

LSCPA Curriculum Vitae

Melanie Cheri James

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Science in Nursing, Lamar University, May 2015. Major Area: Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Baylor University, May 1993

1993-Present: Professional Licensure, Registered Nurse, Texas Board of Nursing

2010-Present: Certification, Inpatient Obstetric Nursing—National Certification Corporation

POSITIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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.

2021-Present: Allied Health Simulation/Skills Lab Coordinator Lamar State College Port Arthur Nursing Instructor, Simulation Lab Coordinator, RN faculty Team Lead

Provides quality and innovative instruction to students in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN program and Vocational Nursing programs. Responsible for creating and managing a multidimensional educational link between nursing lectures and the nursing laboratory/practical clinical experience, including the use of low-, medium-, and high-fidelity manikins and surveillance systems. Coordinated with the college audiovisual department to create and publish educational videos for nursing skills curriculum. 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.

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE

2022-2024: The Medical Center of Southeast Texas

Registered Nurse. 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.

2019-2020: 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.

2011-2016: 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.

2011-2016: 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.

2011-2016: 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.

1997-2016: CHRISTUS Southeast Texas Health System Center for New Life

Registered Nurse. 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.

1996-1997: St. Elizabeth Hospital—Home Health and Nursing Float Pool--Beaumont, Texas

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

1994-1996: Beaumont Regional Medical Center—Labor and Delivery Unit

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

1993-1994: Parkland Hospital—Dallas, Texas

Registered Nurse. 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

2020-Current: National Council State Boards of Nursing

2021-Current: International Nursing Association of Clinical and Simulation Learning

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023—OADN Convention: Turning the Tide of Nursing Education

2023—INACSL Conference: Imagining the Future of Simulation

2022—SimGHOSTS Conference: Embracing Connection, Creativity and Community in a Changing World

2022—OADN Convention: Owning Your Influence

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

2019 OADN Convention: Excellence Through Innovation

2019 Avkin Simulated Participant Workshop for clinical simulations

2017 OADN Convention: Advancing Quality and Safety in Healthcare

LSCPA CAMPUS EXPERIENCE (leave blank if new to LSCPA)

2019-present: Faculty Sponsor, Alpha Delta Nu, Eta Epsilon Chapter

2018-2020: Member, LSCPA Student-Faculty Relations Committee

2016-2023: Credit courses at the Lamar State College Port Arthur include

- a Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (RNSG 1300)
- b Intro to Health Care Concepts (RNSG 1228)
- c Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies (RNSG 1118)
- d Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (RNSG 1424)

e Clinical I - Registered Nursing (RNSG 1260)
f Health Care Concepts III (RNSG 1538)
g Professional Nursing Concepts III (RNSG 1137)
h Clinical II - Registered Nursing (RNSG 2361)
i Health Care Concepts IV (RNSG 2539)
j Professional Nursing Concepts IV (RNSG 2138)
k Clinical III – Registered Nursing (RNSG 2362)
l Nursing in Health and Illness I (VNSG 1400)
m Essentials of Medication Administration (VNSG 1227)
n Foundations of Nursing (VNSG 1204)
o Pharmacology (VNSG 1231)
p Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training (VNSG 1261)
q Nursing in Health and Illness II (VNSG 1409)
r Pediatrics (VNSG 1234)
s Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training (VNSG 1462)
t Nursing in Health and Illness III (VNSG 2410)
u Maternal-Neonatal Nursing (VNSG 1230)
v Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training (VNSG 1463)