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Current Position

Position: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Position: Interim Dean

Position: Dean

Current Academic Rank: Professor

Degrees

2012	Ph.D., Nursing, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States Dissertation: The Effect of the Total Girl Wellness Program on Adolescent Females enrolled in Physical Education Ph.D., Nursing, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States Dissertation: The Effect of the Total Girl Wellness Program on Adolescent Females enrolled in Physical Education
2008	M.S.N., Nursing, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States Dissertation: scholarly project
1991	B.S.N., Nursing, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, United States
1987	B.S.E., Education, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, United States

Professional Licensures & Certifications

2021	Adult Mental Health First Aid Training National Council for Behavioral Health
2019	CPR, American Heart Association
2002	Hearing and Vision Certificate, State of Texas Scoliosis Screening, State of Texas
1991	Registered Nurse, BNE

Work Experience

2021 - 2021

Interim Executive Director for the CNHS, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States

2021 - Ongoing

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States

2018 - 2023

Associate Professor, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, United States

2015 - 2021

PhD in Nursing Program Director, The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing, Tyler , Texas, United States

2015 - 2016

[Adjunct Faculty](#), Texas A&M Texarkana, Texarkana, Texas

2012 - 2018

Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas

2007 - Ongoing

Creator and Presentor, Total Girl, Jacksonville, Texas

2006 - 2012

Clinical Instructor, University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas

2001 - 2007

School Nurse, Jacksonville ISD, Jacksonville, Texas

1997 - 2006

Vice President, GAC Resources, Plano, Texas

1992 - 1992

Staff Nurse, St Mary's Hospital , Blue Springs, Missouri

Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions

Journal Article

Submitted

Preston, A. J., Sinay, K. L., Bullard, J. S., Molina, C., & Chilton, J. M. (2025). Mental Health Infrastructure in rural Northeast Texas schools: An exploratory pilot study. *Journal of Rural Mental Health*. [\[Attachment\]](#)

Presentation

Submitted

Bullard, J. S., Preston, A. J., & Chilton, J. M. (2026, June). *The School Nurse Boot Camp Model: Local Nursing Continuing Professional Development Opportunities for School Nurses*. *National Association of School Nurses Annual Conference*. Las Vegas, Nevada: NASN.

Honors

2025	Most Downloaded Article , National Association of School Nurses
2023	Excellence in Teaching Award , Texas Organization of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Education Texas Academic Leadership Academy , Texas Council of Chief Academic Officers (TCCAO) and Sam Houston University
2021	Mary Coulter Dowdy Distinguished University Professorship , The University of Texas at Tyler
2019	Nominated for Daisy Award Outstanding Teacher, The University of Texas at Tyler
2018	LANP, AACN
2015	Nominated for Outstanding Dissertation Award, SON Nominated by PhD Faculty
2010	Excellence in Teaching, Sigma Theta Tau - Iota Nu Chapter
2008	Graduate Excellence in Nursing, University of Texas at Tyler Graduate School

2007	Outstanding Graduate Student, Sigma Theta Tau Award of Outstanding in School Health, Texas Department of State and Human Services
2006	Award of Excellence in School Health, Texas Department of State and Human Services

Community Service/Civic Service Activities

Fall 2020 - Ongoing

Victory Garden Club, Faculty Volunteers

Summer 2013 - Ongoing

[Nighthawk Ranch](#), Camp for Adolescents with Cancer