

# Alison Saricks Merrill

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Position: Assistant Professor  
School of Nursing  
College of Health and Human Sciences  
University of Northern Colorado  
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Education: 2008 PhD, Colorado State University, Educational Leadership  
1990 MS, University of Michigan, Nursing  
1979 BS (summa cum laude), University of Rhode Island, Nursing  
1975 BS, University of Kansas, Education  
1974 BA, (with honors in English), University of Kansas, History, English

Work Experience:

Professional Academic:	2010 – present	University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing Greeley, CO Associate Professor Teaching, Course and Program Coordination, Advising, Research, Service
	2003 - present	University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing Greeley, CO Assistant Professor Teaching , Course and Program Coordination, Advising, Research, Service
	1998 - 2003	University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing Greeley, CO Lecturer Teaching, Course Coordination, Advising, Service
	1991 - 1998	Front Range Community College Fort Collins, CO Nursing Instructor Teaching, Advising
	1991 - 1993	University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing Greeley, CO Clinical Instructor

Professional Non-Academic:	1995 - 1999	Poudre Valley Hospital Fort Collins, CO Registered Nurse II Oncology Unit Staff Nurse
	1987 - 1990	Michigan State University Clinical Center East Lansing, Michigan Hematology/Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist
	1985 - 1987	Desert Valley Care Center Casa Grande, AZ Assistant Director of Nursing Staff Development Coordinator
	1983 - 1985	Northeast Wyoming Hospice Gillette, WY Director and Patient Care Coordinator
	1983 – 1984	Campbell County Memorial Hospital Gillette, WY Intensive Care Unit Staff Nurse
	1979 – 1983	St. Joseph Hospital Denver, CO Charge Nurse, Oncology Unit Staff Nurse, Surgical and Oncology Units

Area of Specialization:

- Teaching and learning processes
- Clinical Nurse Specialist in Oncology and Hematology Nursing
- Medical-surgical nursing
- Pathophysiology
- Laboratory Interpretation
- Health Assessment
- Intravenous and parenteral therapies
- Patient and staff education
- Hospice care; End of life issues

Research Areas/  
Interests:

- Teaching and learning processes
- Brain-based learning
- Developing “brain-friendly” classrooms
- Use of educational technology in the classroom
- High fidelity simulation
- Trauma nursing
- Transcultural nursing

Publications:

Manuscripts in preparation:

**Merrill, A.,** Hummel, F. & Rojas, D. “Connecting the dots: Linking cultural knowledge to clinical practice through the use of high fidelity patient simulation.”

**Merrill, A.S.,** Hayes, J.S., Clukey, L. & Curtis, D. “Do they really care: How trauma patients perceive nurses’ caring behaviors.”

**Merrill, A.**, Ermann, E., Chen, P., Dougherty, J., Gardner, P., Henry, M., Sampson, J. & Wilson, V. (In preparation). "What we say really matters: Social support from faculty has an impact on nursing student stress."

**Merrill, A.** & Gloeckner, G. (In preparation). "Constructivist teaching and the acquisition of higher order cognition: Results of a quantitative study."

**Merrill, A.** & Gloeckner, G. (In preparation). "Reactions to constructivism in the classroom: A comparative study of traditional versus second degree nursing students."

Wilson, V., Gardner, P., Chen, P., Dougherty, J., Ermann, E., Gardner, P., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, & Sampson, J. (In preparation). "Mitigating stress in the profession of nursing: The importance of self-esteem."

Juried:

2010

**Merrill, A.**; Hayes, J.S., Clukey, L.; Curtis, D. "Do they really care? How trauma patients perceive nurses' caring behaviors." *Proceedings of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference*, 2010.

2010

**Merrill, A.** & Hummel, F. "Simulation: A bridge to culture care." *Proceedings of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference*, 2010.

2009

Hayes, J.S., **Merrill, A.S.**, Clukey, L. & Curtis, D. "Perceptions of nurse's caring behaviors by family members of trauma patients." *Accepted for 1<sup>st</sup> volume of 2010 Journal of the International Association for Human Caring*.

2009

Clukey, L.; Hayes, J.; **Merrill, A.**; Curtis, D. "Helping them understand: Nurses' caring behaviors as perceived by family members of trauma patients." *Journal of Trauma Nursing* 16(2), 73-81.

2009

**Merrill, A.**; Gleockner, G. "Constructivist teaching and the acquisition of higher order cognition." *Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference*, 2009.

2009

**Merrill, A.**; Hummel, F.; Rojas, D. "Connecting the dots: Linking cultural knowledge to clinical practice through the use of high fidelity patient simulation." *Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference*, 2009.

2009

Hayes, J.; **Merrill, A.**; Clukey, L.; Curtis, D. "Perceptions of Nurse's caring behaviors by family members of trauma patients." *Proceedings of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference*, 2009.

Professional  
Presentations:

2004

Koeckeritz, J.; Hopkins, K., **Merrill, A.** "Ileum: Interactive learning effectively using mnemonics." *Nurse Educator*, 29(2), 75-79.

Juried:

2010

**Merrill, A.** & Hummel, F. "The use of High Fidelity Simulation to enhance the quality of cultural education and culture care practice in nursing." 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Technology Conference, Baltimore, MD.

2010

**Merrill, A.S.**, Hayes, J.S., Clukey, L. & Curtis, D. "Do they really care: How trauma patients perceive nurses' caring behaviors." Western Institute of Nursing, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Glendale, AZ.

2010

**Merrill, A.** & Hummel, F. "Simulation: A bridge to culture care." Western Institute of Nursing, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Glendale, AZ.

2009

**Merrill, A.**, Ermann, E., Chen, P., Dougherty, J., Gardner, P., Henry, M., Sampson, J., Wilson, V. "The impact of faculty social support on nursing student stress." Work, Stress, and Health Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2009

Dougherty, J., Sampson, J., Chen, P., Ermann, E., Gardner, P., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, Wilson, V. "Stress, coping, and health in traditional and second-degree nursing students." Work, Stress, and Health Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2009

Wilson, V., Gardner, P., Chen, P., Dougherty, J., Ermann, E., Gardner, P., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, Sampson, J., Wilson, V. "Self-esteem as a protective factor to mitigate stress in nursing: A longitudinal study." Work, Stress, and Health Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2009

**Merrill, A.**; Bopp, A. "A potpourri of pedagogy: Designing interactive classroom sessions." 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies. Breckenridge, Colorado.

2009

Henry, M., Dougherty, J., **Merrill A.**, Wilson V., Sampson, P., Gardner, P., Chen, P. "Methodological Considerations when Measuring "Stress" with Salivary Cortisol." Work, Stress, and Health Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2009

**Merrill, A.** & Gloeckner, G. "Constructivist teaching and the acquisition of higher order cognition." Western Institute of Nursing, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2009

**Merrill, A.**, Rojas, D., & Hummel, F., "Connecting the dots: Linking cultural competence to clinical practice." Western Institute of Nursing, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2009

Hayes, J.S., **Merrill, A.S.**, Clukey, L. & Curtis, D. "Perceptions of nurse's caring behaviors by family members of trauma patients." Western Institute of Nursing, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2009

Clukey, L; Hayes, J.; **Merrill, A.** Curtis, D. Importance of developing nurse caring behaviors for family centered trauma care. Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress, Vancouver, Canada.

2009

Gardner, P.C., Sampson, J.M., Chen, P.Y., Dougherty, J., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, & Wilson, V. "Personality moderators of the relationship between need for recovery and health." Poster presentation at Rocky Mountain Academy for Occupational and Environmental Medicine Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

2008

**Merrill, A.S.**, "The impact of constructivist teaching on the acquisition of higher order cognition and learning." PhD defense. Colorado State University School of Education.

2008

Cigularov, K., Sampson, J. M., Gardner, P. C., Chen, P. Y., Dougherty, J. P., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, & Wilson, V. "An investigation of personality determinants of person-occupation and demand-ability fit. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Occupational Health and Stress, Washington, DC.

2007

Hessler, K; **Merrill, A.** & Henderson, A. "Creating interactive powerpoints." 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies. Breckenridge, Colorado.

2007

Henderson, A., & **Merrill, A.** "Increasing Student understanding of ABG's through the use of podcasting: Results of a pilot study." 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference. San Francisco, CA.

2006

Henderson, A, & **Merrill, A.** "Podcasting: Interactive technology in the classroom." 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies. Breckenridge, Colorado.

2006

Henderson, A., & **Merrill, A.** "Podcasting: A new wave in nursing education." 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference. Toronto, Canada.

2005

**Merrill, A.**, & Henderson, A. "Sage on the stage vs. guide on the side: Results of applied research comparing two classroom teaching strategies." 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies, Breckenridge, Colorado.

2005

**Merrill, A.**, & Henderson, A. "Enhanced skill acquisition through critical thinking and self-reflection." 6<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories, San Antonio, Texas

2005

**Merrill, A.**, & Haynes, L. "Creating the perfect skills laboratory in response to the perfect storm." 6<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories, San Antonio, Texas.

2005

Koeckeritz, J.; Henderson, A; Hessler, K; & **Merrill, A.** "Increasing interactivity in the nursing classroom." 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

2004

**Merrill, A.** "Designing a brain-friendly classroom." 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies, Breckenridge, Colorado.

2003

**Merrill, A.**, & Walter, P. "Designing a constructivist, cooperative skills laboratory." 5<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories, San Antonio, Texas.

2002

Walter, P., & **Merrill, A.**; Koeckeritz, J; Martin, J. "Providing online support for clinical mentors." Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference, Colorado.

2001

**Merrill, A.**; Walter, P.; Koeckeritz, J., & Martin, J. "Developing online support for clinical mentors." American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Washington, D.C.

2001

**Merrill, A.**, & Walter, P. "Organization and management of nursing skills Laboratories: Teaching and learning processes for acquiring nursing skills." 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories. University of Texas Health Science Center. San Antonio, TX.

2000

**Merrill, A.**, Matheis-Kraft, C., Richter, J. Hickson-Hardy, L., & Nguyen, L. "Adjustment to assistive living in a rural community." Rural Nursing Conference. Estes Park, CO. Poster Session.

2000

Walter, P., & **Merrill, A.** "Enhancing the transition from classroom student to clinical student." American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Chicago, IL.

1990

**Merrill, A.** "Decision making strategies in breast cancer patients facing treatment choices: The development of a measurement tool." Northern Great Lakes Nursing Society. Poster Session.

Non-Juried:

2010

Merrill, A. & Bopp, A. "Creating an interactive classroom." Presented at the Spring 2010 National Institute for Nursing Education and Scholarship workshop. University of Northern Colorado.

2010

**Merrill, A.** "Reflections on Nursing" Keynote address at 2010 August pinning ceremony. University of Northern Colorado.

2009

**Merrill, A.** "Lab interpretation: Do you know your numbers?" Presented to nurses at Medical Center of the Rockies. Loveland, Colorado.

2009

Clukey, L.; Hayes, J.; **Merrill, A.** and Curtis, D. Family Members of Trauma Patients Perceptions of Nurses' Caring Behaviors. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Translational Research Conference. Pasadena, CA. (invited, poster)

2009

**Merrill, A.** "The impact of constructivist teaching strategies versus lecture on the acquisition of higher order learning." Presented to the spring meeting of Zeta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. University of Northern Colorado.

2008

**Merrill, A.** "What is a nurse?" Keynote address at 2008 December pinning ceremony. University of Northern Colorado.

2008

Henry, M., Dougherty, J., Burns, P., Fisher, **M.**, **Merrill, A.**, Wilson, V., Sampson, J., Gardner, P., Cigularov, K., & Chen, P. "Perceived and Physiologic Stress in Traditional and Second-degree Nursing Students." Western Institute of Nursing, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Garden Grove, CA.

2008

Dougherty, J., Henry, M., **Merrill, A.**, Wilson, V., Sampson, J., Gardner, P., Cigularov, K., & Chen, P. "Experiences of Stress and Coping in Nursing Students." Western Institute of Nursing, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange, Garden Grove, CA.

2006

**Merrill, A.** "Then and now: A retrospective." Keynote address at 2006 December pinning ceremony. University of Northern Colorado.

2006

Henderson, **A;** **Merrill, A.** "Podcasting: A new wave in nursing education." Sigma Theta Tau. Greeley, CO.

2006

**Merrill, A;** Henderson, A; Hessler, K. "Interactive teaching strategies." Presented to visitors at The school of nursing homecoming reception. Greeley, CO.

2006

**Merrill, A.** "Understanding ABG's" Presented to nurses at Poudre Valley Hospital. Fort Collins, Colorado.

2005

**Merrill, A.** "Interpreting Lab Values." Presented to nurses at Poudre Valley Hospital. Fort Collins, Colorado.

2005

**Merrill, A.** "Welcome to nursing: Challenges for the future." Keynote address at 2005 December pinning ceremony. University of Northern Colorado.

2003

**Merrill, A.** "Laboratory interpretation: What nurses need to know." Presented to the nurses at North Colorado Medical Center. Greeley, CO

2002

**Merrill, A.;** Carroll,V.; Peters,E. "Enhancing handwashing compliance in hospital nurses: A pilot study. Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter. Greeley, CO.

2002

**Merrill, A.** Panel discussion: "Nursing: A world of opportunities." Moderator. Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter Initiation. Greeley, CO

2001

**Merrill, A.** "Nursing educational strategies for developing nations." Sigma Theta Tau and Colorado Nursing Association. Greeley, CO.

1999

**Merrill, A.** The capricious cancer: Breast cancer. Ben Nighthorse Campbell sponsored Women's Health Forum, Health Care: What Every Woman Should Know. University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO.

Funded Projects:

2007 Research Enhancement Award Program. Project Title: Experiences of Stress and Coping in UNC Nursing Students. \$5,209, Sponsored Projects and Academic Research Center, University of Northern Colorado

2002, Grant; New Researcher Grant, \$600, SPARC

Professional Consultation:

2009-2010  
Workshop and on-line seminar for Nursing Faculty  
Approaches to teaching: Theoretical basis and strategies  
University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska

1996

Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, CO  
Developed a nurse remediation program

Professional  
Memberships:

2010 - present  
Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter  
Board Member  
University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing  
Greeley, CO

2009 - present  
American Nurses Association member

2008 – present  
Western Institute of Nursing  
Member

2007 – 2010  
Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter  
President  
University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing  
Greeley, CO

2006 - 2007  
Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter  
President Elect and Faculty Advisor  
University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing  
Greeley, CO

2004 - 2006  
Simulation User's Workgroup member  
Center for Nursing Excellence  
Denver, CO

2004  
State Articulation Committee on Nursing Education  
University of Northern Colorado representative  
Denver, CO

2000  
Colorado Nurses Association Convention from District 9  
Delegate to the state convention  
Denver, CO.

1998 – present  
Member  
Sigma Theta Tau, Zeta Omicron Chapter  
1999 – 2003 Vice President

1987 - 1999  
Oncology Nursing Society member

1979 - 1983  
Sigma Theta Tau  
Charter Member  
University of Rhode Island School of Nursing  
Kingston, R.I.

University Service: University:

2010 - present  
College of Health and Human Sciences Representative  
Faculty Senate  
Secretary  
Member of the Executive Committee  
Member of the Faculty Welfare Committee

2007 – 2008  
College of Health and Human Sciences Representative  
Faculty Senate

2007 – 2008  
Member of the Faculty Welfare Committee  
Member of the Election Committee  
Faculty Senate

2004 - 2005  
University Task Force on Faculty and Staff Development  
Member  
Appointed by President Kay Norton

2004 - 2005  
Member of the Executive Committee  
Faculty Senate

2004 - 2005  
Chairman, Faculty Senate Elections Committee  
Faculty Senate

2004 - 2005  
Secretary  
Faculty Senate

2004 - 2006  
College of Health and Human Sciences Representative  
Faculty Senate

2002 – 2003  
College of Health and Human Sciences Representative  
Undergraduate Council

2000 - 2003  
Salary Equities Committee  
Chairman 2002 - 2003  
Member 2000 – 2002  
Faculty Senate

2001-2003  
Faculty Senate Elections Committee  
Member

2000 – 2003  
College of Health and Human Sciences Representative  
Faculty Senate

2000 – 2002  
Faculty Welfare Committee  
Member

College of Natural and Health Sciences

2006

School of Nursing Director Search and Screen Committee  
Member  
College of Natural and Health Sciences

School of Nursing

2006 – present

Member of Undergraduate Curriculum Organization

2009 – present, Chairperson

2008 – Chairperson elect

2008 – 2010 – Essentials Task Force member

Co-chair: Diversity Task Force

2006 – 2009

Member of Evaluation Committee

Chair of Undergraduate Evaluation Sub-Committees:

NCLEX data analysis

Outcome essay analysis

2006 – present

Member of Graduate Curriculum Organization

Education Track Sub-committee member

2006 – present

Member of Learning Resource Center Committee

2006 – present

Member of Undergraduate Leadership Team

2005 – 2007

Coordinator of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Program

1998 - present

Medical-Surgical Semester Coordinator

Coordinate semester calendars, student clinical rotations, orient and mentor Graduate Assistants and Adjunct Faculty

2002 – 2006

Organized and conducted all new faculty orientation

School of Nursing

2006

Semester 2/3 Change Task Force

Member

2004 – 2006

School of Nursing Search and Screen Committee

2005 – 2006 Chairman

2004 – 2005 AAEO representative

1998 – 2006

Faculty Affairs Committee

2002 – 2006 Chairman

1998 – 2002 Member

2005  
DEC Committee  
Co-chair

2004  
Developed new N 321 Lab Interpretation and Concepts of Microbiology  
Course

2004 – 2005  
Nursing Skills Laboratory Co-coordinator  
2002  
40<sup>th</sup> School of Nursing Anniversary Committee  
Member

2000 – 2004  
School of Nursing  
Parliamentarian

2000 – 2001  
Educational Advisory Board  
Chairman

1999 – 2001  
School of Nursing Search and Scean Committee  
AAEO representative

1999  
Assisted Student Affairs Committee (SAC) Grievance work on 3 cases

1998 – 2001  
Warm Fuzzy  
Co –chairman

1998 - 2006  
Semester 3 Coordinator  
Coordinate semester calendars, student clinical rotations, orient and  
mentor Graduate Assistants and Adjunct Faculty

1998 - 2006  
Member, Development Committee, CO

Community  
Service:

1998 - 2009  
Relay for Life Organizer, Participant, Volunteer  
American Cancer Society  
Fort Collins, CO 1998 – 2004  
Greeley, CO 2004 – 2008

2005, 2006  
Organized book donations for Ghana, Africa

2002  
Friendship Bridge Volunteer.  
Taught 3 – week Medical-Surgical Nursing course  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

2000

Friendship Bridge Volunteer.  
Taught 3 – week Medical-Surgical Nursing course  
Nam Dinh, Vietnam

1994 - 2000  
President, Board of Directors  
Cancer Control Chairperson  
American Cancer Society  
Larimer County, CO

1997 - 2000  
Chairman, Combined Community Health Improvement Fund  
Community Foundation  
Fort Collins, CO

1993 - 1994  
President  
Larimer County Medical Society Alliance  
Fort Collins, CO

1991 – 1997  
Health Care Volunteer  
Poudre R-1 School District  
Fort Collins, CO

PhD Committees:

Graduate Student  
Committees:

Diane Bilotta  
Katrina Einhellig  
Michelle Ellis  
Ann Henderson  
Deborah Kearns (completed 2009)  
Nicole Square  
Debra Wilson (Co-chair)  
Kristen Zulkosky (completed 2009)

Master's Thesis Committee:

2010 Doan Thi Van (Chair)  
University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh Cit  
2010 Teri Egan  
2009 Erica Coates

Master's Comprehensive Committees:

2010 Lacey Stewart (Chair)

2010 Rita Stern (Chair)

2010 Mari Mutter

2010 Kate Thompson

2009 Stacie Farrow

2009 Megan Walker

2009 Gretchen Halker

2009 Lydia Pyle

2008 Autumn Martin (Chair)

2008 Tanya Laudick

2008 Pat Patrick

2008 Chris Noel

2008 Jeanne Dorr

2008 Gillah Schneider

2008 Laura Kalak

2008 Deb Rojas

2006 Ingrid Tegtman

2006 Julie Knighton

2006 Piper Forstedt

2006 Katie Love

Courses Taught: 2009 – 2010 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 321: Clinical Implications of Laboratory Analysis  
Interpretation

NURS 324: Therapeutic Interventions  
Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

NURS 374: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum,  
Coordinator

NURS 375/376: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory,  
Coordinator

NURS 465: Professional Roles with Individuals, Families, and  
Communities

2008 – 2009 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 321: Clinical Implications of Laboratory Analysis Interpretation

NURS 374: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum

NURS 375/376: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory

NURS 465: Professional Roles with Individuals, Families, and Communities

2007 – 2008 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 321: Clinical Implications of Laboratory Analysis Interpretation

NURS 374: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum

NURS 375/376: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory

NURS 465: Professional Roles with Individuals, Families, and Communities

NURS 614: Advanced Pathophysiology

2004 - 2005 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 614: Advanced Pathophysiology

NURS 384: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum

NURS 385/386: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory

NURS 465: Professional Roles with Individuals, Families, and Communities

2000 - 2004 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 321: Clinical Implications of Laboratory Analysis Interpretation

NURS 384: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum

NURS 385/386: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory

NURS 465: Professional Roles with Individuals, Families, and Communities (2003 – 2004)

1998 – 2000 UNC School of Nursing

NURS 384: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Practicum

NURS 385/386: Episodic Alterations in Adult/Child Health Theory

1995 – 1998 Front Range Community College

NURS 232: Socialization into the Nursing Care Delivery Spectrum III

NURS 217: Comprehensive Concepts of Adult Nursing II

NURS 211: Comprehensive Concepts of Gerontological Nursing

NURS 208: Comprehensive Concepts of Adult Nursing I

NURS 201: IV Laboratory

NURS 111: Health Assessment, Communication and Teaching

NURS 110: Seminar on Aging

NURS 105: Basic Concepts of Adult Nursing

Professional  
Development  
Activities:

2010  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education  
Conference.  
Participant  
Orlando, Fl.

2010  
Western Institute of Nursing, 42<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing  
Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange  
Speaker and participant  
Glendale, AZ

2010  
Rutgars 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology  
Conference.  
Speaker and participant  
Baltimore, MD

2009  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate Education  
Conference.  
Participant  
Chicago, Ill.

8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Occupational Stress and Health  
Speaker and participant  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Sigma Theta Tau Biennial Convention  
Participant  
Indianapolis, IN

Advanced Excel Workshop  
Participant  
Center for Professional Development

University of Northern Colorado

Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

Western Institute of Nursing, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communicating Nursing  
Research Conference, Research and Information Exchange  
Speaker and participant  
Salt Lake City, Utah

2008  
PhD completed  
Educational Leadership  
Colorado State University

Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference  
Planning Board member and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

2007  
Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

Rutgars 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology  
Conference.  
Speaker and participant  
San Francisco, CA.

2006  
Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

Rutgars 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology  
Conference.  
Speaker and participant  
Toronto, Canada.

2005  
Understanding the Ins and Outs of the GI System  
PESI Healthcare Workshop  
Participant  
Fort Collins, CO

Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

Rutgars 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Nursing Computer and Technology  
Conference.  
Speaker and participant  
Atlanta, GA.

6<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories sponsored by  
The University of Texas Health Science Center  
Speaker and participant  
San Antonio, TX

Simulation Laboratory Work Group  
Center for Nursing Excellence  
Participant  
Denver, CO

2004

Transcultural Nursing Certificate Course  
University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing  
Greeley, CO

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies  
Speaker and participant  
Breckenridge, CO

Mechanisms of Disease: Plain English Pathophysiology  
PESI Healthcare Workshop  
Participant  
Denver, CO

Simulation Laboratory Work Group  
Center for Nursing Excellence  
Participant  
Denver, CO

2003

5<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories sponsored by  
The University of Texas Health Science Center  
Speaker and participant  
San Antonio, TX

2001

4<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Nursing Skills Laboratories sponsored by  
The University of Texas Health Science Center  
Poster presenter and participant  
San Antonio, TX

Syllabus Technology Conference  
Participant  
Santa Clara, CA

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Conference:  
Baccalaureate Education Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Washington, D.C.

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006  
Variety of workshops through the Center for Professional Development

Several levels of Blackboard training  
Use of Camtasia, Snag-It, Soft Chalk  
On-line teaching  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, Colorado

2000  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing Conference  
Baccalaureate Education Conference  
Speaker and participant  
Chicago, IL

Understanding & Interpreting Laboratory Tests Workshop  
Participant  
Poudre Valley Hospital  
Fort Collins, CO

NLEX Item Writer  
Princeton, NJ

2000 and 2002  
Friendship Bridge Participant  
Taught medical-surgical nursing and pathophysiology to nursing faculty  
members through Friendship Bridge  
Vietnam

1999  
Rural Nursing Conference  
Moderator and participant  
Greeley, CO

1998  
Rocky Mountain Rendezvous For Great Teachers  
Participant  
Estes Park, CO

Honors and  
Awards:

2010  
NHS Excellence in Teaching  
College of Natural and Health Sciences  
University of Northern Colorado

2010  
Keynote speaker for the August graduate pinning ceremony  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

2009  
Speaker for the May graduate pinning ceremony  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

2008  
Keynote speaker for the December graduate pinning ceremony  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

Speaker for August graduate pinning ceremony  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

2006  
Innovator Award  
Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society  
Zeta Omicron Chapter

Mortar Board Favorite Professor  
University of Northern Colorado

Keynote speaker for the December graduate pinning ceremony  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

2005  
Provost's Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Education  
University of Northern Colorado

Pinning Speaker for the December graduates  
School of Nursing  
University of Northern Colorado

2001  
Mortar Board Favorite Professor  
University of Northern Colorado

1998  
Volunteer of Excellence  
American Cancer Society  
Colorado Division

Marcile N. Wood Award  
Commission on the Status of Women  
Fort Collins City Council

1997  
Master Teacher Award  
Front Range Community College  
Larimer Campus  
Fort Collins, CO

Life Saver of the Year  
American Center Society  
Larimer County Unit

1989  
Dean's Academic Scholarship  
University of Michigan Graduate School

1979  
Graduated "With Highest Distinction"  
Valedictorian, 1979 graduating class, School of Nursing

University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, R.I.

1978  
Charter member, Sigma Theta Tau  
University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, R.I.

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society  
University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, R.I.