

Jenifer M. Chilton, Dr.

Current Position

Position Title: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Start Date: 2021-10-01

Position Title: Interim Dean

Start Date: 2025-07-08

Degrees

Degree: Ph.D.

Year Conferred: 2012

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Tyler

Level of Degree: Doctoral

Highest Degree Earned: Yes

Terminal Degree: No

City: Tyler

Title of Dissertation or Thesis: The Effect of the Total Girl Wellness Program on Adolescent Females enrolled in Physical Education

State or Province: Texas

Nation: United States

Degree: M.S.N.

Year Conferred: 2008

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Tyler

Level of Degree: Masters

Highest Degree Earned: No

Terminal Degree: No

City: Tyler

Title of Dissertation or Thesis: scholarly project

State or Province: Texas

Degree: B.S.N.

Year Conferred: 1991

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Kansas

Level of Degree: Bachelors

Highest Degree Earned: No

Terminal Degree: No

City: Lawrence

State or Province: Kansas

Nation: United States

Degree: B.S.E.

Year Conferred: 1987

Discipline: Education

Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Austin

Level of Degree: Bachelors

Highest Degree Earned: No

Terminal Degree: No

City: Austin

State or Province: Texas

Nation: United States

Professional Licensures & Certifications

Title: Adult Mental Health First Aid Training
Organization: National Council for Behavioral Health
Further Details: Mental Health First Aid USA's mission is to provide high quality, evidence-based education to support people with mental health challenges.
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2021

Title: CPR
Organization: America Heart Association
Further Details: Renew in September 2021
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2019

Title: Hearing and Vision Certificate
Organization: State of Texas
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2002

Title: Scoliosis Screening
Organization: State of Texas
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2002

Title: Registered Nurse
Organization: BNE
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 1991

Work Experience

Reassigned Duties

Start Term: Summer 2025
End Term: Ongoing
Description: Interim Dean
Reassigned Load Hours: 15
Level: 2
Level Name: College

Teaching

Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions

Grants

Title: Reimagining Institutional Support Efforts for Undergraduate Programs (RISE UP)
Sponsor: Department of Education
Grant ID / Contract ID: P031A240177
Award Date: 2025-09-01

Start Date: 2025-10-01
End Date: 2028-10-01
Period Length: 1
Period Unit: Year
Indirect Funding: 0
Total Funding: 1799828
Currency Type: USD

Abstract:

The RISE UP Grant was intended to provide support for all UG retention by providing professional development for faculty through ACUE and student support through recitations in core courses. The grant was awarded in 2024, but received notice of suspension from the DOE. Funds are to be spent by 12/31/25.

Number of Periods: 4
Collaborators: Jenifer M. Chilton (100%) PI
Status: Funded - In Progress
Approval for Pre-award Spending: Yes
Type of Grant: Program
Type of Funding: Federal
Synergistic Activity: Yes
Internal/External: External

Teaching Enhancement Activities

Professional Enhancement Activities

Advising Activities

Student Mentoring

Start Term: 2021/02
Student Name: Jodi Bullard
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: School Nurses and Commitment to Collaboration

Professional Service

Start Term: Spring 2021
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Manuscript Reviewer
Organization: Journal of Nursing Measurement
Responsibility: Other
Synergistic Activity: No
Scope: International
Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer
Start Term: Fall 2020
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Manuscript Reviewer
Organization: Western Journal of Nursing Research

Responsibility: Member
Synergistic Activity: Yes
Scope: National
Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer
Start Term: Fall 2020
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Manuscript Reviewer
Organization: Journal of Nursing Measurement
Responsibility: Member
Synergistic Activity: Yes
Scope: National
Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer
Start Term: Fall 2016
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Founding Member of BHAC Journal Editorial Board and Wellness Change
Organization: Building Healthy Academic Communities
Description: Member of the BHAC advisory board.
Responsibility: Member
Synergistic Activity: Yes
Scope: National
Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Community Engagement / Civic Service Activities

Start Term: Fall 2020
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Victory Garden Club
Organization: Faculty Volunteers
Description: We meet on campus to update the gardens and plant flowers.
Responsibility: Member
Scope: Local
Location: UT Tyler Campus
Number of People Impacted: 100
Student Participation: Yes
Start Term: Summer 2013
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Nighthawk Ranch
Organization: Camp for Adolescents with Cancer
Description: Serve as both nurse and general volunteer at camp for adolescents. People from all over the United States are involved with this camp. Nighthawk Ranch serves adolescents with cancer. It requires travel to/from Colorado and working at camp for one week. This experience usually takes 10 days.
Responsibility: Other
Scope: National

Honors and Awards

Title: Excellence in Teaching Award
Organization: Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education
Description: The purpose of the University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler) School of Nursing (SON) Specialized Preceptors Innovate Nursing Education (SPIN) program was to increase the number of nurse educators through a new academic-practice

partnership model and to provide quality educational experiences for BSN nursing students. In this model, nurses practicing within three hospital systems were recruited to function as adjunct faculty. This is innovative because the SPIN adjunct faculty were embedded within a hospital system and were able to leverage hospital knowledge and relationships to curate unique learning experiences for BSN nursing students. This is different than the traditional model that relies on nursing faculty to secure quality clinical placements with nurses and nurse administrators within the hospital system.

Year Conferred: 2023

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Texas Academic Leadership Academy

Organization: Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers (TCCAO) and Sam

Houston University

Description: The Texas Academic Leadership Academy (TALA) is a year-long experience aimed at developing leadership skills in aspiring academic leaders. With the support of the Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers (TCCAO) and Sam Houston State University, TALA Fellows are guided by senior academic leaders and mentors.

Year Conferred: 2023

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Service

Title: Mary Coulter Dowdy Distinguished University Professorship

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Description: Congratulations on your selection as the holder of the Mary Coulter Dowdy Distinguished University Professorship 2020-2021 academic year. Per the endowment committee this award will terminate 8/31/2022. This initial appointment begins 1/1/2021.

Year Conferred: 2021

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Nominated for Daisy Award Outstanding Teacher

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Description: Nominated by a PhD student

Year Conferred: 2019

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: LANP

Organization: AACN

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Service

Title: Nominated for Outstanding Dissertation Award

Organization: SON Nominated by PhD Faculty

Year Conferred: 2015

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Excellence in Teaching

Organization: Sigma Theta Tau - Iota Nu Chapter

Year Conferred: 2010

Title: Graduate Excellence in Nursing

Organization: University of Texas at Tyler Graduate School

Year Conferred: 2008

Title: Award of Outstanding in School Health

Organization: Texas Department of State and Human Services

Description: This award was for the second year of the program. It related to getting families/communities walking.

Year Conferred: 2007

Title: Outstanding Graduate Student

Organization: Sigma Theta Tau

Year Conferred: 2007

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Award of Excellence in School Health

Organization: Texas Department of State and Human Services

Description: This award was granted for a program I wrote and implemented while I was a school nurse.

Year Conferred: 2006

Membership

Year Started: 2020

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: National League of Nurses

Year Started: 2020

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Texas Nurse Association

Year Started: 2011

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Southern Nursing Research Association

Year Started: 2010

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Phi Kappa Phi

Year Started: 2005

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Sigma Theta Tau

Consulting

Institutional Committees

Committee Name: 83

Start Term: Spring 2021

End Term: Ongoing

Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler

Responsibility: Member

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Committee Name: Governance Council - SON Liaison

Start Term: Fall 2017

End Term: Ongoing

Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler

Responsibility: Member

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Committee Name: School of Nursing Leadership Team
Start Term: Spring 2017
End Term: Ongoing
Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler
Responsibility: Member
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Other Institutional Service

Start Term: Fall 2022
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Patriot Athletic Advisor
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: Help our athletes navigate their academic journey and act as a mentor or guide. Examples of the type of support that I have in mind could include a quick visit with the team at practice to discuss tips or tricks that you have learned in your academic journey, visiting with a prospective student athlete who is considering majoring in your College or area (thanks to several of you who have already been involved in this), ways to deal with a specific situation. I will be working with the women's volleyball team.
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Start Term: Summer 2019
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Certified Van Driver for The University of Texas at Tyler
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: In order to drive the van with students, I completed three hours of online certification training and then met with a university police officer to pass a driving portion. Once certified, I am able to drive large vehicles with students for the university.
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

K-12 Service Activities

Professional Appointments

Faculty Classifications

Classification	Value	Date Range
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