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### **Education**

Doctor of Nursing Practice in Educational Leadership	2018
American Sentinel University	Aurora, Colorado
Master of Science in Nursing-Education	2011
Western Governors University	Salt Lake City, Utah
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	1980
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas	

### **Licensure and Certifications**

Registered Nurse - Texas Board of Nursing – expires 1/2023  
NLN Certified Nurse Educator – expires 9/24

### **Professional Experience**

3/2020 to present     Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas  
Content Expert/Adjunct Faculty  
Assisted in the development of the prelicensure BSN program curriculum and application leading to approval from the Texas Board of Nursing in October 2020. Instructor for Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing.

10/2014 to present     Galen College of Nursing, Louisville, Kentucky  
Online Instructional Specialist/Adjunct Faculty/Faculty Resource Specialist  
Monitor faculty participation in online courses. Prepare online courses for publication each quarter. Develop online curriculum. Review and revise online courses. Provide online faculty training. Mentor new online faculty. Online instructor in ADN Bridge program for LVN to RN Role Transition, Concepts of Medical-Surgical Nursing, Advance Medical-Surgical Nursing, and Transition to RN Practice Courses. Online instructor in RN to BSN program for Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing and Capstone Courses. Online instructor in MSN program for Assessment and Evaluation of Learning Course. Course developer for MSN-ED track. Developed Academic Nursing Orientation for new nursing faculty and Role Tracks for faculty changing roles within the college.

10/2011 to 12/2014     Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas Campus  
Instructor/Concepts of Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing  
Lead Advanced Medical-Surgical Concept faculty for San Antonio campus and Chair of Advanced Medical-Surgical Concept Curriculum Committee across campuses. Develop schedule and lesson plans for on ground course. Prepare reviews and remediation/tutoring. Teach in classroom, lab, and clinical setting. Online instructor for Advance Medical-Surgical Nursing. Precept new faculty. Co-chair of Campus Faculty Development Committee, Co-

chair of Campus Curriculum Committee, Chair of Campus Program Evaluation Committee, ACEN Champion.

4/2001 to 9/2012 Methodist Healthcare System, San Antonio, Texas

Education Director/Perioperative Educator/Perioperative Nurse

Lead a team of 10 educators in the delivery of education services for two hospitals. Complete staff evaluations, feedbacks, and performance improvement plans. Plan and implement system wide education initiatives. Chair system policy and procedure committee. Provide unit orientation of all new employees. Develop Perioperative Internship for RN's. Perform competency training and maintain annual competency records for 150 employees. Develop "just in time" education projects in response to events or occurrences. Provide care to patients in the perioperative area. Provide electronic medical documentation training to staff nurses.

10/1999 – 4/2001 Alamo Heights Surgery Center, San Antonio, Texas

Assistant Director of Surgical Services

Assume duties of Director in her absence. Circulate in OR and Endoscopy suites. Coordinate surgery schedule. Order ophthalmology supplies and pharmacy items. Assist in PACU and Pre-Op.

11/1998 – 10/1999 United Health Care, San Antonio, Texas

Telephone Triage Nurse

Assist clients to make informed decisions about their health care. Provide preventative and general health care information. Access health information using a PC and various programs.

4/1997 – 10/1998 Baptist Home Health Services, San Antonio, Texas

Nursing Supervisor

Supervise 45 health care employees in the delivery of care to 200 Medicare and managed care patients. Initiated electronic documentation for nursing.

8/1995 – 4/1997 Gold Seal Services, San Antonio, Texas

Case Manager

Case manager for locally owned and managed home health agency until its acquisition by HealthCor. Supervise care provided by nursing staff and home health care personnel to 25-30 patients from admission to discharge.

04/1981 – 8/1995 Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas

Education Director/Perioperative Nurse

Perform circulating and scrub nurse duties for laparoscopic, cardiac, orthopedic, and general surgeries. Develop program curriculum and budget for two 4-month internships each year. Interview, select, and supervise RN and LVN students in the surgical nursing program.

### **Scholarship**

Smith, B. "A Comparison of the Effects of Computer-Based Testing and Paper and Pencil Testing on HESI Exit Exam Scores." DNP Project, American Sentinel University, 2018.

Smith, B. *Medical Surgical Nursing Made Incredibly Easy*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. Chapter Editor for Chapter 7 Eye Disorders.

### **Professional Associations**

National League for Nursing 2011 – present  
Sigma Theta Tau 2016 - present

### **Community Service**

Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend – Volunteer, 2018 - present  
Big Bend Education Corporation – Secretary, 2018 - present

### **Academic Service**

Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas  
Chair of Advanced Medical-Surgical Concept Curriculum Committee, 2012 - 2014  
Co-chair of Campus Faculty Development Committee, 2013 – 2014  
Co-chair of Campus Curriculum Committee, 2013 – 2014  
Chair of Campus Program Evaluation Committee, 2012 - 2014  
ACEN Champion, 2012 - 2014  
MSN-ED Curriculum Development Committee, 2019 – 2020  
Honor Society Committee, 2021-

### **Academic Courses Taught**

#### **Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, Faculty, LPN/LVN to ADN Bridge Program**

##### **January 2011 – present**

Theory, lab, and clinical faculty for NUR 265 Advanced Concepts of Medical-Surgical Nursing (Lead). Online theory faculty for NUR 202 LPN/LVN Role Transition, NUR 242 Medical-Surgical Nursing Concepts, NUR 265 Advanced Concepts of Medical-Surgical Nursing, NUR 280 Transition to Registered Nursing Practice

#### **Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, Faculty, RN to BSN Program**

##### **October 2019 - present**

Online theory faculty for NSG 3050 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing, NSG 4850 Capstone

#### **Galen College of Nursing, San Antonio, Texas, Faculty, MSN Program**

##### **October 2020 - present**

Online theory faculty for NSG 6050 Assessment & Evaluation of Learning

#### **Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, Faculty, RN-BSN Program**

##### **March 2021 – present**

Online theory faculty for NURS 3301 Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing