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EDUCATION

Frontier Nursing University 195 School Street Hyden, KY 41749

Aquinas College School of Nursing 4210 Harding Pike Nashville, TN

Aquinas College Nashville, TN

Amridge University 1200 Taylor Road Montgomery, AL Current Curriculum: MSN Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty (WHCNP) (2018)

Registered Nurse, ASN *magna cum laude* Dec 2012

Fundamentals of Nursing, Fundamentals of Nursing Lab, Pharmacology, Parent-Child Nursing Class / Clinical Rotations Medical Surgical Nursing I & II Class / Clinical Rotations Trends & Technology in Nursing, Mental Health Nursing Class / Clinical Rotations, Clinical Decision Making, Medication Administration/Nursing Math

Prerequisites, Nursing School Spring 2010 – Fall 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Introduction to Sociology, Microbiology, Microbiology Lab, Ethics, English Comp II Anatomy & Physiology Lab

B.S. Human Development
December 2009
Counseling Theories & Practice, Theories
of Personality & Motivation, Lifetime
Health & Fitness, Seasons of Life,
Developmental Psychology, General
Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Ethics,
People, Science and the Environment,
Advanced Mathematics, Principles of
Biology, Music Literature, Miracles and
Parables of Christ

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2014 – present

SGW, Inc. dba Holistic Thyroid Care

- Nurse Educator, Nurse-Nutritionist, and Nurse Consultant for women's health & wellness including lifestyle interventions, tips and strategies for living with autoimmune thyroid disease; Nurse Advocate for Low-dose naltrexone (LDN) by raising awareness for its use in autoimmune disease, specifically Hashimoto's thyroiditis.
- Website: Blog platform to provide education, resources, recipes, eBooks and to empower women with knowledge, hope, and confidence that remission is possible.
- Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/holisticthyroidcare has a following of approximately 221,000
- Author of newsletter sent to >15,000 subscribers on a weekly basis
- Author of website: https://holisticthyroidcare.com
- Author of *Hashimoto's: Finding Joy in the Journey* available on Amazon Kindle

Orthopaedic Services of Paducah, Inc. ("OSP") Paducah, KY

- President, CEO, Founder
 Established company 1992 after having had
 10 years of experience in the field of orthotics
 and prosthetics and as an ABC-Board Certified
 Consultant.
- Directed operations of a community-focused and referral-based orthopedic patient care facility with accountability for all fiscal, procurement, and marketing activities.

February 1992 – April 2008

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- Organized community health and wellness events including coordination of client-specific awareness programs such as diabetes mellitus, osteoporosis, scoliosis, trauma prevention, children with special needs, breast cancer, workhardening and industry safety: ergonomic and foot screening.
- Designed and composed all client educational materials, pamphlets, brochures, assessment forms, and company trade-show booth.
- Maintained client base and professional referral sources through establishing and maintaining positive business community (hospitals, doctors, physical and occupational therapist, pharmacists) relationships.
- Recruited, trained, and led a team of professionals and support personnel ensuring enhanced quality and superior client satisfaction and client outcomes
- Determined facility practice needs and developed policies and procedures to maximize productivity, efficiency, and profitability
- Maintained compliance and acted in accordance with all federal and state regulatory agencies as mandated by the Centers for Medicare Services (CMS), the Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- Routinely audited client medical and billing records to monitor compliance.
- Educated staff on all aspects of insurance billing, ICD-9-CM and HCPCS procedure coding, compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, and third-party payers.

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- Initiated and participated in Medicare Hearing and Appeal proceedings on behalf of clients.
- Negotiated and maintained contracts with suppliers, hospitals, managed care insurance and other third-party payers.
- 2008: Ultimately, after 17 successful years, positioned the company and negotiated a sales transaction with a large corporate buyer (Physio
- Corp-Physical Therapy and Rehab Services Inc., Exton, PA) to pursue other interests.

<u>CLINICAL EXPERIENCE / CLINICAL ROTATIONS</u>

January 2013 – March 2015

Saint Thomas West Hospital Nashville, TN

- Registered Nurse Cardiac, Medical-Surgical
- Nursing Resource Team
- Skin Prevalence Study Team
- Physician Educator, Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE)
- Left-Ventricular Assistance Device (L-VAD)
 Certified RN
- Physical assessments & screenings, IV care & maintenance, heparin administration, lab values & interpretation, assess & monitor fluid balance, tracheotomy care, ventilator care, wound care, Foley catheter, hemodynamic status
- General patient education: nutrition, lifestyle, exercise, healthy choices, medication management
- Cardiac patient education: congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction
- Critical-thinking, therapeutic communication 2015: After having enjoyed my time in the clinical setting establishing solid clinical skills as a foundation, I elected to pursue ways to apply my skills in the field of functional and

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integrative medicine to support women who struggle with autoimmune disease.

January 2013 – May 2013

Saint Thomas West Hospital Nashville, TN

Nurse Residency
 Preceptor: Kimberly Story, MSN, RN, FCN
 Medical-Surgical Rotation Program:
 Orthopedic, Neurology, Pulmonary, Cardiac,
 Special Care ICU, Psychiatric Mental Health

January 2012 – December 2012

Aquinas College School of Nursing Clinical Rotations

- Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
 Pediatric & adolescent inpatient clinical rotation
- Sumner Regional Medical Center Adult psychiatric inpatient clinical rotation
- St. Thomas Midtown Hospital
 Obstetrics/Gynecology, Labor & Delivery
 NICU, and mother/baby care inpatient clinical
 rotation
- St. Thomas West Hospital
 Adult inpatient oncology, pulmonary,
 cardiology, neurology, special care ICU,
 nephrology, endocrinology clinical rotation
- Harris Hillman School for Children with Special Needs; outpatient clinical rotation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / CONTINUED EDUCATION

May-June 2018

Solving the Puzzle of Autoimmunity: The Interplay of Gut, Genes, & Environment The Institute for Functional Medicine, 17.75 CEUs Concurrent Sessions:

- -Autoimmune Thyroiditis
- -Preventing, Recognizing, Managing Autoimmune Flares

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-Natural Immunomodulators in the Treatment of
Autoimmune Disease

- -An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Protocols: Identifying the Prodromal Period of the Autoimmune Cascade
- -Low Dose Naltrexone and Autoimmune Disease
- -Applying Functional Medicine to the Puzzle of Autoimmunity
- -The Mosaic of Autoimmunity
- -The Promise of Behavioral Interventions in Autoimmune Disease
- -Fasting: Fasting Mimicking Diets & Autoimmune Disease
- -Helminth Therapy: The Hope of Science & Data from Reality
- -The Role of Environmental Triggers in Autoimmunity
- -Food Proteins, Oral Tolerance, & Autoimmune Disease
- -Celiac and non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity
- -Viral Etiology & Autoimmunity: An Exploration into Herpes Virus Association with Autoimmune Disease
- -Hashimoto's Thyroiditis: Clinical Approach
- -Autoimmunity & Environmental Toxicants
- -Autoimmunity & The Role of Food
- -Triggers for Hashimoto's Thyroiditis

May 2018 The Hormonal Axis Dr. Cheryl Burdette

May 2018 Holistic & Integrative Health, Foundations 2

Allegra Learning Solutions

April 2018 Holistic & Integrative Health, Foundations 1

Allegra Learning Solutions

October, 2017 Complementary and Integrative Health

Allegra Learning Solutions

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October 2017 Correcting a Hypometabolic State:

Mitochondria and Thyroid

Dr. Daniel Kalish

September 2017 The Microbiome in Autoimmunity:

Dr. Cheryl Burdette

July 2017 American Association of Drugless Practitioners

Commission on Certification

March 2017 Natural Products: Nutraceuticals, Probiotics,

Herbs, and Botanicals

November 2016 Stress Reduction Techniques and Therapies

Allegra Learning Solutions

July 2016 Microbiome & Methylation:

Drs. Judith Lukaszuk and Bernarda Zenker

January 2016 Holistic Stress Management

Allegra Learning Solutions

December 2015 Hashimoto's Practitioner Training

The Hashimoto's Institute

August 2015 Health Effects of Different Toxin Types

The Health Science Academy

May 2015 Detoxification Strategies for Whole Body Renewal

Lea Russell, MBA, RDN, LDN

April 2015 Thyroid Disorders: Research Update & New

Clinical Pearls

Dr. Nikolas Hedberg

September 2014 Clinical Aromatherapy for Healthcare Professionals

The Buckle Institute

September 2014 A Functional Medicine Approach to Autoimmune

Disease

Dr. Michael Jurgelewicz

August 2014 Food, Nutrition, Health, and Healthy Aging

Allegra Learning Solutions

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July 2014 Nutrition for the Nursing Professional/Nurse Coach

International Council of Nurses

Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau Int'l

June 2014 Holistic Lifestyle & Wellness Coaching for Nurses

American Holistic Nurses Association

January 2014 Coaching in Nursing

International Council of Nurses

Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau Int'1

November 2013 Mastering Lab Interpretation & the Implications for

Patient Care PESI Healthcare

October 2013 International Council of Nurses – Honor Society of

Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau International Coaching

in Nursing

October 2013 Diversity in the Workplace

Cerebrovascular Accident Acute Coronary Symptoms Advanced Arrhythmias St. Thomas West Hospital

April 2013 American Holistic Nurses Association

Integrative & Holistic Nursing Conference

Scripps Health: San Diego

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Institute for Functional Medicine

American Anti-Aging Academy

American Association of Drugless Practitioners

The Endocrine Nurses Society

National Nurses Business Association

American Holistic Nurses Association

Tennessee Nurses Association

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Nutritional Therapy Association

Association for Nursing Professional Development

Nurse Nutrition Certification Board

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses

National Association of Nutrition Professionals

Alliance of Psychosocial Nursing

National Association of Professional Women

Femfessionals – Nashville Chapter

National League for Nursing

Alliance for Women in Media

Association for Community Health Nursing Educators

COMMUNITY SERVICE & OUTREACH

- St. Thomas West Hospital, Nashville, TN Patient and Family Advisory Council
- St. George's Church
 Committee Leader, Community Outreach
 Health Fair
 Organizer, Community Outreach Breast
 Cancer Awareness Luncheon
- Organizer & Thought-Leader, Pathways to Healthy Feet

Submitted a grant to Sisters of Mercy/Lourdes Hospital requesting funds to provide community outreach clinics for the indigent patient community with diabetes for foot screenings and education on prevention of amputation, and to provide shoes for those at risk. Monthly clinics were conducted in rural housing authority courts and churches in low-income communities for one year and included a team

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of volunteers (nurses, podiatrists, orthotists, prosthetists, and social workers).

This program gained attention from the national media and is now the model for similar community health outreach events nationwide.

- St. Luke's Community House Adopt-A-Senior program
- Pedal for Paws
- Ride for Reading
- Fannie Battle Day Home for Children

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

February 2013 – 2018	Registered Nurse, Multi State
	Tennessee Board of Nursing

#0000191635

December 2012 – 2018 BLS for HealthCare Providers Certification

CPR, AED American Heart Association

St. Thomas Health Services

#TN000464

July 2017 American Association of Drugless

Practitioners Commission on Certification

#205513707

October 2015 Detox Specialist

Diploma

The Health Sciences Academy

July 2015 Certified Nurse-Nutritionist

Nurse Nutritionist Certification Board

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January 2014 Certified Holistic Life Coach

Spencer Institute

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PROFESSIONAL (OTHER)

May 2016 – present Nurse Educator (volunteer)

Low Dose Naltrexone

LDN Research Trust-England

January 2015 – present Advisory Board Member

HeyHashi.org / HashimotosAwareness.org