult Patient 2.0 hours Mental Health and Substance Use – Chronic Substance Use Mood Disorder and Psychosis 6.0 hours Psychopharmacology: A Comprehensive Review – Part 1
3.5 hours The Basics of Psychopharmacology: A Comprehensive Review

2022 CEU

9.5 hours Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators Conference
2.5 hours Prevention of Medical Errors
2.5 hours Aging and Long-Term Care: Caregiver Roles, Quality of Care Measures, and DNR
2.0 hours Multicultural Competency – Improving Care Across the Cultural Spectrum 2.5 hours Human Trafficking
2.0 hours Advanced Practice: Dehydration and Volume Depletion
2.0 hours Using HIPPA in the Real World: A Review
3.5 hours Hypertension and Stroke
2.0 hours Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace

2023-2024 CEU

3 hours Substance Use Disorder – Access to Treatment, Prevention, and Relapse Management 3 hours Preventive Health Care
2 hours Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics
2 hours A New Age of Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences
4 hours Multicultural Competency: A Guide to Improving Care Across the Cultural Spectrum
3 hours Safe and Effective Prescription of Controlled Substances

2 hours Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma
3 hours ADHD: Diagnosis and Pharmacology Treatment in Children and Adolescents
2 hours Nursing Ethics
2 hours Human Sexuality Across the Lifespan
2.5 hours Diabetes Type I – Current Modalities of Treatment

2024-2025 CEU

11.5 hours TAVNE 2024 Striving for Excellence in Nursing Education

2025-2026 CEU

1.5 hours Active Learning: What it is and What it is Not
1.0 hours Valuing Learning Over Performance
1.0 hours How to Teach Focused Assessment
2.5 hours Aging and Memory Loss, Health Issues, and End-of-Life Care in Elderly Persons
2.0 hours Chiropractic Care: Pediatrics

Non-CEU Webinars

Ten Promising Practices for Effective Online Teaching – Stanford
University Best Practices for Teaching Online – Nurse Think