

Gina M Nickels-Nelson, DNP, APRN FNP-BC

Current Position

Position Title: Clinical Assistant Professor
Start Date: 2022-08-15

Degrees

Degree: D.N.P.
Year Conferred: 2019
Discipline: Nursing
Granting Institution: The University of Texas at Tyler
Level of Degree: Doctoral
Highest Degree Earned: Yes
Terminal Degree: Yes
City: Tyler
Title of Dissertation or Thesis: Breathe In Breathe Out. Now What? Improving Pediatric Asthma Outcomes through Improved Inhaler Technique
State or Province: Texas
Nation: United States

Degree: M.S.N.
Year Conferred: 2001
Discipline: Nursing
Granting Institution: University of Rochester
Level of Degree: Masters
Highest Degree Earned: No
Terminal Degree: No
City: Rochester
State or Province: New York
Nation: United States

Degree: B.S.N.
Year Conferred: 1994
Discipline: Nursing
Granting Institution: Northern Michigan University
Level of Degree: Bachelors
Highest Degree Earned: No
Terminal Degree: No
City: Marquette
State or Province: Michigan
Nation: United States

Professional Licensures & Certifications

Title: Online Certified Instructor
Organization: University of Texas at Tyler- CETL
Further Details:
https://api.badgr.io/public/assertions/IX1CNf2RTSqCAOWFrft_Cw?identity__email=gnickelsnelson@uttyler.edu
Type: Certification
Year Conferred: 2025

Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/ Certified Nurse Practitioner Licensure (active)

Organization: Texas Board of Nursing (2024)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2021

Title: RN licensure (active)

Organization: Texas Board of Nursing (2024)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2020

Title: Certified Nurse Practitioner licensure

Organization: Massachusetts Board of Nursing (2024)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2017

Title: RN licensure

Organization: Massachusetts Board of Nursing (2024)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2017

Title: APRN licensure

Organization: Vermont Board of Nursing (inactive)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2003

Title: RN licensure Vermont

Organization: Vermont Board of Nursing(inactive)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2002

Title: Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certified

Organization: American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) (2026)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2001

Title: FNP licensure

Organization: New York State Board of Nursing(inactive)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 2001

Title: RN licensure

Organization: New York State Board of Nursing (inactive)

Type: Certification

Year Conferred: 1994

Work Experience

Reassigned Duties

Teaching

Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions

Grants

Teaching Enhancement Activities

Professional Enhancement Activities

Start Term: 2022/01

Title: Sigma Theta Tau

Synergistic Activity: Yes

Internal/External: External

Start Term: 2025/01

End Term: 2025/01

Title: Grand Rounds -'From Practice to Publication: Advancing Healthcare Quality Through Improvement Science' by Kyler M. Godwin, PhD

Hours: 1

Description: UTHSC CME activity regarding QI activities

Synergistic Activity: Yes

Internal/External: Internal

Advising Activities

Student Mentoring

Start Term: 2024/02

Student Name: Lailanie Ligon

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: throughput in ortho OR

Start Term: 2024/02

Student Name: Jalisha Wesley

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Retention new RNs

Start Term: 2024/02

Student Name: LaKimberlely Wooten

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Diabetic Teaching

Start Term: 2025/01

End Term: 2026/01

Student Name: Eugenia Bell

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: HSV assessment

Start Term: 2024/02

End Term: 2025/02

Student Name: Nora Brown

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Medication Teaching and Chronic Illness

Start Term: 2024/02

End Term: 2025/02

Student Name: Shirley Ballard

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Strengths coaching and RN retention

Start Term: 2024/02

End Term: 2025/02

Student Name: Kirk Bradford

Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Morse Fall Scale

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/02
Student Name: Verita Ingram
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: CLABSI

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/02
Student Name: Davina Jackson-Green
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Pre-Op Phone Calls

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/02
Student Name: Christie Pinto
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Pressure Ulcer

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/02
Student Name: Bethany Rudolph
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Student self efficacy working LGBTQ+

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/02
Student Name: Mary Wysocki
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Falls prevention

Start Term: 2024/02
End Term: 2025/01
Student Name: Crystal Vackar
Title of Thesis / Dissertation: Pre op phone calls

Professional Service

Start Term: Spring 2023
End Term: Ongoing
Title: member of NONPF
Organization: NONPF
Description: Organization of nurse practitioner faculty
Responsibility: Member
Synergistic Activity: No
Scope: National
Type of Professional Service: Other Contribution

Community Engagement / Civic Service Activities

Start Term: Spring 2025
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Good Shepherd Rescue of Texas
Organization: Good Shepherd Rescue of Texas
Description: working at adoption events on Saturdays throughout the year; German Shepherd Rescue Organization
Responsibility: Member
Scope: State
Location: Dallas, TX
Number of People Impacted: 200
Student Participation: No

Start Term: Spring 2023
End Term: Ongoing

Title: Volunteer
Organization: Living Acts Church- Tyler
Description: volunteer role for hospitality team as well as children's church
Responsibility: Member
Scope: Local
Location: Tyler, TX
Number of People Impacted: 225
Student Participation: No
Start Term: Fall 2022
End Term: Ongoing
Title: Volunteer
Organization: Living Acts Church
Description: Volunteer within Kids Church at LAC. Rotate on a monthly basis
Responsibility: Member
Scope: Local
Location: Tyler, TX
Number of People Impacted: 30
Student Participation: No

Honors and Awards

Title: UT Tyler School of Nursing Teaching Excellence Award
Organization: UT Tyler School of Nursing
Description: Faculty and student based award for graduate level educator
Year Conferred: 2025
Type of Honor / Award: University
Award Type: Teaching

Membership

Consulting

Institutional Committees

Committee Name: Strengths Team SON
Start Term: Fall 2023
End Term: Ongoing
Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler
Responsibility: Member
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Committee Name: SON Strengths Team (Certified Coach)
Start Term: Spring 2023
End Term: Ongoing
Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler
Responsibility: Member
Curriculum Development: Other
Committee Name: Governance Council through SON, Chair Elect 2023-2024
Start Term: Fall 2022
End Term: Ongoing
Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler

Responsibility: Other
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Committee Name: SON Governance Chair
Start Term: Fall 2025
End Term: Spring 2027
Unit Name: The University of Texas at Tyler
Responsibility: Chair
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

Other Institutional Service

Start Term: Fall 2025
End Term: Fall 2025
Title: New SON faculty/staff onboarding: CliftonStrengths
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: provided orientation to new SON faculty and staff overview of Clifton Strengths and how strengths are utilized within SON culture
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Start Term: Fall 2025
End Term: Fall 2025
Title: PhD faculty= Strengths meeting
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: met with PhD faculty at their retreat: Strengths culture and how to integrate strengths into curriculum
Curriculum Development: Other
Start Term: Fall 2025
End Term: Fall 2025
Title: PhD orientation: strengths culture orientation
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: Provided orientation to new PhD students regarding Clifton Strengths; what are strengths and culture at SON
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable
Start Term: Fall 2025
End Term: Fall 2025
Title: Strengths Orientation for DNP 1st year students
Organization: The University of Texas at Tyler
Description: Provided strengths culture overview to DNP students as a member of the Strengths committee
Curriculum Development: Not Applicable

K-12 Service Activities

Professional Appointments

Start Term: 2022/01
Name of Organization / Association: UT Health East Science Center- North Campus
Type of Appointment: FNP Allergy & Immunology Clinics

Faculty Classifications

Classification	Value	Date Range
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