

Summary

- **Hard-working registered nurse with 12+ years of success in both the clinical and academic settings**
- **Responsible professional with proven ability to learn quickly**
- **Adept with time management and multitasking**
- **Effective and organized planner who is detail oriented and concise**

Education

Fitchburg State University

Master of Science in Forensic Nursing

December 2014

Graduating GPA 3.92/4.0

Thesis: The Lived Experience of Nurse-to-Nurse Lateral Violence in Hospital Settings Within Central Massachusetts

Worcester State College

Bachelor of Science in Nursing & Minor in Psychology

2003-2007 Presidential Scholarship Recipient

2003-2007 Worcester State College Honors Program

2004-2007 Student Nurses Association member

2007- Student Nurses Association President

2007 Fairlawn Rehabilitation Clinical Excellence Award

Work Experience

Assumption College- School of Nursing

Professor of Practice

Clinical Learning Educator

August 2020- Currently

Works as part of team to identify and evaluate clinical placements for potential and continual partnership. Develop and implement policies and procedures within the Clinical Learning Suite (High-fidelity simulation lab and clinical lab) for use by faculty, staff, and students. Participate in didactic and clinical curriculum content development.

August 2020- Student Affairs Committee Chair

Assumption College- School of Nursing

Professional Practice Coordinator

September 2019- August 2020

Works closely with the dean, faculty and staff to provide academic support and remediation to nursing students throughout their four-year program of study. Manages and updates student data collection documents and advising files according to policy. Regularly attends and contributes in curriculum planning/course development meetings. Assists in the development/organization of didactic and clinical course content. Outreaches to local agencies in line with the mission and vision of the school for potential clinical placement/partnership. Reviews technology and supplemental applications for potential integration into the curriculum. Seeks out forward-thinking education platforms such as virtual reality (VR) to bridge the gap between class and clinical. Actively participates in professional development and encourages student participation in community service opportunities both on and off campus.

Acton Medical Associates, PC

Quality Assurance Nurse

June 2014- September 2019

Performed effective detailed medical record review to capture the data for health insurance incentive programs and for annual HEDIS audits. Piloted a pediatric diabetic registry to improve patient management. Developed workflows to manage high-risk disease populations and handled outreach for routine/diagnostic testing. Participated in quality improvement projects for team and/or the practice, especially related to the management of patients. Cross-trained as Transitional Care Management nurse to coordinate care of medical and behavioral health patients as they are discharged from hospital and rehab settings to home.

Maxim Healthcare Services

Staff Nurse

October 2011-January 2018

Private Duty Nurse in a homecare setting for a ventilator dependent client with progressive Duchenne Muscular dystrophy. Responsible for completing weekly patient assessments, medication administration, activities of daily living (ADL) bi-monthly intake assessment, and communication with case manager and patient's physician's changes and concerns in a professional and timely manner.

UMASS University Campus

Staff Nurse Acute Care

Mid 2012-June 2014

Staff Nurse for 1.5 years on a Pediatric Acute Care floor as part of a multidisciplinary team specializing in the assessment and treatment of medical/surgical pediatric patients from a variety of subspecialties including but not limited to: orthopedics, infectious disease, and hematology/oncology. Recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Nursing Award for support, insight and excellence in patient care.

UMASS University Campus

Staff Nurse Intensive Care

August 2007-Mid 2012

Staff Nurse for 5 years in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at a level 1 regional trauma center. Provides family-centered, direct nursing care to pediatric patients in eleven-bed PICU. Provides care to mechanically ventilated children requiring multiple vasoactive drips and monitoring via central lines. Significant clinical knowledge of medication administration, vascular access, chest tubes, and mechanical ventilation of the pediatric patient. Successful completion of the Vermont Nurse in Partnership (VNIP) Preceptor program in 2010. Former member of the nursing education committee.

Teaching Experience

Worcester State University

Adjunct Clinical Instructor

Fall 2010/Fall 2011/Spring 2012/Spring 2014

Clinical instructor for sophomore and junior level nursing students in the Worcester State nursing program including one semester of co-teaching sophomore students in medical terminology, medication mathematics and clinical skills demonstration.

Clinical sites: Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital Worcester and 5east Pediatric Acute Care at UMASS University Campus

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Adjunct Clinical Instructor

Spring 2014/Fall 2014

Clinical instructor for the accelerated BSN program in the pediatric in-patient acute care setting. Created supplemental materials for students to utilize during their clinical rotation as well as succinct registries of student assignments to vary patient assignment by age range, diagnosis or specific clinical task to most effectively utilize clinical time.

Clinical site: 5east Pediatric Acute Care at UMASS University Campus

Research Experience

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)

2012 & 2013 New Hampshire Drug death data collection

Purpose: To track drug related deaths for the state of New Hampshire's Medical Examiner (ME) Office as well as further assessment of the data to look for trends in past medical history, drugs of abuse, county of occurrence, and/or the demographics of the deceased.

Objectives: Assess NH autopsy records for drug related deaths and compile information for future studies, news outlets, and law enforcement agencies as needed. Assess past medical history (PMH), demographics, county of occurrence, and type of drug/alcohol abuse to assess risk factors. To specifically distinguish heroin versus heroin and fentanyl death because of the influx of combined abuse in recent years. Document the illegal and prescription drugs most commonly abused.

Publications

Brodsky SV, Gruszecki AC, Fallon K, Pasquale-Styles MA, Shaddy S, Yildiz V, Long SK, MacDonell M, Brideau RL, Keane J, Allenby P, Ivanov I, Moore S, Smith SM, Sachak T, Ball M, Yao K, James I, Muni N, Barth RF. Morphometric data on severely and morbidly obese deceased, established on forensic and non-forensic autopsies. *Virchows Arch.* 2016 Oct;469(4):451-8.

Awards

2014 Nursing Excellence Award

Awarded for support, insight, and excellence in patient care

Given By: The Pediatric and Med/Peds Residents Class of 2014

University of Massachusetts Medical School

Practicum Experience

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)

Preceptor: Kim Fallon (Chief Forensic Investigator)

Spring 2014

Observe and participate as able with autopsies and death scene documentation. Attend infant and child fatality meetings. Perform chart review and data collection/organization for use in evidence-based practice/national studies. Work with ADME to photo document/record scene.

Work with evidence collection technician on streamlining evidence processing techniques and storage.

Professional Memberships

National League for Nursing (NLN)

Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH)

Licenses and Certifications

Massachusetts Nursing License RN277715
Basic Life Support for Provider
2022

Valid thru March 16, 2022
Valid thru February

Health Informatics

Allscripts Touchworks (Clinical and PM)

Epic Systems (Provider Portal)

Sorian Clinicals

Meditech

Proficient skills in Microsoft Word and Excel