

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2023 Ed.D. Doctor of Education (Nursing Education) University of West Georgia

2018 MSN Master of Science in Nursing Education University of West Georgia

2013 BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing Kennesaw State University
Magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024-Present Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Kennesaw State University

2024-Present Graduate Faculty Status, Kennesaw State University

2022-2024 Staff Nurse Advanced Heart Failure and Palliative Medicine Clinic, Wellstar
Kennestone Regional Medical Center

2021-2022 Associate Dean of Faculty, Chamberlain University

2021 Assistant Dean of Student Learning, Chamberlain University

2018-2021 Student Learning Specialist, Chamberlain University

2014-2018 Staff Nurse, Relief Charge Nurse, Preceptor, Coronary Care Unit, Wellstar
Kennestone Regional Medical Center

2013-2014 Staff Nurse, Emergency Department, Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical
Center

2010-2013 Emergency Department Technician, Wellstar Kennestone Regional Medical
Center

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

2013-Present Registered Nurse, State of Georgia

2021-2026 Certified Nurse Education, National League of Nurses

2024-2026 Basic Life Support, American Heart Association

2024-2028 Conflict of Interest, CITI

2024-2027 Export Controls: Export Compliance Awareness for Researchers, CITI

2024-2027 Human Research: Biomedical Research with Human Subjects, CITI

2024-2027 Human Research: Informed Consent and Incidental Findings in Research,
CITI

2024-2027 Human Research: Social, Behavioral, & Educational Research with Human Subjects, CITI

2024-2027 Responsible Conduct of Research: Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course, CITI

TEACHING, SUPERVISION, & MENTORING

COURSES TAUGHT AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

1. NURS3313 Adult Health Nursing (lecture), taught 3 times
2. NURS3313 Adult Health Nursing (simulation), taught 2 times
3. NURS4419 Nursing Leadership Practicum (simulation), taught 1 time
4. NURS3209 Holistic Nursing (lab) taught 1 time
5. NURS 3313 Adult Health Nursing (lab) taught 2 times
6. NURS 3309 Health Assessment (lab) taught 1 time
7. NURS 3209 Holistic Nursing (simulation) taught 1 time

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RELATED TO TEACHING, SUPERVISION, & MENTORING

Department or Program:

August 2024-Present Undergraduate Program Evaluation Committee (UPEC)
Committee Member 2024-2025; Co-Chair 2025-2026

August 2024-Present Undergraduate Program Testing Committee (UPTC)
Committee Member and ATI Champion

August 2024-Present Faculty Liaison between UPEC and UPTC

August 2025-Present Faculty Development Committee
Committee Member

August 2025-Present Wellstar College of Health and Human Services Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Committee Member, Wellstar School of Nursing Representative

Professional Service:

July 2025-Present Sigma Theta Tau, Intl., Mu Phi at-Large Chapter
Treasurer; Board of Directors

Other institutional service:

October 2024- KSU Health Fair, Marietta, GA *Faculty Support for BSN Students*
November 2024- Faculty volunteer: Nurs 7754 Escape Room Experience
November 2024- KSU Symposium of Student Scholars *Faculty Judge*
March 2025- KSU Health Fair, Kennesaw, GA *Faculty Support for BSN Students*
March 2025- WSON Curriculum Work Session (Clinical Courses)
August 2025-Present Wellstar School of Nursing Undergraduate Mentor

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2024-Present National Consortium for Nursing Academic Coaches
2024-Present American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
2024-Present American Nurses Association
2024-Present Georgia Nurses Association
2018-Present Georgia Association of Nurse Educators
2018-Present Phi Kappa Phi
2014-Present American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
2012-Present Sigma Theta Tau, Mu Phi Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP

Dissertation:

Caffrey, S. (2023) "Implicit Biases and Influencing Factors of Prelicensure Nursing Faculty Regarding English-As-Additional-Language Prelicensure Nursing Students." *University of West Georgia. Chair, Dr. Jennifer Schuessler*

Presentations:

2025 Oncology Nursing Society Congress Poster Presentation "Innovative Competency-Based Instruction Bundling in Nursing Education: A Pilot Study to Increase the Oncology Specialty Workforce" (Ruegg, T., Keith, A., & Caffrey, S.)

2022 Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition Doctoral Symposium Poster Presentation "Implicit Biases and Influencing Factors of Prelicensure Nursing Faculty Regarding English-As-Additional-Language Prelicensure Nursing Students" (Caffrey, S.)

2019 Georgia Association of Nurse Educators Conference Poster Presentation "End-of-Life Concepts in an Undergraduate Nursing Program" (Caffrey, S.)

Research in Progress:

August 2024-Present Co-Investigator with Dr. Tracy Ruegg and Dr. Angela Keith, "Innovative Competency-Based Instruction Bundling in Nursing Education: A Pilot Study to Increase the Specialty Practice Setting Workforce"

August 2025-Present, PI, "Breaking Barriers: Empowering First-Generation Nursing Students"

August 2025-Present, "Exploring Navigational Capital Among First-Generation Healthcare Students: A Rodger's Evolutionary Concept Analysis"

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018 Phi Kappa Phi Induction at University of West Georgia
2018 Graduate Class Speaker at University of West Georgia
2018 Outstanding MSNEd Student at University of West Georgia
2016 Atlanta Journal Constitution (AJC) Nursing Excellence Nominee
2012 Sigma Theta Tau Induction- Mu Phi Chapter at Kennesaw State University

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 2024-Present WSON New Faculty Mentorship Series *Participant*
August 2024 CETL "Building and Facilitating a Sustainable Module for Your Course" *Participant*
August 2024 WCHSS Faculty Menti Training *Participant*
August 2024 Office of Research PI Academy *Participant*
September 2024-Present WCHHS New Faculty Orientation Series *Participant*
September 2024 CETL "Getting to Know our KSU Students" *Participant*
September 2024 Faculty Development Committee "Fostering Civility in Difficult Learning Conversations" *Participant*
September 2024 Hanover Research/Kennesaw WellStar Webinar Training: Developing Great NIH Aims *Participant*
September 2024 WCHHS Strategic Planning Virtual Town Hall *Participant*
October 2024 Faculty Development Committee "Gen Z Lingo" *Participant*
October 2024 Committee Simplification Focus Group *Participant*
October 2024 New Faculty Onboarding (STEM) Office of Research *Participant and Elevator Pitch*
November 2024 Faculty Development Committee "Tips and Tricks for FPA/ARD" *Participant*
November 2024 ATI Champion National Call *Participant*
November 2024 Director of Nursing Search Open Forum *Participant*
November 2024 American Nurses Association: 2024 Election's Impact on Health Policy and How Nurses Can Help Advance Nursing Priorities *Participant*
November 2024 Setting Up a Course in D2L *Participant*
December 2024 D2L Tools *Participant*
January 2025 Early Career Onboarding Series: Thinking Strategically About Annual Reviews
February 2025 Faculty Development Committee: Kindness Initiative *Participant*
February 2025 Shifting the Paradigm to a Competency-Based Environment *Participant*
March 2025 Tips, Tricks, & Tactics to Bring Clinical Judgment into Simulation Experiences *Participant*
March 2025 American Nurses Association: Equity in Action- Dismantling Racism in Nursing (Part 1) *Participant*
March 2025 American Nurses Association: Equity in Action- Dismantling Racism in Nursing (Part 2) *Participant*
April 2025 KSU and Wellstar Research Roundtable Discussion *Participant*
April 2025 Health and Wellness Research Community: Research Needs in Hospitals and Healthcare *Participant*

April 2025 American Nurses Association: Equity in Action- Dismantling Racism in Nursing (Part 3) *Participant*

April 2025 American Nurses Association: Equity in Action- Dismantling Racism in Nursing (Part 4) *Participant*

April 2025 WCHHS Lunch & Learn: Tips for Navigating Sticky Situations *Participant*