

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
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

2009	Clinical Faculty	Auburn University	Instructor
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Years	Title	Institution	Role/Functional Area
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
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>
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). <i>High Fidelity Simulators: Information and Demonstration</i> [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>
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
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	
2015	Graduate Dean's List, Graduate Faculty of UAH. (February 9, 2015).
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).
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OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Year	Activity
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:

Year	Activity
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).