

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

| Year | Degree | Institution | Major |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 | DNP | University of Alabama Huntsville | Nursing |
| 2013 | Post Master's Certificate | University of Alabama Huntsville | Nursing Education |
| 2011 | M.S.N. | Jacksonville State University | Community Health Nursing |
| 1993 | B.S.N. | Auburn University | Nursing |

CONSULTATIONS:

| Year | Activity |
|--------------|---|
| 2024-Present | Lactation Consulting, Your Best Health, Madison, Alabama |
| 2022-Present | Athletic Team Nurse, UAH Club Hockey, Huntsville, Alabama |
| 2019-Present | Nursing Consultant and Staff RN, US Space and Rocket Center / Space Camp |
| 2015-Present | Volunteer resource for healthcare providers for breastfeeding assistance, |
| 2012-Present | Alabama Breastfeeding Committee, Statewide |
| 2012-2024 | Lactation Consulting, Milestone Pediatrics, Decatur, Alabama |
| 2012-2017 | Lactation Consulting, Dr. Mistye Taylor, Decatur, Alabama |

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

| Years | Title/ Rank | Institution | Role/Functional Area |
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| 2024 | Adjunct Faculty | Athens State University | Instructor |
| 2012-Present | Clinical Assistant Professor | University of Alabama Huntsville | Instructor |
| 2012 | Clinical Faculty | Wallace State Community College | Instructor |

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| 2009 | Clinical Faculty | Auburn University | Instructor |
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

| Years | Title | Institution | Role/Functional Area |
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| 2021- Present | Registered Nurse | North Alabama Medical Reserve Corp | Volunteer nurse |
| 2019- Present | Registered Nurse | United States Space and Rocket Center | Staff RN and consultant |

SCHOLARSHIP:

Publications:

Refereed Journal Articles:

| Year | Citation |
|------|---|
| 2024 | Showalter, D. A., & Foster, M. M. (2024). Say the Words: Using Words to Confront Injustices in Health Care. <i>The American journal of nursing</i> , 124(6), 16–17. https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NAJ.0001023936.04399.ea |
| 2021 | Foster, M., Lioce, L. & Adams, M.H. (2021). Telehealth in nursing education: A systematic review. <i>Journal of Nursing Education</i> 60(11):633-635. https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20210913-06 |
| 2018 | Foster, M. & Barnby, E. (2018). Academic-community partnership educating children about weather related disaster preparedness. <i>NASN School Nurse</i> . https://doi.org/10.1177/1942602X17753066 |

Media:

| Year | Citation |
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| 2025 | Local Huntsville television news – WAFF (March, 2025). https://www.waff.com/2025/03/27/students-get-sneak-peek-into-hospital-experience-with-lets-pretend-hospital-uah/ |
| 2024 | AL.com (March, 2024) |
| 2024 | Local Huntsville television news - WAAY, WZDX. WHNT. (March, 2024) |

- 2023 Local Huntsville television news – WAAY, WAFF, WHNT (March 15, 2023).
- 2019 Local Huntsville television news - WAAY, WZDX. (March 13, 2019).
- 2015 Local Huntsville television news - WAFF, WHNT. (March 16, 2015).

Presentations:

Refereed Paper/Podium Presentations:

- | <i>Year</i> | <i>Citation</i> |
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| 2020 | Foster, M., Adams, M., & Lioce, L. (2020, March 26-28). <i>Conducting a Systematic Review Using Telehealth in Nursing Education as an Exemplar</i> [Conference session]. Nursing Education Research Conference, Washington, DC, United States https://issuu.com/stti/docs/nerc_2020_program (Conference canceled). |
| 2018 | Foster, M. & Guerra, D., (2018, November). <i>Disaster simulation: A method to educate and evaluate disaster training for undergraduate students</i> . [Conference presentation]. SREB Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing 2018, Atlanta, GA, United States. |
| 2018 | Foster, M. (2018, September). <i>Sharing the disaster: Teaching basic disaster management and care to undergraduate and graduate students</i> . [Poster presentation]. NLN Education Summit 2018, Washington DC, United States. |
| 2018 | Foster, M. (2018, March 10). <i>Leadership Opportunities in Women's Health</i> [Conference presentation]. 2018 Alabama Association of Nursing Students Leadership Summit, Huntsville, AL, United States. |
| 2016 | Lonnergan, M.F. & Bacon, C.L. (2016, November 14), <i>Community engagement using pretend to decrease children's fears about hospitals and health care</i> [Poster presentation]. SREB Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing 2016 Annual Conference, "Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, GA, United States. |
| 2016 | Lonnergan, M. F. (2016, September 2). <i>Improving Adolescents Perceived Self-Efficacy through Disaster Education</i> [Poster presentation]. 2016 Conference for Community Engagement and Healthcare Improvement: Social Justice, Health Equity, and Value-based Care, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, TX, United States. |
| 2015 | Lonnergan, M. F. (2015, October 3). <i>Involving vulnerable populations in community disaster planning</i> [Conference presentation]. Alabama Association of Nursing Students Annual Convention, Orange Beach, AL, United States. |

- 2013 Lonnergan, M. F. (2013, November 15). *High Fidelity Simulators: Information and Demonstration* [Presenter]. Brewer High School, Health Occupations Students of America, Huntsville, AL, United States.
- 2012 Lonnergan, M. F. (2012, November 15). *What is a Nurse?* [Presenter]. Priceville Elementary School, Decatur, AL, United States.
- 2012 Lonnergan, M. F. (2012, September 21). *What is a Nurse - and Other Careers in Healthcare* [Presenter]. Priceville High School, Decatur, AL, United States.
- 2012 Lonnergan, M. F. (2012, March 16). *Breastfeeding Basics for the OB Office* [Presenter]. Parkway Women's Care, Decatur, AL, United States.
- 2011 Lonnergan, M. F. (2011, September 1). *Breastfeeding 101: Breastfeeding Basics for Professionals* [Presenter]. Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, AL, United States.
- 2011 Lonnergan, M. F. (2011, April 19). Perinatal Bereavement and Care for the Caregiver [Presenter]. Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, AL, United States.
- 2011 Lonnergan, M. F. (2011, April 19). Perinatal Bereavement and Care for the Caregiver [Presenter]. Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, AL, United States.

Refereed Poster Presentations:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Citation</i> |
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| 2020 | Budd, W. & Foster, M. (2020, February). Symptomatic patients seeking diagnosis of an STI may receive an incorrect clean bill [Poster presentation]. 105th Meeting of the Southeastern Branch of the American Society for Microbiology, Huntsville, AL, United States. |

SERVICE:

University:

| Year | Activity |
|--------------|---|
| 2019-2021 | Committee Member, Faculty Senate |
| 2019-2021 | Committee Member, Faculty Senate Governance & Senate Operations Committee |
| 2014-Present | Student Recruiter, UAH Student Recruitment |
| 2012-2015 | Committee Member, SIE Committee |

College:

| Year | Activity |
|--------------|---|
| 2024-Present | Committee Member, Wellbeing and Success Committee |
| 2022-2024 | Committee Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee |
| 2020-2021 | Collegiate Recovery Community Committee |
| 2020-2022 | Committee Member, Strategic Management Committee |
| 2020-2021 | Committee Member, Interprofessional Education Taskforce |
| 2018-Present | Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Pinning Committee |
| 2017-2018 | Committee Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee |
| 2015-2017 | Committee Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee |
| 2015-2017 | Committee Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. |
| 2014-2015 | Faculty Mentor, College of Nursing New Faculty Mentor. |
| 2014-2015 | Committee Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Taskforce. |
| 2013-Present | Committee Chair, Let's Pretend Hospital Committee |
| 2012-2017 | Committee Member, Simulation AdHoc Committee |
| 2012-2017 | Committee Member, Undergraduate Readmission and Progression Committee |
| 2012-2014 | Committee Chair, Undergraduate Student Support Taskforce. |

Professional:

| Year | Activity |
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| 2023 | Committee Member, Huntsville Human Rights Film Festival, Alabama |
| 2019 | Member, Institutional Review Board, Member and Secretary, Madison Core Laboratories and Integrative Laboratory Solutions, Alabama |
| 2015-Present | Volunteer IBCLC (International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant), Alabama Breastfeeding Committee, Alabama |

Community:

| Year | Activity |
|------------------|--|
| 2022 | Development and implementation of Let's Pretend Hospital for adults with intellectual disabilities, Coordinator, UAH College of Nursing, Huntsville, Alabama |
| 2013- Present | Let's Pretend Hospital for First Grade Children, Coordinator, UAH College of Nursing and Huntsville Hospital, Alabama |
| 2020- Present | Development and implementation of various educational programs for adults with intellectual disabilities through the Madison 310 Board and The Arc of Madison County |
| 2021 | Volunteer Covid19 Vaccination Nurse, Alabama Department of Public Health |
| 2002- 2014 | Founder, Perinatal Bereavement Program and Support Group, Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama |
| 2010- 2014 | Guest Speaker, Parents and Children Together (PACT), Decatur, Alabama |
| 2011- 2013 | Committee Member, Regional Perinatal Advisory Committee - Fetal and Infant Mortality Review, Huntsville, Alabama |

CERTIFICATIONS:

| Year | |
|------------------|--|
| 2019- 2024 | Certified Nursing Educator, National League for Nursing. (October 2019-October 2024). |
| 2000- Present | International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE). (August 2000 - October 2025). |
| 1993- Present | Registered Nurse, Alabama Board of Nursing. |

HONORS AND AWARDS:

| Year | |
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| 2015 | Graduate Dean's List, Graduate Faculty of UAH. (February 9, 2015). |

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| 2013 | Faculty Appreciation Award, UAH Student Government Association. (2013). |
| 2011 | IBCLC Care Award, International Lactation Consultant Association and International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. (January 1, 2011). |

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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| 2023- 2024 | National League for Nursing Social Determinants of Health Leadership Academy |
| 2021- Present | Association of Camp Nursing |
| 2018- 2020 | Membership Sigma Theta Tau |
| 2014- Present | Membership Association of Teachers of Maternal Child Health |
| 2014- Present | Membership Association of Community Health Nursing Educators |
| 2013- Present | Development and student supervision of annual full-scale disaster simulation at UAH College of Nursing |
| 2010- 2020 | Membership Alabama Lactation Consultant Association |
| 2010- 2020 | Membership United States Lactation Consultant Association |
| 2000- 2020 | Membership International Lactation Consultant Association |

SPEECHES, WORKSHOPS, OR PROGRAMS DEVELOPED:

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|------------------|--|
| 2022 | Development and implementation of Let's Pretend Hospital for adults with intellectual disabilities, Coordinator, UAH College of Nursing, Huntsville, Alabama |
| 2020- Present | MedEd Program, Madison 310 Board and The Arc of Madison County, Huntsville, Alabama – ongoing development and expansion of program |
| 2010 | Continuing Education Program, “Breastfeeding 101 – Breastfeeding basics for professionals,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (October 2010). |
| 2006 | Continuing Education Program, “Adoptive Nursing,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (September 2006). |

- 2005 Continuing Education Program, “The Best of the Breast,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (August 1, 2005).
- 2004 Continuing Education Program, “Tongue Tie in Newborns,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (August 2004).
- 2002 Continuing Education Program, “Breastfeeding and Smoking,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (February 2002).
- 2001 Continuing Education Program, “Breastfeeding Multiples,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (March 2001).
- 2000 Continuing Education Program, “48 Hour Care Plan for Breastfeeding Management,” Parkway Medical Center, Decatur, Alabama, USA (November 2000).

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

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| 2024 | Four Rules of Civility, Huntsville, Alabama (August) |
| 2024 | Health Equity Symposium, Huntsville, Alabama (November) |
| 2024 | Health Equity and Lifestyle Project (HELP) Conference, Huntsville, Alabama (March). |
| 2023-2024 | Social Determinants of Health workshops, task forces, and intensives (August). |
| 2023 | DNP Intensive Conference, Huntsville, Alabama (May) |
| 2021 | Friday Night in the ER Training, Huntsville, Alabama (February). |
| 2021 | UAH Workshop. Mental Health First Aid, Huntsville, Alabama (January). |
| 2019 | Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine. 3 rd Annual CME Conference & Membership Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama. (November) |
| 2019 | University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. 2019 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Symposium, Fort Worth, Texas. (August). |
| 2019 | National League for Nursing (NLN). 2019 Facilitating the DNP Scholarly Project, Washington DC. (August). |
| 2019 | Alabama Opioid Training Institute. Training for Healthcare Providers, Birmingham, Alabama. (June). |

- 2019 CITI Research training, UAH online, (March – April).
- 2019 NLN Education Summit, Chicago, Illinois (November).
- 2018 The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). Teaching and Learning Workshop with Dr. Saundra McGuire, Huntsville, Alabama. (August).
- 2018 UAH Workshop, Working with students on the spectrum, Huntsville, Alabama. (August).
- 2018 Association of American Colleges of Nursing/Apple, Inc. Digital Innovations Bootcamp, Austin, Texas. (July).
- 2018 National League for Nursing (NLN) and Sigma Theta Tau International. Nursing Education Research Conference, Washington, DC .(April).
- 2017 UAH Workshop. Certified Nurse Educator Review Workshop, Huntsville, Alabama. (May).
- 2017 UAH Workshop. Online Course Development: Utilizing best practices to drive student success, Huntsville, Alabama, USA. (May).
- 2017 UAH Workshop. Multicultural Awareness & Competencies, Huntsville, Alabama, USA. (August).
- 2017 NLN Workshop. NLN Writing Retreat, Washington, DC. (November).
- 2016 University of Texas Health Sciences Center Conference Attendance. 2016 Conference for Community Engagement and Healthcare Improvement: Social Justice, Health Equity, and Value-based Care, , San Antonio, Texas, US. (September).
- 2016 UAH Workshop. Concept Based Curriculum, Huntsville, Alabama, USA. (August).
- 2015 Workshop, "Nursing Concepts Online," Evolve/Elsevier, Huntsville, Alabama, USA. (September 22, 2015 - September 23, 2015).
- 2015 Conference Attendance, "Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure (MGT 341)," Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, Alabama, USA. (June 22, 2015 - June 23, 2015).
- 2015 Self-Study Program, "Integrated Technology into Nursing Education Practice," University of South Florida College of Nursing, Tampa, Florida, US. (March 16, 2015 - June 15, 2015).

- 2015 Student in Integrated Technology into Nursing Education and Practice (ITNEP), University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA. (March 16, 2015 - June 1, 2015).
- 2014 Self-Study Program, "Nurses on the Front Line: Preparing for and Responding to Emergencies and Disasters," George Washington University School of Nursing, Washington, DC, United States. (September 8, 2014).
- 2014 Self-Study Program, "An Introduction to Exercises," FEMA, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD, United States. (August 26, 2014).
- 2014 Conference Attendance, "DNP Intensive," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, United States. (March 5, 2014 - March 7, 2014).
- 2013 Self-Study Program, "Introduction to the Incident Command System ICS-100 for Higher Education," FEMA, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD, United States. (September 12, 2013).
- 2013 Conference Attendance, "Scholars Institute," UA System, Huntsville, Alabama, United States. (May 22, 2013 - May 23, 2013).
- 2011 Self-Study Program, "ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident, ICS-200," FEMA, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, Maryland, United States. (June 4, 2011).
- 2011 Self-Study Program, "Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS 100) for Healthcare/Hospitals," FEMA, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, Maryland, United States. (June 4, 2011).
- 2011 Self-Study Program, "National Incident Management System (NIMS)," FEMA, Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, Maryland, United States. (June 4, 2011).