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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN), 1980

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN HEALTHCARE QUALITY (CPHQ), 1996

National Association for Healthcare Quality

COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

VICTORIA COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL NURSING COORDINATOR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Summer 2004 – Present

OTHER WORK EXKPERIENCE

PRIORITY HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES - OWNER, CONSULTANT, EDUCATOR, AUDITOR

2002-2010 (Wellness education, Health maintenance education, Health Fairs, HEDIS data collection, CHIPS data collection

HUMANA / PCA HELATH PLANS OF TEXAS, INC. – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR/SUPERVISOR, EMPLOYER GROUP WELLNESS COORDINATOR

1993-2002

ST. DAVIDS HOSPITAL – STAFF NURSE, PATEINT EDUCATOR, QUALITY REPRESENTATIVE

1992-1993

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators, Austin, TX, 2004 -2006, 2008, 2011-13

National Association for Healthcare Quality, Annual Educational Conference, virtual attendance, 2009, 2013, 2014

Patient Safety Summit Episode IV, Irving, TX, 2011

Reducing MRSA Rates in Texas Schools and Communities by UNT, Gonzales, TX 2011

Texas Board of Nursing:

"Nursing Education and Transition into Practice", Austin, TX, 2010

"Encouraging Innovation in Texas Nursing Education", Austin, TX, 2008

"Nursing in Texas: A Regulatory Foundation for Practice", Austin, TX, 2008

An Overview of TPAPN (Texas Peer Review Assistance for Nurses), Texas, 2007

Texas Association of Healthcare Quality: Quality to Safely: Taking the Leap, Irving, TX, 2004

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

"Diabetes – Standards of Care," Diabetes Support Group, Gonzales Healthcare Systems, 2004

"Wellness in Retirement," GVEC Retired Employees, 2004

"Diabetes in Pregnancy," *Texas Perinatal Association, 1990*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member – Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators, 2004 – 2006, 2008, 2011-present

Member - Texas Diabetes Council, Outcomes Subcommittee, 2000 – 2012 [Chair 2006-2009]

Member - American Diabetes Association, 2004 - present

Member - Texas Association for Healthcare Quality (TAHQ), 2002-2008, 2011-present

Member - National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ), 1996 - 1998, 2001 – 2002, 2009, 2011, 2014

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint intermediate proficiency; Adobe Acrobat; DegreeWorks; DocuWare; BlackBoard; Turning Technologies

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Lydia Circle (women's group), Monthalia United Methodist, Vice President, 2011-present

Evangelism Committee, Monthalia United Methodist, 2010-present

Women's Bible Study, Monthalia/Belmont United Methodist, 2011-present

Board of Pensions, Southwest Texas Conference, United Methodist Church, 2005-2009

Austin Chapter ADA "2002 Health Fair/Expo" Development Committee, Consultant, 2002

Steering Committee for the Speaking of Women's Health and Chair of the Volunteers Committee, Austin 2002 Conference

District Advisory Team and the Decker Elementary Campus Advisory Team for the Manor Independent School District (I.S.D.), 2000 - 2002

Strategic Planning Committee and Action Plan Task Force for the Manor I.S.D., 2000

Parish Nurse Connections, 1999 - 2002

Manor Area Ministerial Alliance (M.A.M.A.), 1999 – 2002

Health Ministries Association, Inc., 1999 - 2000