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EDUCATION

2021 **Doctor of Nursing**, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

Dissertation Study: *Characteristics of Substance Addicted Mothers that Predict Graduation from a Family Treatment Court*

2013 **Master of Science in Nursing Education and Leadership**, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

Thesis: *The Student Nurse's Change in Knowledge During a Clinical Rotation in Labor and Delivery*

1998 **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, Medical College of Georgia, Athens, GA

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 – Present **Assistant Professor**, Wellstar School of Nursing, Kennesaw State University
Course Coordinator, Lecturer, Lab Instructor and Simulation in the Parent-Child Nursing
Course Coordinator, Clinical Instructor and Simulation in Senior Practicum Course
Course Coordinator, Vulnerable Populations Elective
- 2010 – Present **Owner and Instructor**, The CPR Nurse, LLC, Marietta, GA
American Heart Association BLS and Heartsaver CPR, AED and First - Aid
- 2018- 2021 **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Wellstar School of Nursing, Kennesaw State University
Course Coordinator, Lecturer, Clinical Instructor, and Simulation in the Parent-Child Nursing
Course Coordinator, Clinical Instructor and Simulation in Senior Practicum Course
Course Coordinator, Vulnerable Populations Elective
Lab Instructor for Health Assessment
- 2013 – 2018 **Clinical Instructor**, Wellstar School of Nursing, Kennesaw State University
Clinical Instructor in Parent - Child Nursing – Fall and Spring Semesters
Clinical Instructor in Advanced Clinical Practicum - Summer Semesters
- 2011 – 2015 **Instructor**, College of Continuing and Professional Education, Kennesaw State University
Lecturer and Lab Instructor in Phlebotomy Technician
Lecturer and Lab Instructor in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Lecturer and Lab Instructor in EKG Technician
Lecturer and Lab Instructor in Medical Assisting
Designed Curriculum for Medical Assisting Course
- 2002 – 2004 **Information Specialist**, Science Oriented Solutions, Kennesaw, GA
Advised and educated physicians, pharmacists, and nurses on medical information related to over twenty prescription medications
Evaluated adverse events reported by healthcare professionals and patients
Prepared and submitted FDA reports related to adverse events for prescription medications

- 2000 – 2002 **Registered Nurse and Obstetrics Coordinator**, OBGYN of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
Assessed patient history, obstetrical history, and risk factors
Created individual plans of care for pregnant patients
Managed and communicated abnormal lab results to patients
Conducted prospective patient consultations
Performed Non-Stress tests and phone triage
- 1998 – 2000 **Registered Nurse**, Emory Eastside Medical Center, Labor and Delivery Unit, Snellville, GA
Provided care for antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum patients, and newborns
Certified as a bereavement counselor
Advanced training in abdominal trauma and fetal monitoring

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 1998 – Present **Registered Nurse**, Licensed in Georgia
- 2025 – Present **SANE-A**, Certification
- 2010 – Present **American Heart Association BLS Instructor**
- 1999 **RTS Bereavement Counselor specializing in Infant Loss**
- 1999 **Advanced Fetal Monitoring and Abdominal Trauma Certificates**

PUBLICATIONS

Barnett, K. B., Saye, J., Beidler, S. (2025). A Healthcare Response during a Human Trafficking Operation. In M. De Chesnay (Ed.) *Caring for the Vulnerable*. New York: Springer Publishing Co.

Saye, J., **Barnett, K. B.**, Beidler, S. (2025). Establishing A Frontline Medical Response During Human Trafficking Recovery Operations: Case Report. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*.

Emerson, C, Keen, D, **Barnett, K**, Wade-Berg, J (2024). Intercultural competence development: A qualitative case study. *Nurse Education in Practice*, 79, 1-8, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nepr.2024.104082>

Barnett, K, Saye, J, Beidler, S (2024). Establishing a community-academic nursing partnership to lead a healthcare response during a human trafficking extraction operation. *Public Health Nursing*, 41 (5), 1199-1201. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phn.13352>

Barnett, K. B., Amason, J., Wagner, D. & Ray, H. E. (2023). Characteristics of substance-addicted mothers that predict graduation from the family treatment court. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 00, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jnu.12890>

Barnett, K. (2017). The Health Consequences of Mothers Using Drugs and the Legal System’s Call to Action In M. de Chesnay (Ed.) *Qualitative Nursing Research Using Case Study*. New York: Springer Publishing Co.

FUNDED RESEARCH, TRAINING AND PRACTICE GRANTS

2024 Nurses LOUD \$1,261,052. **K.Barnett PI**, S. Beidler, L. Reyes Walsh, A. Barber. Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust

2023 Cobb and Douglas County Community Health Improvement Plan Partnership Grant. \$17,000. **K. Barnett Co-PI**, J. Saye, Co-PI. Cobb Douglas County Grant

2023 Victims of Crime Act: Domestic Violence Grant (VOCA) \$96,158. T. Smith, Co-PI, **K. Barnett, Co-PI**, J. Saye Co-PI, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

2023 Victims of Crime Act: Sexual Assault Grant (VOCA) \$51,312. T. Smith, Co-PI, **K. Barnett, Co-PI**, J. Saye Co-PI, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

2023 Pilot Study to Compare Vaginal/ Cervical Evidence Collection Techniques Performed by SANEs During a Forensic Medical Examination. \$5,000. J. Saye, PI, **K. Barnett CO-PI** International Association of Forensic Nurses Grant 008.

2022 – 2025 Medications for Opioid Use Disorder. \$728,868. **K. Barnett, PI and PD**, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration 1H79T1085533 Grant. Integrated evidence-based educational program on assessment, treatment, and referrals of patients with Substance Use Disorders into the curricula for graduate programs: nurse practitioners, nurse educators, and nurse administrators.

PRESENTATIONS

Saye, J & **Barnett, K.** (August, 2025). “ *Enhancing Forensic Efficacy and Compassion: Exploring DNA Collection Techniques, Informed Consent, and Trauma-Informed Approaches to Support Sexual Assault Investigations and Prosecutions.*” Georgia Commission on Family Violence, Georgia.

Saye, J & **Barnett, K.** (August, 2025), “*Comparing Vaginal/Cervical Evidence Collection Techniques Performed During a Forensic Medical Examination,*” International Association of Forensic Nurses, Nebraska.

Barnett, K. (January 2025), *Statewide Medical Peer Review, "Mobilizing Medical Responses to Human Trafficking Operations,"* Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA), Georgia.

Barnett, K. (January, 2025), *Wellstar Emergency Residency Training on Human Trafficking, "Human Trafficking,"* Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, Wellstar.

Barnett, K. (November 2024), *Conversations with an Expert part 3, "Understanding Human Trafficking for the Medical Professional,"* State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Barnett, K. (October, 2024), *Conversations with an Expert, "Understanding the Medical Role within a Multidisciplinary Response to Combat Human Trafficking,"* State of Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Barnett, K. (September, 2024), *Forensic Medical Examination State Meeting, "Forging Ahead Together to Mobilize Medical Responses to Human Trafficking,"* Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Forsyth, Georgia.

Barnett, K (August 2024) *Forging Ahead Together to Mobilize Medical Responses to Human Trafficking Operations.* Georgia Commission on Family Violence, Athens, GA.

Barnett, K & J. Saye (January 2024) *Transforming Lives: Human Trafficking* Wellstar College of Health & Human Services, Kennesaw, GA.

Pederson, S & **K. Barnett** (January 2024) *Human Trafficking.* Georgia Department of Public Health, Macon, GA.

Barnett, K & S. Beidler (Sep 2023) *Empowering advance practice nursing students in the care and treatment of individuals with substance use disorder.* National League of Nurses Education Summit. Washington, DC.

J. Saye, S. Beidler, **K. Barnett**, & T. Sullivan (April 2023) *An Academic-Community Partnership to Address the Health Needs of Trafficked Individuals.* Wellstar College of Health & Human Services.

C. Emerson, D. Keen, & **K. Barnett** (April 2023) *"I Never Knew I had a Culture": Nursing Student Perceptions of the Intercultural Development Plan on Intercultural Development*. KSU Global Forum

C. Emerson, D. Keen, & **K. Barnett** (March 2023) *"I Never Knew I Had a Culture": Nursing Student Perceptions of the Intercultural Development Plan on Intercultural Development*. 2023 Annual Meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology.

D. Kenn, C. Emerson, & **K. Barnett** (March 2023) *Weaving Cultural Development through Baccalaureate Nursing Curriculum*. 2023 Annual Meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology.

Barnett, K. (Nov 2022). *Characteristics of Mothers with Substance Addiction that predict graduation from the Family Treatment Court*. AMERSA Conference. Boston, MA.