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### **EDUCATION**

Nursing PhD, 2016-2023

Augusta University, Augusta, GA

Master of Science in Nursing Education, 2012-2013

Western Governor's University, Salt Lake City, UT

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1994-1997

Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, Atlanta, GA

### **LICENSURE | CERTIFICATIONS**

- Registered Nurse, Georgia Board of Nursing since 1998
- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Provider, American Heart Association (current)
- Mental Health First Aid Instructor since 2022
- Certified Quality Matters (QM) Reviewer since 2021

### **EMPLOYMENT**

1/2016- Present University of North Georgia, Gainesville, Georgia

Effective 1/2024: Assistant Professor, Accelerated BSN Program (hybrid format)

Current: Senior Lecturer, BSN Program

- Mental Health Nursing Course Coordinator
- Evidence-Based Practice and Research Course Coordinator
- Substance Use and Addiction Nursing Course Coordinator
- Integrative Care Course Coordinator
- Master Faculty Advisor (2020-2023)
- Co-faculty member in numerous nursing courses and clinicals throughout BSN program

8/2020- Present University of North Georgia, Gainesville, Georgia

Instructor, Continuing Education Department

- Medical Assistant Course Instructor (online and on-campus)

5/2017- 8/2017 Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Mental Health Nursing Course Coordinator, BSN Program

- Mental Health Nursing Course and Clinical Coordinator (Temporary position)

7/2015-6/2016 Ridgeview Psychiatric Institute, Smyrna, Georgia

Inpatient Registered Nurse

- Nursing care of inpatient psychiatric population, with emphasis in addiction, crisis stabilization, and geriatric mental health

9/2012-7/2015 Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Georgia

Instructor, RN-BSN and Associate Degree Programs

- Development and facilitation of classroom, clinical, simulation, and online teaching
- Coordinator and co-faculty member in numerous courses throughout the program.

7/2012-1/2014 Willowbrook at Tanner, Villa Rica, Georgia

Staff Nurse

- Nursing care of inpatient psychiatric population with emphasis in crisis stabilization and adolescent care

7/2011-7/2012 Peachford Hospital, Dunwoody, Georgia

Charge Nurse

- Nursing care of inpatient psychiatric population with emphasis in addiction, crisis stabilization, and geriatric mental health

3/2004-6/2011 Wellstar Cobb Hospital Behavioral Health, Austell, Georgia

Charge Nurse, Staff Nurse, Admission Nurse

- Nursing care of diverse adult inpatient psychiatric population
- Charged with creation of admission nurse position for consistency of patient care between ED and behavioral health unit
- Worked with psychiatric assessment team to triage and facilitate psychiatric placements

## **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Harp, D. (2023, June). Principal Investigator. *The Impact of Dog Ownership on Depression, Anxiety, and Loneliness in Community Dwelling Older Adults: An Exploratory Study* [Dissertation Defense]. College of Nursing, Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia.

Harp, D. (2023, February). *The Impact of Dog Ownership on Depression, Anxiety, and Loneliness in Community Dwelling Older Adults: A Literature Review* [Poster Presentation]. Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition (GNLC) Doctoral Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia.

Harp, D. (2019, November). *Substance Use in Rural Group Homes: A Community Discussion* [Podium Presentation]. Lexington County Town Forum, Lexington, South Carolina.

Harp, D. (2018, May). *The Effect of Animal Assisted Therapy on Late-Life Depression in Nursing Home Residents* [Dissertation Proposal Defense]. College of Nursing, Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia.

Harp, D. (2018, February). *Professional Help-seeking Behaviors for Late-life Depression: A Conceptual Framework* [Poster Presentation]. Graduate Research Day, Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia.

Vincent, P. & Harp, D. (2014, August). *Sleep Hygiene* [Podium Presentation]. Georgia Highlands College Faculty Wellness Event, Cartersville, Georgia.

Harp, D. (2013, October). *The Significance of the Mental Health Clinical in Nursing Education* [Capstone Presentation]. College of Nursing, Western Governors University.

Hamm, J. & Harp, D. (2013, August). *Simulation in Undergraduate Nursing Education* [Poster Presentation]. Concept-Based Learning Conference, Orlando, Florida.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- GNLC Doctoral Symposium Poster Presentation Second Place Award: *The Impact of Dog Ownership on Depression, Anxiety, and Loneliness in Community Dwelling Older Adults: A Literature Review*. February 2023.
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society Induction 2017
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society 2017
- Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship Award 2017
- Ruth K. Mullins Scholarship Award 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society
  - Current Tau Psi at-Large Chapter President
- American Holistic Nurses Association
- National League for Nursing
- American Nurses Association
- Mental Health First Aid (National Council)

## **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA SERVICE**

Development of nursing elective 2021: Integrative Care in Nursing  
Development of nursing elective 2020: Substance Use and Addiction  
Annual Nursing Department Committee Assignments  
Annual UNG Committee Assignments  
New Faculty Mentor since 2021  
Master Faculty Advisor, Gainesville Campus 2020-2023  
UNG Open House Event, annual volunteer 2018-2020  
Green Zone Training 2018  
BSN Thesis Advisor 2017-2019  
BSN New Student Orientation Committee, Chairperson since 2017

## **OTHER**

International Academy of Mableton Charter School, 2006-2007

- Co-founder, school nurse, and staff health educator

South Carolina Air Force National Guard, 1986-1990

- Communication Information Specialist, E-4