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EDUCATION

REGIS UNIVERSITY Denver, Colorado
Doctor of Nursing Practice May 2023
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program January 2020- May 2021

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY Dallas, Texas
Master of Science in Nursing; Family Nurse Practitioner May 2011
Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BSN May 2007

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- *Sigma Theta Tau, Beta Beta Chapter*
- *Phi Theta Kappa*
- *National Society of Collegiate Scholars*
- *Dean's List*

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

Colorado Board of Nursing License

APN.0992010-NP	ACTIVE
RXN.0102621-NP	
RN.1635876	
Certified Heart Failure Nurse (AAHFN)	2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/COMMITTEES

American Nurses Credentialing Center
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
North Texas Nurse Practitioners Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Heart Failure Society of America
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
American College of Cardiology

Committee Memberships: CORE team, NextGen Superuser, Core Measure Fall Out Team, Heart Failure Readmission Committee, ACM Strategy member, ACM Quality team, PPEC member

VOLUNTEER/WORK EXPERIENCE

2021-Current **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**, provide psychiatric services to people experiencing homelessness
2022-Current **Delores Project**, volunteer by serving meals to women experiencing homelessness

2017-Current *University of Colorado Health Hospital: CeDAR Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation (Aurora, Colorado)*

Created and implemented Yoga series providing yoga to inpatients and alumni of CeDAR in Aurora. Lead intensive outpatient group therapy session discussions as a volunteer. Volunteer on spiritual panel teaching inpatients about spirituality in recovery as well as leading Sunday chapel service with inpatients at CeDAR.

2019-Current Mentorship and advocate to adolescent struggling with addiction and dysfunctional family issues.

2016-Current **Denver Homeless Shelter (Denver, Colorado)**, Volunteer by serving meals to the homeless population.

2015-2017 *Centura Health (Denver, Colorado)*

Recruited for system level position based on proven track record of successfully identifying, implementing and driving quality initiatives, reduction of costs and increased hospital revenue

System Structural Health Program Manager: managed high acuity level patients needing heart valve replacements, assessed STS risk score to identify minimally invasive TAVR procedure candidates, followed from initial exam through follow up in the post-acute care setting

System Heart Failure Program Manager: community education on Heart Failure patient management; education to multiple hospitals on optimization of Heart Failure Management

2011 **Homeless mobile medical unit Nurse Practitioner:** worked as a student providing health care to patients from the homeless community in Dallas, TX

2007-2015 *Texas Health Dallas Hospital (Dallas, Texas)*

Heart Failure Program Coordinator/Nurse Practitioner (2011-2015): started a one-of-a-kind Transitional Clinic serving post-acute care heart failure patients resulting in a readmission rate of 2% exceeding national benchmarks. Worked with a population largely underserved and unfunded.

Wellness Clinic Program Manager: provided community screenings and health risk assessments and patient education regarding lifestyle modifications and risk stratifications.

Emergency Room Nurse (2007-2011): provided services to high acuity patients that presented in the emergency room.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Current Psychiatric representative for CORE team, including training team on EHR utilization

Current Spearheaded a Yoga Program for patient and alumni in recovery from addiction (CeDAR), creating programs, yoga series and activities demonstrating leadership within my community.

2015 Participated as Nurse Practitioner on the EPIC Committee to educate physicians on use of electronic charting.

2015 Lead Heart Failure Summit for Texas Health Dallas

2015 Started and lead Heart Failure Readmissions Committee

2015-2017 Developed inpatient role for the Nurse Practitioner in high-risk patients with aortic stenosis, one-of-a-kind role

2013 Emergency Room Virtual Heart Failure Clinic: launched a program to successfully flag patients and prevent unnecessary readmissions

2012-2015 Coordinated and participated in AHA Go Red Health Screenings for women in the community

2012 **Nurse Practitioner Lead Role:** Position created due to recognized leadership ability and performance. Due to the underuse of Nurse Practitioners within the hospital, worked as an advocate for physician utilization of Nurse Practitioners to their highest scope of practice.

- 2011-2014** Supervised Heart Failure Clinic staff including annual reviews and hiring
2007 Voted by class to serve as the graduation pinning officer
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ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017** Nationally recognized by the Advisory Board for an innovative approach in systemizing the Structural Health Program; results were published by the Advisory Board
2015 Selected as the first Nurse Practitioner to sit on PPEC Board at Texas Health Dallas
2014 Achieved hospital system wide recognition for improving Texas Health Dallas Hospital's core measures
2013 Accomplished 5-star heart failure status and ranked as #1 hospital in Dallas Fort Worth in Dallas Morning News
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PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS/RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2017** Presented Heart Failure program outcomes on a national and global level (California and Ireland)
2016 Lead a System-wide protocol project aimed to identify and flag heart failure patients
2015 Created innovative approach to system level care launching System Structural Heart Program for the Centura Hospital System. Accomplished this by streamlining care in each hospital and writing protocols for programs on a system level.
2015 Depression screening and treatment in the care of Heart Failure Population: created program to assess and identify patients with chronic heart failure who also had depression. Noted the increase of depression screening from 25% to 100% of patients, increasing our identification and decreasing non compliance in medication and treatment plan in our patient population.
2014 Berk, M., ***Miller, K.**, Piazza, C., Patterson, R., Sundstrom, G. Source, K., Nguyen, T., Medrano, M., Rush, D., Azunga, L., Gardner, J., Travis, J. Reducing Heart Failure Readmissions-No Magic Potion.
2014 Sun-Jen, L., ***Miller, K. (collaborator)**. Effects of a Walking Program and Inspiratory Muscle Training on Individuals with Chronic Heart Failure.
2013 Aryal, S., Berk, M., Harper, J., ***Miller, K.**, Sundstrom, G., Rush, D. Factors Associated with Increased 30-Day Readmission Rate for Congestive Heart Failure.
2013 Arnold, L., Faust, A., Jones, B., ***Miller, K.**, Philmon, C., Rush, D. The Climb Up Heart Failure Mountain to Improved ACS Scores.
2013 Created and led a quarterly heart failure support group for patients diagnosed with Heart Failure
2012 Launched an emergency room Virtual Heart Failure Clinic to successfully flag patients and prevent unnecessary readmissions.
2011 S. Schaff, ***K. Ulrick**, S. Chaney. "A Comparison of Endovascular Interventions on Infra-popliteal Lesions a Systematic Review of Literature."

**Former last name*

