

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

<u>Institution and Location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Graduation Date</u>
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Nashville, Tennessee	Doctor of Nursing Practice	May 2012
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Nashville, Tennessee	Master of Science in Nursing Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program	August 2007
Middle Tennessee State University School of Nursing Murfreesboro, Tennessee State University	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	May 2005
Tennessee State University School of Nursing Nashville, Tennessee	Associate of Science in Nursing	August 1998

Doctor of Nursing Practice Scholarly Project

My doctoral scholarly project incorporated research evidence and current published information on management of surgical incisions to prevent complications, care of wounds with soft tissue loss and care of superficial wound infections. Using the information found, evidence based practice wound management guidelines were developed to connect providers of wound care to the evidence base and improve patient care and outcomes.

Nurse Practitioner Preparation

2007	Emergency General Surgery Service. Preceptor: Dr. Jose Diaz. Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. 230 clinical hours.
2007	Riven Internal Medicine Service. Preceptor: Lea Anne Smith, APRN. Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. 330 clinical hours.

License

2007-2017	Advanced Practice Nurse, State of Tennessee, Active
1998-2017	Registered Nurse, State of Tennessee, Active
2007-2016	Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance License, Active

Certification

- 2013-2016 Professional Legal Nurse Consultant – certified through Jurex Center for Legal Nurse Consultants
- 2011-2021 Certified Wound Specialist through the American Board of Wound Management
- 2013-2018 Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner – certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- 2007-2017 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner – certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center
- 1999-2010 Trauma Nursing Core Course
- 1996-2016 Basic Life Support provider
- 1999-2017 Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support provider
- 2000-2008 Pediatric Advanced Life Support provider

Faculty positions

Adjunct Faculty – Vanderbilt University School of Nursing since 2012

Associate in Orthopaedics – Vanderbilt University School of Medicine 2007-2012

Professional nursing involvement

I was selected along with only eight other nurse practitioner experts around the country to serve on the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Standard Setting Panel in December 2012. The purpose of our panel was to establish the minimum passing score for the new national Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner certification exam through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Research involvement

Health Literacy in an Orthopaedic Trauma Patient Population: Improving Patient Comprehension with Informational Intervention

Presented at the American Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, 2014

Presented at the Canadian Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting, 2014

This research project was performed in collaboration with Dr. Hassan Mir. My involvement included development of an educational handout for patients regarding injuries including details of injury, type of fixation and education on the postoperative course. An initial questionnaire was used at the postoperative visit to assess understanding of these items after verbal communication alone. The questionnaire was then initiated and the same questionnaire was again used to assess understanding of a separate group of patients. Results showed significance with a positive correlation in health literacy when written materials were used for patient education versus verbal communication alone.

Other business endeavors



Owner since 2010
www.nexuspractitioners.com

Description: This is a limited liability corporation I started to pursue opportunities using my education and experience to perform activities such as the ventures discussed below.



www.woundnp.com

Description: Using the evidence based practice information from my doctoral scholarly project; I developed a smart phone application called "Wound NP". The application covers the basics of wound care including education, dressing information, assessment, terminology, comorbidity recommendations and treatment algorithms for care of a closed sutured/stapled wound, care of wounds with soft tissue loss/necrosis and care of superficially infected wounds. The application can be found in the Apple app stores.



www.nexus-legalconsulting.com

Description: After pursuing certification as a Professional Legal Nurse Consultant through Jurex Center for Legal Nurse Consulting, I developed this subsidiary venture of Nexus Practitioners, LLC to perform legal case reviews and other legal nurse duties such as developing chronologies for medical records, serving as a liaison on medical cases, interviewing medical professionals involved in legal cases and giving expert witness testimonies.

Employment

<u>Institution and Location</u>	<u>Rank or Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Healogics, Inc. <i>Formerly Accelecare Wound Professionals, LLC</i> Nashville, Tennessee	Wound Care Clinician	2014-current

Job Description: Contract position to provide inpatient wound care at local TriStar hospital, area long term care facilities, and an outpatient wound center at TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center. Wound care services provided include care of all types of wounds utilizing evidence based advanced wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy in the outpatient center.

PESI Healthcare Nationwide	Professional Speaker	2014-current
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Job Description: I provide one day seminars on skin and wound care to participants who enroll in educational courses through PESI Healthcare, an accredited continuing education company. Topics include skin basics, and extensive information on evidence based wound cleansing, debriding, treatments, and dressings. Information is also given about prevention efforts and multiple modalities for prevention and evidence based products.

Nexus Practitioners, LLC Nexus Legal Nurse Consulting Mount Juliet, Tennessee	Professional Legal Nurse Consultant/Educator	2012-current
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Job Description: Serve as a freelance medical expert for law firms and hospitals to provide the expertise needed to analyze and explain complex medical information in legal cases. I also offer services for educational needs to a variety of settings on evidence based wound management.

Chateau Industries, LLC Nashville, Tennessee	OSHA Compliance Officer	2013-2015
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Job Description: Serve as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Officer to ensure compliance with governmental standards for the manufacturing industry of a commercial millwork and casework company which I co-own. Duties include all employee training and certification, maintenance of employee and OSHA files, annual meetings, quarterly on-site inspections, and keeping up with current standards and ensuring all are met or exceeded.

Nashville Vascular & Vein Institute, PLLC Vascular/Endovascular/General Surgery Nashville, Tennessee	Medical Practice Development	2013-2014
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Job Description: An independent position where I worked to set up a private practice for Dr. Patrick Ryan, a vascular and general surgeon in the Nashville area. During this time I gained valuable knowledge on medical business practices, business negotiation and budgeting, office design, workflow setup, payroll and human resource management, website design, logo design, branding and marketing to name a few key projects. There were many lessons learned during this experience that will be valuable during the remainder of my career.

The Surgical Clinic, PLLC Adult Gerontology Acute Care 2012-2013
Vascular/Endovascular/General Surgery Nurse Practitioner
Nashville, Tennessee

Job Description: Collaborated with Dr. Patrick C. Ryan, who is a board certified vascular and general surgeon and provided excellent care to patients who required vascular, endovascular or general surgery for a variety of disease processes. Provided comprehensive inpatient and same day surgical management and discharge of patients who had undergone surgical procedures. Performed preoperative history and physicals with preoperative and postoperative education. Provided comprehensive postoperative management including pain control and education about rehabilitation and health maintenance to inpatients and outpatients as well as collaborative clinic visits with the surgeon. Additional responsibilities included marketing and quality improvement initiatives.

Vanderbilt Orthopaedic Institute Associate in Orthopaedics 2007-2012
Orthopaedic Trauma Division
Nashville, Tennessee

Job Description: Provided comprehensive inpatient management and discharge of patients who had undergone surgical repair of traumatic orthopaedic injuries. Performed preoperative history and physicals with preoperative education to elective orthopaedic surgical patients. Provided comprehensive postoperative management including pain control, radiographic evaluation, and education about rehabilitation to outpatients through messaging system and during independent clinic visits as well as collaborative visits with surgeons. Additional responsibilities included education to providers, residents, and ancillary clinic staff on wound management through in-services and personal communication. I also served as the clinical expert on wound management for consultation to all providers in the division.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center Charge Nurse 1998-2007
Level 1 Trauma Center Registered Nurse 3
Nashville, Tennessee

Job Description: Held positions of staff nurse and charge nurse in this unit for nine years. Duties as a staff nurse included responsibility for comprehensive care of critically ill patients with multiple system injuries. As a charge nurse, responsibilities included performing bed management for the 31-bed unit, practice as a nurse, surgeon and family liaison and serving as a resource to staff nurses. I consistently performed in leadership roles on the unit educating new and existing staff and led many initiatives on the unit including a lead role in a three-year journey that led to implementation of an electronic nursing documentation system. Additional responsibilities were coordination of care with Trauma Surgeons, Consulting Surgeons, Case Managers and Ancillary Staff.

Summit Medical Center Registered Nurse 2001-2002
Emergency Department 2003-2005
Hermitage, Tennessee

Job Description: Held position of staff nurse in a busy emergency room where I was responsible for the care of patients with acute injuries requiring emergent care decisions.

Mortgage Industry
Nashville, Tennessee

1991-1998

Prior to entering the nursing profession, I worked in the home mortgage industry for seven years where I gained exceptional financial skills through employment as well as several college courses in accounting. I held many positions during this career including loan processor, auditor and finally branch manager. I gained essential management skills that have helped me continue to be a leader in my nursing career.

Honors & Awards

<u>Date</u>	<u>Award or Honor</u>
2012	Sigma Theta Tau, DNP Scholarly Project Poster Presentation, "Wound Management Guidelines for the Orthopaedic Trauma Patient Population" – 2nd place
2008	Distinguished Service Award for 10 years of dedicated service to Vanderbilt University Medical Center
2005	Vanderbilt Magnet Certificate of Appreciation
2002	Rosamond Gabrielson Staff Nurse of the Year award
2002	Vanderbilt Professional Nurse Practice Program Advancement to Registered Nurse 3

Recent Professional Activities

2015	Skin and Wound Care. 8 hour course for PESI Healthcare at multiple locations throughout the U.S. on an ongoing basis since 2014
2015	Adjunct Faculty lecture at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing on "Wound Care: Prevention and Treatment"
2014	Adjunct Faculty lecture at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing on "Wound Care: Prevention and Treatment"
2013	Presentation at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to medical students and faculty on "The ABC's of Wound Care"
2013	Adjunct Faculty lectures at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing on "Care of acute wounds and their complications" and "The endless opportunities of a nursing degree!"
2012	Adjunct Faculty lecture at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing on "Care of acute wounds and their complications"
2012	Presentation at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, "Wound Management Guidelines for the Orthopaedic Trauma Patient Population"

Committee assignments at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

- 2007-2012 Vanderbilt Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Board
- 2005-2006 ICU nurse representative, Horizon Expert Documentation Advisory Committee
- 2003-2005 Trauma ICU staff nurse representative, E5 Initiative for EMR at Vanderbilt

Other Employment Involvement

- 2007-current Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Student Preceptor
- 2005-2007 Vanderbilt Trauma ICU Horizon Expert Documentation Super-User
- 2005-2006 Vanderbilt Trauma ICU Magnet Champion
- 2000-2007 Vanderbilt Trauma ICU Nurse Preceptor

Professional Memberships

- Tennessee DNP Association since 2012
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons since 2012
- American Professional Wound Care Association (Diplomat) since 2011
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners since 2009
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses since 2007
- American Nurses Association since 2007
- Association of Professional Legal Nurse Consultants since 2013

Continuing Education

- 2015 Skin & Wound Care – PESI, July 2015. (7 contact hours).
- 2015 Healogics, LLC Annual Physicians Meeting, San Antonio, TX, May 2015 (4.5 contact hours).
- 2014 International ATMO, LLC – Hyperbaric Medicine Team Training, September 2014. (42 contact hours).
- 2014 Accelecare Wound Centers – Advanced Wound Care, May 2014. (40.75 contact hours).
- 2014 Sclerotherapy Training Course – Empire Medical Training, January 2014. (8 contact hours).
- 2014 Comprehensive Botox – Empire Medical Training, January 2014. (8 contact hours).
- 2013 Saint Thomas Health – CPOE Training, August 2013. (2.5 contact hours).

- 2013 Jurex Center for Legal Nurse Consulting – Professional Legal Nurse Consultant certification course, April, 2013. (15 contact hours).
- 2013 The Academy for Continued Healthcare Learning – Aortic Aneurysm: Detection and Management in Primary Care Practice, January 2013. (1.5 contact hours).
- 2012 American Nurses Credentialing Center – Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Standard Setting Panel, December, 2012. (15 contact hours).
- 2011 The ABC's and 123's of Adult Pain Management – The Basics for Safe Practice, November 15, 2011. (1 contact hour).
- 2011 Advanced Wound Management Certification Course, Wound Educators, Spring/Summer, 2011. (57 contact hours).
- 2011 Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Preceptor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. June-August 2011. (280 contact hours).
- 2011 Health Care Reform – Now What?, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. January 13, 2010.
- 2011 National Healthcare Reform and Nashville: A Conversation with Larry Kloess about Accessibility, Affordability and Quality, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. January 12, 2010.
- 2011 Hospital Ethical Climate as Perceived by Nurses: Implications for Practice, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. January 10, 2010.
- 2010 Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Preceptor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. January-April 2010. (280 clinical hours).
- 2010 Orthopaedic Procedures for Nurse Practitioners, University of Kentucky College of Nursing, Lexington, KY. March 4, 2010. (7.5 contact hours).
- 2009 Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Preceptor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. June-August 2009. (70 clinical hours).
- 2009 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners 24th National Conference, Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN. June 2009. (14.75 contact hours).
- 2008 Orthopaedic Trauma Association Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Denver, CO. October 2008. (20 AMA credits).
- 2008 Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Preceptor, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN. April-August 2008. (230 clinical hours).
- 2008 Advances in Orthopaedic Care: It's not just broken bones, Nashville, Tennessee. February 2008. (6.3 contact hours).

- 2007 Advance Cardiac Life Support provider course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. June 2007. (5.5 contact hours). Certification expires February 2009.
- 2007 12 Lead ECG Interpretation, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee. January 2007. (12 contact hours).
- 2006 Encountering distressed patients and their families, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. November 2006. (2.3 contact hours)
- 2006 Communication Stress, Vanderbilt Trauma Unit, Nashville, Tennessee. October 2006. (1.2 contact hours).
- 2006 Trauma Nursing Core Course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. March 2006. (16 contact hours). Certification expires March 2010.
- 2006 Basic Life Support provider course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. January 2006. Certification expires January 2008.
- 2006 Pediatric Advanced Life Support provider course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. August 2006. Certification expires August 2008.
- 2006 AIDET training, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. March 2006.
- 2002 Critical Care Registered Nurse Exam Review, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. January 2002. (15.6 contact hours).
- 2001 Critical Care Program for Registered Nurses. Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. January-March 2001. (140 contact hours).
- 2000 Advanced Trauma course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. April 2000. (17.4 contact hours).
- 1999 Advanced Hemodynamics, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. May 1999.
- 1998 Basic Critical Care course, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. January 1998. (48 contact hours).

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FEE SCHEDULE

RETAINER: (amount will be deducted from initial invoice)

\$500.00

*Check must accompany files for review.

\$1000.00 if over 3000 pages for initial review

CONSULTING FEES:

\$250.00 per hour

- Review, analyze and summarize medical records
- Review depositions and interrogatories
- Develop chronologies and time lines – with analytical comments if needed
- Medical merit review of a claim or case
- Research medical facts, policy & procedures
- Identify and explain standards of care
- Research evidence based practice
- Define medical terminology
- Review medical billing for accuracy
- Consult on case strategy
- Assist with deposition or interrogatory questions
- Provide expert witness report for use at trial
- Phone calls for case discussion

Face-to-face meetings will include door-to-door fee at rate of \$300.00 per hour

PLNC EXPERT DEPOSITION AND TRIAL TESTIMONY:

\$350.00 per hour

4 hours minimum, to be paid prior to deposition or trial

Fees are charged door-to-door. If travel is involved, all expenses should be paid including airline flight and/or vehicle expense, hotel, and food (\$75/per day). If overnight stay, then 8 sleeping hours not charged.

*Estimated travel expenses to be paid by client prior to date of travel.

EXPERT LOCATOR FEE:

\$300.00 per referral

CV and fee schedule will be provided to attorney. Attorney's name and firm will not be disclosed to expert until attorney has reviewed and approved the expert.

Other billable expenses include, but are not limited to photocopy, parking, internet access when traveling, FedEx and UPS charges, or any other time or task that is applied to a specific case.

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