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Education: 2008
Master of Science in Nursing
University of Northern Colorado
Nursing Education emphasis

1996
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
University of Northern Colorado
Greeley Colorado

Work Experience: 2006
Columbine Health Systems, Fort Collins Colorado
Clinical Scholar
Performed as clinical faculty in Columbine facilities with groups of UNC students. Established clinical at two Columbine sites that had not previously had UNC students.

2000-2001
Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins Colorado
Staff Registered Nurse
Worked on Orthopedics, Neuro, and Medical floors

1999-2000
Columbine Home Care, Fort Collins Colorado
Registered Nurse

Managed care of a variety of patients in their homes

1996-1999

Spalding Rehabilitation Hospitals, Denver Colorado

Registered Nurse

Worked with orthopedic and neurologically injured patients in a rehabilitation environment. Including patients with traumatic brain injury.

1995-1996

Spring Creek Health Care Center, Fort Collins Colorado

Licensed Practical Nurse

Functioned as a medication and treatment nurse in a long term care environment

1993-1995

North Colorado Medical Center, and Lutheran Health Services, Greeley Colorado

Certified Nursing Assistant

1988-1993

Columbine Health System, Fort Collins Colorado

Certified Nursing Assistant

Professional
Academic:

2009- present

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley Colorado

Assistant Professor

Responsible for didactic and clinical instruction of nursing students in the first semester of their clinical track. Responsible for coordination of the Learning Resource Center, and the High fidelity patient simulator lab. Serve on multiple School of nursing committees, Collaborate in multiple curricular activities.

2007-2009

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley Colorado

Affiliate Faculty

Responsible for clinical instruction of nursing students in their first semester. Served as Learning Resource Center Coordinator for three semesters.

2006-2008

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley Colorado

Graduate Assistant

Assisted primarily in the coordination and facilitation of skills labs.

2001-2007

CollegeAmerica, Fort Collins Colorado

Associate Dean, School of Healthcare

Responsibilities included, teaching, advising, program coordination,

management of full time and adjunct faculty, curriculum development, faculty training, interviewing and hiring of new faculty, evaluation of new programs, community outreach, advisory board facilitation, member of the Dean's counsel, participation in educational budgeting, development and management of the certified nursing assistant program

1998-1999

Red Rocks Community college, Denver Colorado

Health Care Instructor

Developed and taught a certified nursing assistant program for high school seniors in a cooperative agreement between the community college and the high school.

Area of
Specialization:

Rehabilitation nursing, Medical surgical nursing, Gerontological nursing,
High fidelity Simulation

Research Areas/
Interests:

Innovative teaching strategies particularly use of high fidelity simulation.
Teaching Cultural sensitivity in nursing.

Professional
Presentations:

April 25th 2009: Merrile, A., Hummel,, F., Rojas, D., Stalker , E.

Poster presentation at the 42nd annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, Western Institute of Nursing, Session entitled, "Improving practice; educational strategies".

Spring 2009: National Institute for Nursing Education and Scholarship faculty development workshop; "Simulation Pedagogy to Best Practice"
Helped organize and facilitate this event, did not present.

Professional
Association
Participation:

2010 Member Colorado CPR Association

2010 Registered member of the American Heart Association Instructor Network

2010 Member International Nursing Association for Clinical Nursing Simulation and Learning (INACSL).

2007 to present Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society in Education Member

2008 to present Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, Seta Omnicron Chapter Member: 2009 appointed to board as co-vice president.

2008-2009 Colorado Nurses Association: Member

2008-2009 National League for Nursing: Member

Community
Service:

2005-present: Nine news Health Fair student volunteer coordinator. Have taken UNC students to the health fair in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. Recruitment efforts have resulted in participation of seven UNC faculty, support from Sigma Theta Tau International, and the Student Nurses Association. Collaborated in a joint venture with another College to create a professional development student phlebotomy course; more than 150 students participated. Prior to 2007 coordinated several hundred students at Nine Health fairs in Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming.

2005-present: Team leader for the first aid booth at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton annual festival. Co-coordinated a team of medical professionals to provide first aid services for volunteers and participants at this three day fair. Have served in this role for five years Fort Collins Colorado

2005: Participant at the Larimer County Medical Society Health Fair planning and facilitation committee. Fort Collins Colorado

University Service:

2010 –2011 University transfer leave committee through Human resources department.

University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing Committees include:

2010- 2011 School of Nursing Senior Leadership team member

2008-2011 School of Nursing Learning Resource Committee Member from 2008-2009, chair in 2010 and 2011.

2009- 2011 School of Nursing Undergraduate Curriculum Organization Member

2009-2010 Technology task force subcommittee

2010- 2011 Clinical task force

2009-2011 Undergraduate Leadership Team Member, School of Nursing University of Northern Colorado

2009-2011 Core subcommittee member, first semester representative

2009-2011 Student Affairs Subcommittee member

Summer 2009 Nursing Essentials Task Force Member

Graduate Student
Committees:

None

Teaching:

University of Northern Colorado 2007-2010

NURS328 Health Assessment for online RN-BSN	Spring 2011
NURS 314 Health Assessment Practicum	Summer 2010
NURS 310 Foundations 1	Summer 2010
NURS 314 Health Assessment Practicum	Summer 2010
NURS 324 Fundamentals of Nursing	Fall 2010
NURS 314 Health Assessment Practicum	Fall 2010
NURS 310 Foundations 1	Fall 2010
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Fall 2009
NURS314: Health Assessment Practicum	Fall 2009
NURS310: Foundations I	Fall 2009
NURS310: Foundations I	Summer 2009
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Summer 2009
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Fall 2008
NURS314: Health Assessment Practicum	Fall 2008
NURS326 Pathophysiology guest lecturer	Spring 2008
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Summer 2008
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Fall 2007
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Summer 2007
NURS324: Fundamentals of Nursing	Summer 2006

CollegeAmerica Courses Developed and Taught:

2001- 2007

MED100: Medical Terminology, Law and Ethics

MED201 Anatomy and Physiology

MED102: Medical Aseptic Procedures

MED104: Medical Clinical Procedures

MED106: Vital Signs and Emergencies

MED109: Medical Records and Communication

PHR107: Drug Administration

PHR208: Principles of Pharmacy

PHR209: Pharmacy Applications

REH213: Rehabilitation Fundamentals

CNA111: Nursing Assistant Theory

CNA112: Nursing Assistant Practical

LBT306: Phlebotomy and IV Therapy

Program Developed: Medical Specialties; Associates of Occupational Studies Degree, Certified Nursing Assistant Program developed and approved by the Colorado State Board of Nursing

Red Rocks Community College 1998-1999

Developed and taught Certified Nursing Assistant high School course

Taught Nurse Refresher course

Professional
Development
Activities:

April 2010: Grant writers' seminar and workshop University of Northern Colorado (8 contact hours)

March 2010 CPR instructor certification course; Denver Colorado (8 contact hours)

April 2010 Blackboard training; University of Northern Colorado (4 contact hours)

November 2010 National Institute of Nursing Education and Scholarship faculty development workshop (12 contact hours)

April 2010: National Institute of Nursing Education and Scholarship Spring Faculty Development Workshop (12 contact hours)

June 2010 9th annual International Nursing Simulation Learning Resource Centers Conference (13.75 contact hours)

December 2010: National Institute of Nursing Education and Scholarship brown bag faculty training (4 contact hours)

School of Nursing Educational Advisory Board meeting (8 contact hours)

April 2009: National Institute of Nursing Education and Scholarship Spring Faculty Development Workshop (12 contact hours)

April 2009: National League of nursing Continuing Education course; Evaluating simulations. (Two hours continuing education awarded.)

January 2009: Simulation Facilitation and Coaching Workshop at the Work, Education and Lifelong Learning Simulation Center (8 contact hours)

2008: Graduate Certificate in Transcultural Nursing; University of Northern Colorado (9 credit hours)

May 2007: 3rd Annual International Research Conference: Building a toolkit for Implementing Evidence Based Practice (8 contact hours)

May 2006: Faculty Development Seminar Clinical Scholar course through the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence (40 contact hours)

2002 & 2004: North Colorado Health and Wellness Summit (8 contact hours)

2004: Clemson University Conference on Professional Development for Women (8 contact hours)

2005 BIXBO Business Symposium (8 contact hours)

2004: Griggs Achievements Mastery Academy Northern Colorado Leadership Certification Program (80 contact hours)

2003: Train the Trainer Workshop, Colorado Health Care Association (16 continuing education units awarded)

Honors and
Awards:

2008 Drennan Award recipient, University of Northern Colorado

2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, CollegeAmerica Fort Collins Colorado

2002 Faculty of the Year, CollegeAmerica, Fort Collins Colorado