

LSCPA Curriculum Vitae

Melanie Cheri James

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Master of Science in Nursing, Lamar University, May 2015. Major Area: Education
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Baylor University, May 1993
3. 1993-Present, Professional Licensure, Registered Nurse, Texas Board of Nursing
4. 2010-Present, Certification, Inpatient Obstetric Nursing—National Certification Corporation

POSITIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

1. 2016-Present, Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Nursing Program Instructor, Lamar State College Port Arthur

Responsible for providing quality and innovative instruction to students in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN program. Faculty shall teach a standard work load of thirty (30) semester credit hours of instruction each academic year beginning each fall and continuing through the following summer. Maintains academic standards as established by the Texas Board of Nursing. Provides professional leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum. Assists with advising and recruiting students. Establishes effective working relationships with others on campus and within the community. Serves on departmental and college committees, performs community service, and continues professional and technical development. Maintains current knowledge, clinical expertise, and safety in the subject areas of teaching responsibility.

2. 2021-Present, Allied Health Simulation/Skills Lab Coordinator

Provides quality and innovative instruction to students in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN program and Vocational Nursing program. Responsible for creating and managing a multidimensional educational link between nursing lectures and the nursing laboratory/practical clinical experience. The position also includes skills lab resource management. Maintains academic standards as established by the Texas Board of Nursing. Provides professional leadership in the development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum. Assists with advising and recruiting students. Establishes effective working relationships

with others on campus and within the community. Serves on departmental and college committees, performs community service, and continues professional and technical development. Maintains current knowledge, clinical expertise, and safety in the subject areas of teaching responsibility.

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE

1. 2019-2020, Registered Nurse, Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas

Registered Nurse on Mother/Baby unit. Provided complete care of the high-risk antepartum, gynecological, postpartum and newborn patient, including pre- and post-operative care.

2. 2011-2016, Registered Nurse, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System

Served on Educational Council. Collaborated with educators, hospital staff and administration to address educational needs of healthcare providers in CHRISTUS hospitals and affiliated facilities. Served on Nurse Practice Committee. Developed and evaluated policies related to nursing practice. Served on Medication Safety Committee. Collaborated with multidisciplinary members who monitor, educate and support compliance with pharmaceutical guidelines within the hospitals.

3. 2011-2016, Registered Nurse, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System

System Manager for GE Centricity Perinatal electronic fetal monitoring system. Responsible for educating nursing staff on system and implementation of system on nursing units and affiliated physician offices.

4. 2011-2016, Registered Nurse, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System

Clinical educator for maternal-child staff. Managed compliance with education requirements for clinical staff in maternal, newborn and pediatric units. Developed and implemented teaching plans and curriculum to meet education requirements for maternal, newborn and pediatric units. American Heart Association BLS, NRP instructor. AWHONN fetal monitoring instructor.

5. 1997-2016, Registered Nurse, CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System Center for New Life

Provided complete care of the obstetric patient including high-risk antepartum, gynecological, labor and delivery, postpartum and post-operative care. Complete care of the newborn during transition.

6. 1996-1997, Registered Nurse, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Home Health and Nursing Float Pool

Provided complete care of the medical-surgical patient, ranging from pediatric to geriatric patients.

7. 1994-1996, Registered Nurse, Beaumont Regional Medical Center—Labor and Delivery Unit

Complete care of the obstetric patient including high-risk antepartum, labor and delivery, surgical and recovery care. Initial care of the newborn

8. 1993-1994, Registered Nurse, Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas

Complete care of the obstetric patient including high-risk antepartum, labor and delivery, surgical and recovery care. Initial care of the newborn.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2011-Current, Association for Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

2015-Current, Sigma Theta Tau International

2019-Current, Organization for Associate Degree Nursing

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. 2019, Nuts & Bolts for Nurse Educators, Next Gen Learning: From Critical Thinking to Clinical Judgment to NCLEX and Beyond (Nurse Tim)

2. 2019, OADN Convention, Excellence Through Innovation

3. 2019, Avkin Simulated Participant Workshop for clinical simulations

4. 2017, OADN Convention, Advancing Quality and Safety in Healthcare

LSCPA CAMPUS EXPERIENCE (leave blank if new to LSCPA)

1. 2019-2021, Faculty Sponsor, Alpha Delta Nu, Eta Epsilon Chapter

2. 2018-2020, Member, LSCPA Student-Faculty Relations Committee