

Melinda Hermanns, PhD, RN, PMH-BC, CNE, PN/FNP, ANEF

Current Position

Position Title: Professor

Start Date: 2020-09-01

Degrees

Degree: Ph.D.

Year Conferred: 2008

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Level of Degree: Doctoral

Highest Degree Earned: Yes

Terminal Degree: No

City: Houston

Title of Dissertation or Thesis: The Illness Experience of Persons with Parkinson's Disease

State or Province: Texas

Degree: Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Education

Year Conferred: 2004

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Tyler

Level of Degree: Certificate

Highest Degree Earned: No

Terminal Degree: No

State or Province: Texas

Degree: M.S.N.

Year Conferred: 1998

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: 1995

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Tyler

Level of Degree: Bachelors

Highest Degree Earned: No

Terminal Degree: No

City: Tyler

State or Province: Texas

Degree: A.D.N.

Year Conferred: 1992

Discipline: Nursing

Granting Institution: Tyler Junior College

Level of Degree: Associates
Highest Degree Earned: No
Terminal Degree: No
City: Tyler
State or Province: Texas

Professional Licensures & Certifications

Title: Citi Training - Social and Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher Certificate
2025-2028

Organization: UT Tyler
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2025

Title: Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Humanities, Social, Behavioral, and
Educational Sciences 2024-2027

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2024

Title: Certificate in Effective College Instruction (ACUE)

Organization: The Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) and the
American Council on Education

Further Details: Completed: March 8, 2023

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2023

Title: Citi Training - Social and Behavioral Research 3 - Refresher Certificate 2022-
2025

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Further Details: Completion Date: August 4, 2022 Expiration Date: August 3, 2025

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2022

Title: Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Humanities, Social, Behavioral, and
Educational Sciences 2022-2025

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Further Details: Citi Program - 1.4.2022 - 1.3. 2025

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2022

Title: Self-Paced Teaching Online Academy for Online Teaching

Organization: The University of Texas at El Paso

Further Details: For Online Teaching certification renewal

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2021

Title: Stop the Bleed

Organization: American College of Surgeons Committee of Trauma– The University
of Texas at Tyler

Further Details: November 15, 2021

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2021

Title: Allied Team Training for Parkinson's Disease Alumni

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation

Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2020

Title: Nursing Informatics, Quality and Safety Certificate

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Further Details: May 1, 2020

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2020

Title: Post-Bachelor's Certificate in Nursing Informatics, Quality & Safety

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2020

Title: American Heart Association Basic Life Support

Organization: American Heart Association

Further Details: Expires: September 2021

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2019

Title: Citi Training - Social and Behavioral Research Certificate - Protection of Human Subjects 2019 - 2022

Organization: Citi Training - The University of Texas at Tyler

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2019

Title: Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Certifications

Organization: Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2019

Title: Certified Instructor: Parkinson's Exercise

Organization: GZ Sobol Parkinson's Network

Further Details: October 3, 2017

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2017

Title: Citi Training - Social and Behavioral Research Certificate - Protection of Human Subjects 2016 - 2019

Organization: Citi Training - The University of Texas at Tyler

Further Details: September 2019 - September 2022 October 2016 - October 2019

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2016

Title: Level One and Two Certificate in Teaching Excellence and Innovation Online Teaching

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2015

Title: Foundations in Online Learning, Instruction, and Outcomes (FOLIO)

Certificate – UT Tyler

Organization: UT Tyler

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2014

Title: Parish Nursing Certificate

Organization: Bellarmine University

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2013

Title: Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)

Organization: National League for Nursing

Further Details: First nursing faculty to receive the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) certification.

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2009

Title: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Certification
Organization: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2005

Title: Parkinson's Disease Advanced Training Certificate
Organization: Heartland Foundation
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2005

Title: Post-Master's Nursing Education Certification
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2004

Title: NETnet Room Operators Certification
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Further Details: NETnet Room Operator
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2003

Title: Teaching and Learning in Web-based Courses
Organization: Indiana University, Certificate Program
Further Details: Professional Certificate - Teaching and Learning in Web-based
Courses: Indiana University, Certificate Program - December 2003
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2003

Title: Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health
Organization: American Nurses Credentialing Center
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 1999

Title: Registered Nurse
Organization: Texas Board of Nursing
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 1993

Work Experience

Reassigned Duties

Teaching

Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions

1. George, A., Hermanns, M., Monsivais, D., & Parker, C. (2025).

Medication Adherence: A Reimbursable Theory-Guided Evidence-Based Educational
Intervention for Patients with Parkinson's Disease

Research and Theory for Nursing Practice.

Presentation Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

2. Murley, B., Nelson, J. M., Song, H., Haas, B. K., & Hermanns, M. (2026).

An Exploration of Community-Based Exercise Programs for Chronic Illness

Presentation Type: Presentation

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

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3. Monsivais, D., & Hermanns, M. (2025).

'Are You Missing the Chance to Demonstrate Nursing's Distinct Perspective?'

Research and Theory for Nursing Practice.

Preamble for the manuscript: Medication Adherence: A Reimbursable Theory-Guided Evidence-Based Educational Intervention for Patients with Parkinson's Disease.

Presentation Type: Invited

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Invited

4. Hermanns, M., Murley, B., Haas, B. K., & Rodgers, E. G. (2025).

Community-Based Exercise Programs for Adults with Chronic Disease: A Scoping Review

Chronic Illness.

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

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5. Mastel Smith, B., Kimzey, M., Hermanns, M., Robinson, A. A., Haney, D. V., & Sierpina, M. (2024).

'Everybody has a soul that they will own until they die': Nursing students and people with dementia co-creating life stories

Journal of Intergenerational Relationships.

Presentation Type: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

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6. Jeon, W., Dalby, A., & Hermanns, M. (2025).

Age- and Step-Length–Dependent Alterations in Muscle Synergies and Joint Coordination During Unexpected Gait Termination

BMC Geriatrics.

Presentation Type: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

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7. Jeon, W., Lubinus, M., Dalby, A., & Hermanns, M. (2025).

Quadriceps and Ankle Weakness in IBM: Impact on Fall Risk and Rehabilitation Strategies - A Systematic Review

BMC Geriatrics.

Presentation Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

Synergistic Activity: No

Intellectual Contributions: Review Type: Blind Peer Reviewed

Grants

Title: Descending Balance Control in Inclusion Body Myositis: Investigating Knee Extensor Eccentric Control , Ankle Dorsiflexion, and Joint Coordination

Sponsor: National Institutes for Health

Grant ID / Contract ID: R15 24-1677-P0001

Start Date: 2026-01-05

Period Length: 3

Period Unit: Year

Indirect Funding: 0

Total Funding: 375000

Currency Type: USD

Number of Periods: 3

Collaborators: Jeon Woohyoung PI with Manuel Lubinus CoInvestigator, Ashley

Dalby CoInvestigator, Melinda Hermanns CoInvestigator

Status: Submitted for Review

Approval for Pre-award Spending: No

Type of Grant: Research

Type of Funding: Federal

Synergistic Activity: No

Internal/External: External

Title: The Effect of Passive Leg Elevation on Vascular Function and Health Outcomes

Sponsor: High Ground Advisors (Dr. Charles Whiteside)

Award Date: 2024-09-20

Start Date: 2025-01-20

Period Length: 1

Period Unit: Year

Indirect Funding: 0

Total Funding: 25000

Currency Type: USD

Abstract:

Vascular function is a strong marker of cardiovascular health, and it refers to the ability of the body to maintain the homeostasis of vascular tone. On the other hand, vascular dysfunction (= decreased blood flow) has been documented to be antecedent to cardiovascular disease.

States like sedentarism, aging, disease, sleep deprivation, chronic stress etc. are linked to the development of vascular dysfunction. Interestingly, variations in health outcomes, such as physical and mental health and general well-being, sleep disorders, quality of life, also have an effect of the development of vascular dysfunction. For instance, psychosocial stress or mental stress has emerged as an important risk factor implicated in a higher incidence of cardiovascular events. In addition, lack of sleep can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. As a result, there is also extensive research exploring the relationship between vascular health and health outcomes (e.g., mental well-being and sleep deprivation).

The beneficial effects of regular exercise are diverse, and prominently include an improvement in vascular function (= increased blood flow). Furthermore, there is evidence that elevating your legs can benefit your health in a number of ways, such as improved blood flow, reduced inflammation, etc.

Thus, the present research project is aimed to study the effect of passive leg elevation on vascular function and health outcomes (i.e., stress and sleep). These parameters will be assessed before and after 6 to 8 weeks of daily, 40 to 45 minutes, leg elevation sessions among healthy younger participants and in a diseased population.

Number of Periods: 1

Collaborators: Arturo A Arce-Esquivel (50%) PI with Melinda Hermanns (25%)

CoPI, Christine (Christy) S Gipson (25%) CoPI

Status: Funded - In Progress

Approval for Pre-award Spending: No

Type of Grant: Research

Type of Funding: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Internal/External: External

Title: Engagement in Community-Based Exercise Programs for Adults with Chronic Illness
Sponsor: The University of Texas at Tyler
Start Date: 2024-09-01
End Date: 2025-07-31
Period Length: 1
Period Unit: Year
Indirect Funding: 0
Total Funding: 24341
Currency Type: USD
Number of Periods: 1
Collaborators: Brittany Murley PI with Melinda Hermanns CoInvestigator, Scherezade Mama CoInvestigator, Barbara K Haas CoInvestigator
Status: Funded - In Progress
Approval for Pre-award Spending: No
Type of Grant: Research
Type of Funding: Institutional
Synergistic Activity: No
Internal/External: Internal

Teaching Enhancement Activities

Start Term: 2025/01
End Term: 2025/01
Title: Preparing Future Nurses: AACN Essentials, Informatics, & Communication Competence
Hours: 1
Description: 8.29.25 - Presenter: Dr. Jane Carrington.
Synergistic Activity: No
Nurse Tim CE Offering: No

Professional Enhancement Activities

Start Term: 2025/01
End Term: 2025/01
Title: Parkinsons Foundation Certificate of Training: Parkinsons Foundation Ambassador Training
Hours: 3
Description: 9.3.25
Synergistic Activity: No
Internal/External: External

Advising Activities

Start Term: 2023/01
Name of Attached Document: Student Advising Activities
of Doctoral: 3

Student Mentoring

Start Term: 2023/03
Student Name: Veronica Riojas

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Transforming a Dementia Desert: Exploring a Rural Frontier Community's Experience with a Dementia-Friendly Initiative

Start Term: 2020/01

Student Name: Aaron Duebner

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Meaning in Nursing Work and Intent to Stay Among Registered Nurses Working in Direct Patient Care at Acute Care Facilities in the United States

Professional Service

Start Term: Spring 2025

End Term: Ongoing

Title: SNRS Psychiatric Mental Health RIIG

Responsibility: Member

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: Regional

Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Start Term: Fall 2023

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Editorial Board

Organization: Research and Theory for Nursing Practice (RTNP)

Responsibility: Member

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: International

Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Start Term: Fall 2021

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Parkinson's Foundation Ambassador

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation

Description: Formerly titled, 'Aware in Care' Ambassador. Transitioned to the title 'Parkinson's Foundation Ambassadors' with a continued focus on hospital care and all Foundation initiatives (February 2023).

Responsibility: Member

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Start Term: Fall 2020

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Editorial Board - Journal of American Nurses Association - New York (JANANY).

Organization: American Nurses Association - New York

Description: Serves on the Editorial Advisory Board

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Start Term: Fall 2020

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Manuscript Reviewer

Organization: Journal of American Nurses Association - New York (JANANY)

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Start Term: Spring 2016

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Manuscript Reviewer

Organization: Journal of Christian Nursing

Description: Content areas: Chronic illness and psychiatric/mental health

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Start Term: Spring 2016

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Manuscript Reviewer

Organization: American Nurse

Description: Content areas: Chronic illness and health promotion interventions

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Start Term: Spring 2016

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Manuscript Reviewer

Organization: Journal of Clinical Nursing

Description: Content area: Chronic illness

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: International

Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Start Term: Fall 2014

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Educational Consultant/Reviewer

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation

Description: Reviewed existing educational materials and created two new educational pamphlets: 1) Emergency Caregiving Plan and 2) Body Mechanics for Caregivers.

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Start Term: Summer 2012

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Manuscript Reviewer

Organization: Chronic Illness

Description: Content areas: Parkinson's disease; cancer

Responsibility: Other

Synergistic Activity: No

Scope: National

Type of Professional Service: Manuscript Reviewer

Start Term: Spring 2008

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Southern Nurses Research Association

Description: Member

Responsibility: Member

Scope: State

Start Term: Fall 1995

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Alpha Chi Honor Society

Responsibility: Member

Scope: Local

Start Term: Fall 1995

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society

Responsibility: Member

Scope: International

Community Engagement / Civic Service Activities

Start Term: Summer 2024

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Research Council

Organization: Kourage Health

Responsibility: Member

Scope: Local

Location: East Texas

Number of People Impacted: 100

Student Participation: No

Start Term: Spring 2023

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Volunteer Rock Steady Boxing

Organization: Tyler Kung Fu

Description: Provide 'Aware and Care' Kits and education re: hospital safety kits.

Responsibility: Other

Scope: Local

Location: Tyler, Texas

Number of People Impacted: 20

Student Participation: No

Start Term: Fall 2021

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Parkinson's Foundation Ambassador

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation

Responsibility: Other

Scope: National

Location: East Texas and national

Number of People Impacted: 100

Student Participation: No

Start Term: Fall 2017

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Volunteer

Organization: Helping Hands and Caring Heart

Responsibility: Other

Scope: Local

Location: Tyler, Texas

Number of People Impacted: 300

Student Participation: No

Start Term: Fall 2016

End Term: Ongoing
Title: Create New Parkinson's Disease Educational Material
Organization: Parkinson's Foundation
Description: Formerly, the National Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Responsibility: Other
Scope: National
Location: National
Number of People Impacted: 1000
Student Participation: No

Start Term: Fall 2015
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Music Crew
Organization: KVNE 89.5 Volunteer Crew
Description: Online volunteer member for the music crew music testing and prayer crew to pray for ministry and listeners.
Responsibility: Other
Scope: Local

Honors and Awards

Title: Recognized for Volunteerism & Invited to attend the Parkinson's Foundation Volunteer Leadership Summit (VLS) from the Parkinson's Foundation
Organization: Parkinson's Foundation
Year Conferred: 2025
Type of Honor / Award: Professional
Award Type: Service

Title: A Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity
Organization: UT Tyler - Annual Report of Faculty Scholarship - September 2022 - August 2023
Year Conferred: 2023
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching

Title: Distinguished Teaching Professor
Organization: Academy of Distinguished Teachers Honorific Title
Year Conferred: 2023
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching

Title: Selected as a Member of The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education (Shine Academy)
Organization: The University of Texas System Kenneth I. Shine, M.D. Academy of Health Science Education
Year Conferred: 2023
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching

Title: First Place CTET Professional Development
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: Completed 21 hours of Professional Development.
Year Conferred: 2022
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Service

Title: 2021 Notable Nurse of East Texas
Organization: Notable Nurses of East Texas

Description: Supported by the Texas Nurses Association District 19
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: Professional
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: A Celebration of Scholarship and Creativity
 Organization: UT Tyler - Annual Report of Faculty Scholarship - September 2019 - August 2020
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: Faculty Mentors: Drs. Beth Mastel Smith and Melinda Hermanns for honors students - First Place Poster Sixth Annual Lyceum Research Showcase
 Organization: UT Tyler Lyceum
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: Faculty Mentors: Drs. Mastel-Smith and Hermanns for Honors student - The John Britt Award for best poster
 Organization: Great Plains Honors Council conference
 Description: Student: Kailynn Fogg
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: Marquis Who's Who in America 75th Anniversary Edition
 Organization: Marquis Who's Who
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: Professional
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: Provost Mirmiran 2020-2021 Annual Report
 Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
 Description: Acknowledges the awards from Drs. Beth Mastel-Smith and Melinda Hermanns cohort of nursing honors students.
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: Professional
 Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
 Title: UT Tyler 2021-2022 Provost Annual Report
 Organization: UT Tyler
 Year Conferred: 2021
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Teaching
 Title: 2018-2019 DAISY Award Faculty Nominee
 Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
 Year Conferred: 2019
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Teaching
 Title: 2018-2019 Teaching Award
 Organization: College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 Description: In Recognition of Your Outstanding Efforts and Excellence in Teaching.
 Year Conferred: 2019
 Type of Honor / Award: University
 Award Type: Teaching

Title: 2019 University of Texas at Tyler Executive Leadership Fellow

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Year Conferred: 2019

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Service

Title: Academy of Nursing Education Fellow (ANEF)

Organization: National League for Nursing

Description: Honors ceremony: September 28, 2019 in National Harbor, Maryland

Year Conferred: 2019

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Recognition of Faculty Scholarship

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Description: Recognized at the

Year Conferred: 2019

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Teaching Fellow, The University of Texas at Tyler's Academy of Distinguished Teachers

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Year Conferred: 2019

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Crystal Quill Award

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library

Description: February 28, 2018

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Edmond J. Safron Visiting Nurse Faculty Scholar

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation

Description: University of Alabama at Birmingham

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Excellence in Nursing Research Award

Organization: Sigma, Iota Nu at-Large Chapter

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Leadership for Academic Nursing Program (LANP) Fellow

Organization: American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Marquis Who's Who in America

Organization: Marquis Who's Who

Description: 2018-2019

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Outstanding Faculty Award

Organization: Texas Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Parkinson's Foundation Alumni Nurse Scholar

Organization: Parkinson's Foundation - Edmond J. Safron Visiting Nurse Faculty Scholar Program

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Recognition of Faculty Scholarship

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: The List of East Texas' Healthcare Heroes - Nurses

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler - published in October/November 2018 edition of the Tyler Today

Description: Selected as one of the East Texas' Healthcare Heroes - Nurses - was published in the October/November 2018 edition of Tyler Today.

Year Conferred: 2018

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: 2017-2018 DAISY Award Faculty Nominee

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Year Conferred: 2017

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Beta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

Organization: Texas Christian University

Description: Award recipient of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Research Grant

Year Conferred: 2017

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Outstanding Distance Learning Faculty

Organization: Northeast Texas Consortium of College and Universities

Year Conferred: 2016

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Recognition of Faculty Scholarship

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library

Year Conferred: 2016

Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: National League for Nursing (NLN) Ambassador

Organization: National League for Nursing

Year Conferred: 2015

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Service

Title: Outstanding Faculty Award

Organization: Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi

Year Conferred: 2015
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching
Title: Recognition of Faculty Scholarship
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library
Description: Recognized for Outstanding Accomplishments at the first "Faculty and Staff Publications and Presentations Reception" at The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library
Year Conferred: 2015
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
Title: Recognition Certificate of Promotion to Associate Professor
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Year Conferred: 2014
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching
Title: Recognition of Faculty Scholarship
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library
Year Conferred: 2014
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors
Title: Iota Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Online Poster Award
Organization: Iota Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau
Description: Beth Mastel-Smith and Melinda Hermanns - first recipients of the online poster award - poster 'CARE'
Year Conferred: 2013
Title: Development of the ETAPDA Logo
Organization: East Texas Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association (ETAPDA)
Year Conferred: 2012
Title: Innovation Award
Organization: East Texas Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association (ETAPDA)
Year Conferred: 2012
Title: Research Award
Organization: Iota Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing
Year Conferred: 2012
Title: The President's Volunteer Service Award
Organization: Corporation for National and Community Service from President Obama
Year Conferred: 2012
Title: The President's Volunteer Service Award
Organization: Corporation for National and Community Service from President Obama
Year Conferred: 2011
Type of Honor / Award: Professional
Award Type: Service
Title: Distinguished Young Alumni Award
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Year Conferred: 2010
Type of Honor / Award: University

Award Type: Research or Other Creative Endeavors

Title: Excellence in Research

Organization: Iota Nu Chapter Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing

Year Conferred: 2010

Title: Innovation Teaching Award

Organization: Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education (TOBGNE)

Description: Innovation Teaching Award "Nurturing Dimensions of Caring through a Clinically Simulated Suicide" Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education (TOBGNE)

Year Conferred: 2010

Title: Outstanding Faculty

Organization: Texas Xi Chapter Alpha Chi Honor Society

Year Conferred: 2004

Title: Outstanding Distance Educator Recognition

Organization: North East Texas Consortium and Centers for Education Technology

Year Conferred: 2003

Title: Partner Scholarship

Organization: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Description: 2003-2007

Year Conferred: 2003

Title: All American Scholar

Year Conferred: 1998

Type of Honor / Award: Professional

Award Type: Teaching

Title: Nursing Honor Society

Organization: Sigma Theta Tau International

Year Conferred: 1998

Title: Honor Society

Organization: Texas Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi

Year Conferred: 1995

Title: Magna Cum Laude

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Year Conferred: 1995

Membership

Year Started: 2014

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: American Association of Colleges of Nursing (Institutional Membership)

Year Started: 2008

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: National League for Nursing

Year Started: 2005

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Member, Southern Nurses Research Society (SNRS)

Year Started: 1995

Year Ended: Ongoing

Organization Name: Member, Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society

Consulting

Start Term: Fall 2021

End Term: Ongoing

Client Name: Aware in Care Ambassador for the Parkinson's Foundation

Estimated Hours Involved: 30

Synergistic Activity: No

Start Term: Fall 2014

End Term: Ongoing

Client Name: Parkinson's Foundation

Estimated Hours Involved: 45

Description: Educational Consultant

Synergistic Activity: No

Institutional Committees

Committee Name: Governance Council (Member and Parliamentarian)

Start Term: Fall 2024

End Term: Ongoing

Unit Name: School of Nursing

Responsibility: Member

Curriculum Development: Other

Committee Name: Tenure and Promotion Committee for the School of Nursing

Start Term: Fall 2022

End Term: Ongoing

Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler

Responsibility: Member

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Other Institutional Service

Start Term: Summer 2025

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Ad Hoc ADT Teaching Excellence

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Start Term: Fall 2024

End Term: Ongoing

Title: Shine Academy Web Communication Committee

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Start Term: Summer 2024

End Term: Ongoing

Title: 50 and Fabulous - Alumni Recognition

Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler

Description: School of Nursing

Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Start Term: Summer 2024

End Term: Ongoing

Title: President, Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT)
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Start Term: Spring 2024
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Shine Academy Meetings
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: UT System Kenneth I. Shine Academy
Curriculum Development: Other
Start Term: Fall 2022
End Term: Ongoing
Title: School of Nursing Chili Cook-Off (Chuckwagon Chili Team)
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: The Chuckwagon Chili Team won first place in 2022 and 2024.
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Start Term: Fall 2015
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Peer Reviewer/Observer
Organization: School of Nursing
Description: Serve as a peer reviewer for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Last peer review: Summer 2023.
Curriculum Development: Other

K-12 Service Activities

Professional Appointments

Start Term: 2021/01
Name of Organization / Association: Parkinson's Foundation
Type of Appointment: Parkinson's Foundation Ambassador (previously named Aware in Care Ambassador)

Faculty Classifications

Classification	Value	Date Range
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