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EDUCATION

Institution	Location	Degree	Date	Field of conferred Study
Post University	Waterbury, CT	Doctor of Nursing Practice	June 30, 2022	Educational Leadership
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX	Master of Science in Nursing	May 11, 2019	Nursing Education
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls, TX	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	December 12, 2015	Nursing
		Summa Cum Laude Graduate		

LICENSURE/CREDENTIAL/CERTIFICATION

Credentialing Agency	Initial Confirmation	Renewal Date	Area
Texas Board of Nursing	2016-License number 896006	01/31/2028	Registered Nurse

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institution/Agency	Position	Dates	Responsibilities
Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308	Assistant Professor	08/2019-present	Teach in the didactic and clinical portions of undergraduate nursing courses. Courses taught include Basic Nursing, Family Health Nursing 1, Family Health Nursing 2
Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308	Adjunct Professor	07/2019 Summer 2 05/2020 Summer 1 and 2 07/2021 Summer 2 05/2022 Summer 1 and 2	Teach clinical portions of the Accelerated Nursing Program. Courses taught include Health Assessment and Clinical Competency Integration
United Regional Health Care System, 1600 11th St. Wichita Falls, TX 76301	Staff RN, preceptor for new hired nurses, preceptor for MSU and VC RN/LVN pre-licensure student nurses	2016-2021	Provide direct patient care. Teach nursing skills and patient care to new nurses and student nurses.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

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Academic Year

2025-2026

Courses Taught

NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing
Care 1/clinical/course coordinator-Fall and
Spring

NURS-3733-X30 Foundations of
Comprehensive Pathophysiology Nurs
Summer I Semester 2026

NURS-4713-X30 Comprehensive Health
Assessment Summer I Semester 2025

NURS-4711-X30 Comprehensive Health
Assessment Clinical Summer I Semester
2026

NURS 3723-X30 Leadership Roles
Summer I Semester 2026

NURS 4743-X40 Care Coordination
Across the Continuum-Summer II
Semester 2026

2024-2025

NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing
Care 1/clinical/course coordinator-Fall and
Spring

NURS-3733-X30 Foundations of
Comprehensive Pathophysiology Nurs
Summer I Semester 2025

NURS-4713-X30 Comprehensive Health
Assessment Summer I Semester 2025

NURS-4711-X30 Comprehensive Health
Assess Clinical Summer I Semester 2025

NURS-4910-301 Critical Competency
Integration Clinical Summer I Semester
2025

NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing
Care 1/clinical/course coordinator-Fall and
Spring

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2023-2024	NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care 1/clinical/course coordinator-Fall and Spring
2022-2023	NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care 1/clinical/course coordinator-Fall and Spring
2021-2022	NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care 1/clinical/course coordinator--Fall and Spring-
2020-2021	NURS 3243 Basic Nursing Clinical-Fall—when an instructor passed away NURS 4861 Critical Competency Integration Summer 1 NURS 3833 Foundation Clinical Concepts Summer 2 NURS 3243 Basic Nursing Care Clinical-Fall and spring NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care 1/clinical.co-course coordination-Fall and spring NURS 3843 Accelerated Foundations Clinicals-summer 2
2019-2020	NURS 3243 Basic Nursing Care Clinical—Fall and spring NURS 4023 Family Health Nursing Care 2/clinical-Fall NURS 3423/3422 Family Health Nursing Care 1/clinical, co-course coordinator-spring
2018-2019	Foundation Clinical Competency Clinicals -summer 1 and 2 NURS 3833 Foundations Clinical Concepts Summer 2

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

PUBLICATIONS

Witherspoon, M., Pankonien, C. A., Baldwin, J., & Hunter, C. (2023). The impact of a role-play patient simulation on nursing students as measured by the comprehensive state empathy scale. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing, 18*(3), e79-e83 Cited 20 times.

Witherspoon, M. (2026). Pairing AI with Socratic questioning to develop clinical reasoning. *Nurse Educator*,

PRESENTATIONS

September 2022

M. Witherspoon, Empathy Training Via Role-Play Simulation. World Summit on Nursing Education & Healthcare, Rising Nurses, 2022, Virtual

March 2023

M. Witherspoon, Empathy Training Through Role Play Simulation. National League of Nursing, Nursing Education Conference 2023, Washington, D.C.

M. Witherspoon, Empathy and the Caregiver, Lunch and Learn for HSHS students

April 2023

M. Witherspoon, Empathy Training Through Role Play Simulation. MSU Texas Celebration of Scholarship, Wichita Falls, Tx, 2023

SUBMITTED PROPOSALS

2025: The Use of Generative AI to Develop and Implement a Mixed-Reality Simulation, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Faculty Scholars Grant

REVIEWS

2025: Hinkle and Cheever: Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing (in publication): Wolters Kluwer (16th Ed)

APPLIED RESEARCH

2023-present Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*

2025 Reviewer—CAN-Sim Conference Abstract Reviews

2025 Assisted Carol Stilner with DNP simulation project simulations

2022-24 Participation in HSHS Interdisciplinary Communication Event

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SERVICE

UNIVERSITY

- 2023-present EURECA proposal reviewer
- 2025 Family Weekend, Mustang Roundup
- 2026 Student Allocation Committee
- 2024 Redwine Honors Project Advisor (2 students)
- 2026 For the Love of Learning: Assignment Redesign for Gen AI-AI Exploratory Assignment—The Learning Resource Center

COLLEGE

- 2022-present HSHS College Research Committee
- 2022-present Interdisciplinary Education Committee
- 2022-present HSHS College Health Fair Reviewer (nursing student booths)

PROGRAM

- 2019-present Undergraduate Faculty Organization
- 2021-2024 Faculty Affairs Committee
- 2022-2025 Testing Development and Effectiveness Committee-Chair, developed Near Miss policy
- 2020-present Faculty and Simulation Staff search and interview committee
- 2024-present MSU/WSON Nursing Faculty Organization President
- 2024-present ATI champion
- 2025-present Curriculum development committee

PROFESSION

- 2022-present Sigma Theta Tau (member and chapter leader), Nursing's International Honor Society-Board member of Xi Iota Chapter
- 2022-present Sigma Theta Tau Xi Iota Chapter Induction Ceremony
- 2026 Sigma Theta Tau Xi Iota Chapter recruiting event
- 2026 United Regional Healthcare System Advances in Healthcare Symposium

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2022-present National League of Nursing (member)

2025-present International Nursing Association for Clinical Learning and
Simulation (member)