## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### Education

January 1990 – June 1994 Burlington Country College ASN

Pemberton, NJ

September 1998 – June 2002 University of Delaware **BSN** 

Newark, DE

January 2003 – December 2007 Villanova University MSN Education

Villanova, PA

# **Professional experience**

## September 2011 to present time

Professor at University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA.
Education of theoretical and researched based components in an interactive
learning simulation environment. Achievement of clinical competencies for
students to develop and enhance cognitive thinking skills.

## September 2008 to June 2010

 Adjunct Clinical Instructor at Burlington County College and UMDNJ Schools of Nursing. Responsibilities include application of the theoretical knowledge in a clinical setting. Developing clinical days while promoting critical thinking in an acute care setting. Facilitation of pre-and post conference that include student presentations of patient populations, medication administration, nursing policies and procedures, and evidenced based practice.

# December 2002 to present time

• Clinical Level III RN and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Responsible for primary care nursing to trauma and surgical post op patients. Interacting with residents, fellows and nurse practitioners in a high paced, critically evolving environment.

#### December 2006 to January 2009

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, assistant Nurse Manager.
 Responsibilities include supporting unit manager in daily operations of 24 bed trauma surgical critical care unit, establishing processes and work practices for the unit, staff evaluations, unit budget, patient and family satisfaction, performance improvement initiatives, interviewing and hiring of new staff.

April 1998 to December 2006

• Staff Nurse. Responsibilities include caring for critically ill patients in a 24 bed ICU/CCU which include primary care nursing to critically ill patients. Orientation & precepting new nurses to critical care. Taking to role of charge nurse involving patient assignments and triaging the unit.

# February 1994 to April 1998

• Staff Nurse. Responsibilities include caring for medical/surgical patients, charge nurse, preceptor to new nurses, patient family focused care environment.

#### Licensure –Professional Nurse PA and NJ License

#### **Certifications:**

February 2006 ATCN
August 2011 ACLS
February 2011 CPR/BLS
May 2011 CCRN

**Professional organizations** American Association of Critical Care Nurses

Member since 2002

#### **Committees**

- Education committee. Implemented new preceptor and orientation program for trauma surgical critical care unit gateway program. Implemented electronic documentation unit based education. Beta tested new versions yearly with VISICU programmers. Staff support to go-lives at HUP, Pennsylvania and Presbyterian Hospitals. Shock lecture in critical care program. Super user for KBC (knowledge based charting) implementation. Lecture at level I/II education for critical care nurses.
- Unit council member. Stewardship committee co-chair. Member of hospital based councils governing nursing practice and patient safety initiatives.

#### <u>University of Pennsylvania Hospital</u>

June 2004 to 2009 Elected member of R5 unit council committee

June 2004 to 2007 Stewardship council member

November 2003 to December 2006 VISICU Chair R5 September 2007 to present Education Chair

PennPals Global Nurse Chair of clinical nurse global outreach program

#### Virtua Hospital Mount Holly NJ

April 1998 to December 2002 Unit education committee

## Research

# University of Pennsylvania Hospital

November 2006 to November 2007 Primary Investigator in Nursing Perception study of

electronic health records/documentation. Impact of

technology on the bedside clinician.

## **Professional presentations**

## University of Pennsylvania Hospital

Rapid fire panel trauma education. Guest speaker discussing the role of the eRN and

critical care. June 2005

Maryland Society of Patient Safety Guest speaker on behalf of VISICU, relationships

between the critical care RN and the eRN. May

2006.

VISICU users group meeting Guest speaker on panel with representatives from

University of Pennsylvania to discuss impact of

eICU in critical care. November 2004.

PennPals Initiative Presented Global Nurse Initiative at Global Nurse

Luncheon Penn Tower, April 2011

## Community/Volunteer

Haiti Walk for Water Organized with SoN March 2011 – Haiti Walk for

Water on Penn Campus

HUPs PUPs Volunteer Pet Therapy Program at HUP and Arden

Courts Alzheimers/Dementia Unit, Cherry Hill NJ

Penn Pals Organize Community Outreach programs globally

and within the City of Philadelphia. Host foreign

exchange nursing students.

#### **Penn Pals Global Nurse Initiative**

<u>Vision</u>: To be recognized as a premier exemplar of clinical nurse's innovation for global health improvement

<u>Mission:</u> To strengthen the relationship between HUP Nurses and Global Community of nurses through knowledge sharing, nurse exchange programs, and professional development of nurses at a global level

As HUP nurses, we want to do some good for our colleagues around the world. Not for the pay, but for the privilege that comes with being a nurse in the U.S. working in a quaternary academic medical center. We want to share our knowledge, give our time, expand the reach of our compassion and learn from the resilience of our colleagues around the world. The Penn pals initiative will give us the platform to do so.

## Accomplishments:

- July 2010 drafted a proposal to Nursing Administration for approval for Penn Pals Initiative
- October 2010 sold tee-shirts for SoN to raise money for walk for water project
- February 2011 presented Penn Pals initiative at Cultural luncheon
- November 2010 collected dresses from nurses on R5 sent to Haitian nurses graduating from their BSN program in collaboration with FSIL
- March 2011 Organized Walk for Water for Haiti raising over 12,000 \$ for clean water filters for nursing clinics in Haiti
- April 2011 Officially accepted by nursing leadership under the GNP. obtained email address PennPals@uphs.upenn.edu
- May 2011- established leadership structure and strategic initiatives. Sent call for members application
- June 2011- hosted nursing student from Scotland Fiona Swan