

LSCPA Curriculum Vitae

Melissa Jean Smith

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Associate of Applied Science, Lamar University-Port Arthur, May 1986, Major Area: Medical Secretary
2. LVN Nursing Certificate, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, August 2006, Major Area: Licensed Vocational Nurse
3. Associate of Applied Science, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, May 2008, Major Area: Registered Nurse
4. 2008-Present, Professional Licensure, Registered Nurse, Texas Board of Nursing

POSITIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

1. 2019-Present: Licensed Vocational Nursing Instructor, Lamar State College Port Arthur Responsible for providing quality and innovative instruction to students in the Vocational Nursing program. Faculty shall teach a standard work load of thirty (30) semester credit hours in 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 department 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. June 2015-September 2019, Clinical Supervisor, Aveanna (formerly Epic) Health Services
Managed and supervised 25 plus patients and nurses in the pediatric private duty home setting. Responsible for patient assessments and submission for authorization for nursing services. Interviewed perspective field nurses, taught IV and documentation classes. Performed various skill checkoffs, such as trach care, NG tube and GB placement and urinary catheterization
2. June 2008-June 2015, Registered Nurse in NICU, Neonatal and Postpartum, The Medical Center of Southeast Texas

Perform various nursing duties on Women's Health Services floor including postpartum women, post gynecologic surgeries, and preterm and well newborn care. Attended deliveries and transitioned newborns, providing newborn care and labs as well as breastfeeding education and assistance to new mothers

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. 2021-Current, Texas Association of Vocational Nursing Educators (TAVNE)
2. 2019-Current, Lamar State College Port Arthur Allied Health Society

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. 2019-Current, Faculty Development Meetings for all Fall and Spring Semesters
2. 2022-Current, Think Like a Nurse, Continuing Education
3. 2021, 2022, 2023, Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators Conference
4. 2008-Current, Registered Nurse Licensures
5. 2005-Current, American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification

LSCPA CAMPUS EXPERIENCE (leave blank if new to LSCPA)

1. 2020-Current, Member, LSCPA Hiring Committee, Responsible for reviewing applications, qualifications, and participation in hiring interviews of prospective faculty for Allied Health.
2. 2020-Current, Member, LSCPA Allied Health Standards Committee, Responsible for initiating and facilitating the development of standards for the Vocational Nursing Program