

# Katherine Sandlin, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC

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## Professional Summary

Accomplished Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, educator, and APP leader with 18 years of experience spanning clinical practice and academic leadership in pediatric care. Currently serving as Program Director at The University of Texas at Arlington, focusing on curriculum development, faculty mentorship, and enhancing student success on the PNCB certification exam. Dedicated to advancing evidence-based practice and delivering high-quality care.

## Professional Experience

### Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program Director and Assistant Professor

*The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX | 2024–Present*

- Provide expert guidance and mentorship to faculty in a collaborative learning environment.
- Lead curriculum development aligned with best practices and accreditation standards.
- Monitor PNCB board outcomes to ensure continuous program improvement.

### Assistant Professor, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program

*The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX | 2019–Present*

- Maintain and update course syllabi using innovative and evidence-based strategies.
- Provide individualized student support and foster preceptor partnerships.
- Facilitate learning through regular feedback and clinical supervision.

### Adjunct Pediatric Clinical Faculty

*West Coast University, Dallas, TX | 2018–2024*

- Supervised student clinicals, including capstone students; adapted clinicals to virtual format during COVID-19.
- Developed online learning strategies; collaborated with Cook Children's for quality clinical education.

## **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner**

*Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX | 2017–Present*

- Independently manage pediatric admissions, develop treatment plans, and coordinate patient discharges.
- Serve as clinical preceptor for graduate nurse practitioner students and mentor newly hired advanced practice providers (APPs).
- Coordinate APP scheduling and coverage.
- Conduct performance evaluations and support professional development.
- Collaborate closely with the medical director and unit physicians to optimize team-based care and patient outcomes.

## **NICU Nurse Manager**

*Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX | 2008–2017*

- Managed a team of 38 night shift staff, including both RNs and unit secretaries
- Performance evaluations
- Timekeeping
- Committee involvement, including the Developmental Care Committee, Kangaroo Care Committee, and the Cardiac Team

## **NICU Nurse**

*Cook Children's Medical Center, Fort Worth, TX | 2008–2013*

- Delivered high-quality care in a Level IV NICU for premature and medically fragile infants.
- Specializing in cardiac care, lactation, mentoring new staff, and supporting families.

## **Education**

### **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

*The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX | August 2023*

*DNP Project: Improving Maternal Breastfeeding Knowledge with a Breastfeeding Bundle*

### **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**

*The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX | May 2017*

## **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**

*The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX | May 2011*

## **Associate of Applied Science**

*Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX | May 2008*

## **Professional Certifications & Licenses**

- APRN, TX- 08/31/2025
- RN, TX- 08/31/2025
- CPNP-PC, PNCB- 02/28/2026

## **Presentations**

### **Impact of Educational Rounding on Central Line Infections**

*Spring 2015*

## **Professional Memberships**

- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)
- Association of Faculties of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (AFPNP)
- National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF)

## **University Service**

- UTA Faculty Grievance Committee, Member, 2024
- Be Kind Committee, Member 2024
- UTA Faculty Grievance Committee, Member, 2025
- UTA Graduate Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2024-2025

## **Teaching Experience**

### **The University of Texas at Arlington**

- NURS 5371 – Pediatric Clinical Practice I
- NURS 5372 – Pediatric Clinical Practice II
- NURS 5685 – Pediatric Clinical Practicum
- NURS 5130 – Pediatric Assessment Lab
- NURS 6323- Evidence Appraisal
- NURS 6326- Project Proposal

**West Coast University**

- NUR 317 – Pediatric and Family Community Practicum
- NUR 498 – Capstone