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EDUCATION

| Year | Degree | Institution | Location |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2020 | DNP | University of South Florida | Tampa, FL |
| 2016 | PNP-postmasters | University of Florida | Gainesville, FL |
| 2009 | MSN | Florida Atlantic University | Boca Raton, FL |
| 2004 | BSN | University of Central Florida | Orlando, FL |

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

| Year | Source | Type | Number |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2016 | Florida Board of Nursing | APRN | APRN9219344 |
| 2016 | Pediatric Nursing Certification Board | CPNP-AC | 20163087 |
| 2004 | Florida Board of Nursing | RN | RN9219344 |

EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

| Years | Position | Institution | Location |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 2023-present | Lecturer | University of Central Florida, College of Nursing | Orlando, FL |
| 2012-2016 | Adjunct Clinical Faculty | Barry University, School of Nursing | Miami, FL |
| 2010-2013 | Clinical Faculty | Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing | Boca Raton, FL |

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

| Years | Position | Institution | Location |
|--------------|-----------------|---|------------------|
| 2017-present | APRN | Nemours Children's Hospital | Orlando, FL |
| 2007-2009 | RN Site Manager | After Hours Pediatrics Urgent Care | Oakland Park, FL |
| 2006 | Travel RN | Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Scottish Rite | Atlanta, GA |
| 2004-2017 | RN II | Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital | Hollywood, FL |

AWARDS AND HONORS

| Date | Award | Organization/Group |
|-------------|---|--|
| 2025 | Excellence in Innovation in Field of Virtual Simulation Award—UCF CON STIM Team | INACSL |
| 2020 & 2021 | APRN of the year—finalist | Nemours Children’s Hospital |
| 2020 | DNP poster winner—1 st place | University of South Florida College of Nursing |
| 2012-2015 | Multiple patient satisfaction awards | Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital |
| 2001 | Dean’s List | University of Central Florida |

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

PUBLICATIONS *data-based; ^ student co-author[s]; underlined text is hyperlinked

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Martinez, V.C., Díaz, D.A., Anderson, M., **Stephenson, S.**, Spears, S. (March 2025). Augmenting pediatric nursing clinical education with low-cost simulations. *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, 81(136-41), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pedn.2025.01.020>

PRESENTATIONS (*data-based; ^ student co-author[s]; Type—podium, poster, keynote, invited)

NATIONAL

| Month/Year | Title/Conference/Location | Type |
|------------|---|------------|
| 06/2025 | Martinez, V.C., Stephenson, S. , Anderson, M., Díaz, D.A. Enhancing Advanced-Level Competencies with Low-Technology Simulations. International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) Annual Meeting Denver, CO. | Poster |
| 12/2024 | Hill, P., Diaz, D. Anderson, M., Guido-Sanz, F., Boutin, P., Stephenson, S. , Spears, S., Parker, A., Gilbert, G., Lamanna, J., Peralta, H., & Luzincourt, G. Interdisciplinary Simulation as a means to improve public health. | Panel/Team |
| 06/2024 | Martinez, V., Anderson, M., Diaz, D., Stephenson, S. , & Scalise, K. Leveraging pictocards as a low-cost simulation method to improve skills and competency-based learning International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) 2024 National Convention Raleigh, NC | Podium |
| 03/2022 | Stephenson, S. Implementation of a nurse-driven asthma protocol to improve timeliness of medication administration and length of stay in a pediatric emergency department. National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) 43rd National Conference on Pediatric Health Care Dallas, TX | Poster |

STATE/LOCAL

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| 04/2025 | Peralta, H., Luzincourt, G., Stephenson, S.M., Hernandez, D., Parker, A., Neely, L., Baker, S. L., Díaz, D.A Understanding the literature gap in the perceptions of cognitive testing in the minority community. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Scholarship Day 2025 Orlando, FL | Podium |
| 05/2022 | Stephenson, S. Implementation of a nurse-driven asthma protocol to improve timeliness of medication administration and length of stay in a pediatric emergency department. Inaugural Pediatric Scientific Week, Nemours Children's Hospital Orlando, FL | Poster |

TEACHING-RELATED ACTIVITIES**PROJECT ADVISEMENT AND MENTORING*****GRADUATE DISSERTATION / THESIS / PROJECT ADVISING***

| Dates | Student | Title | Role |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 2025 | Daniela Rinninella Minutelli | How does the implementation of a COPD action plan impact exacerbation rates, ER visits, and self-management confidence in patients at the transition care clinic? | Chair |
| 2025 | Aleksandra Beaucher | Bedside Postpyloric Feeding Tube Placement in Critically Ill Children: Methods, Evidence, and Recommendations | Chair |
| 2025 | Grace Kittle-Cintas | Performance Improvement of Faculty in Simulation De-briefing | Chair |

COURSES TAUGHT***University of Central Florida, College of Nursing***

| Semester / Year | Course | Course Title | Enrolled | Role |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Spring 2025 | NGR 7912C | DNP Project II | 1 | Faculty Advisor |
| | NGR 7911C | DNP Project I | 2 | Faculty Advisor |
| | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |
| Fall 2024 | NUR 3165.0M02 | Nursing Research | 28 | Lecturer |
| | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |
| Summer 2024 | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |
| Spring 2024 | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |
| Fall 2023 | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |

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| Summer 2023 | STIM | Undergraduate simulation | | STIM Facilitator |

Barry University, School of Nursing

| Semester / Year | Course | Course Title | Enrolled | Role |
|------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Spring 2016 | NUR418 | Family Centered Care: Parent/Child Nursing | 5 | Instructor |
| Fall 2015 | NUR418 | Family Centered Care: Parent/Child Nursing | 6 | Instructor |
| Spring 2015 | NUR418 | Family Centered Care: Parent/Child Nursing | 7 | Instructor |
| Fall 2014 | NUR418 | Family Centered Care: Parent/Child Nursing | 8 | Instructor |

Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

| Semester / Year | Course | Course Title | Enrolled | Role |
|------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Spring 2013 | NUR3465L | Families Across the Lifespan Clinical | | Instructor |
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics | | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |
| Fall 2013 | NUR3465C & L | Families Across the Lifespan | | Instructor |
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics | | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |
| Spring 2012 | NUR3465L | Families Across the Lifespan Clinical | | Instructor |
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics | | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |
| Fall 2012 | NUR3465C & L | Families Across the Lifespan | 73 | Instructor |
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics | | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |
| Spring 2011 | NUR3465L | Families Across the Lifespan Clinical | | Instructor |
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics | 38 | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |
| Summer 2011 | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics for Registered Nurses | | Instructor |
| Fall 2011 | NUR3465C & L | Families Across the Lifespan | | Instructor |

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|-----------------|---------|--|----------|------------|
| | NUR3145 | Pharmacotherapeutics for Registered Nurses | | Instructor |
| | | Mental health clinical | | Instructor |
| | | Medical-Surgical clinical | | Instructor |

SERVICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

| Date | Organization | Role |
|--------------|---|--------|
| 2023-present | International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) | member |
| 2017-present | National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) | member |

COMMUNITY-RELATED SERVICE

| Date | Organization | Role |
|------|--|---------------------|
| 2011 | Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Special Needs Day | Volunteer |
| 2010 | Juvenile Diabetes Walk | Volunteer |
| 2010 | Lake Worth Community Health Fair | Organizer/volunteer |

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Central Florida, College of Nursing

COLLEGE COMMITTEES

| Date | Committee | Role |
|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Spring 2025 | STIM committee | Member |
| Fall 2024 | STIM committee | Member |
| Spring 2024 | STIM committee | Member |
| Fall 2023 | STIM committee | Member |

Florida Atlantic University, College of Nursing

| Date | Committee | Role |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 2011-2012 | Committee on Students | Member |
| 2011-2012 | Undergraduate Programs Committee | Member |