

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY - COLLEGE OF NURSING
MULTICARE HEALTH SYSTEM**

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I. Academic and Professional Preparation

A. Education

Institution and Location	Degree	Date	Major
Washington State University College of Nursing Spokane, WA	Masters Nurse Education Certificate	May 2019	Population Health
University of Washington Seattle, WA	Bachelors	June 2021	Nursing
University of Portland Portland, OR	Bachelors	June 1998	Biology

B. Current Certifications

Type	Dates	Status
Registered Nurse Certified- Inpatient Antepartum Nursing	2022	Active
Nurse Professional Development Specialist	2021	Board Certified
Registered Nurse Certified- Electronic Fetal Monitoring	2019	Active
AWHONN Fetal Monitoring Instructor, Mentor, and Trainer	2019	Active
Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor	2019	Active
Registered Nurse Certified- Inpatient Obstetrics Nursing	2011	Active

C. Professional Experience

1. Educational

Position	Institution and Dates
Adjunct Faculty	WA State University College of Nursing August 2022 – present
Teaching Assistant Professor	WA State University College of Nursing August 2020 – May '22
Teaching Assistant	WA State University College of Nursing August 2017- May '19
Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics	Spokane Community College July 2016- August '17
Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics	Gonzaga University August 2014- May '16

D. Clinical Practice

Position	Employer and Location and Dates
Nurse Specialist in Obstetrics	MultiCare Health System Washington State Region Sept 2021- present
Nurse Professional Development Specialist	MultiCare Inland NW Hospitals Spokane, WA April 2019- 2021
Registered Nurse- Labor and Delivery	MultiCare Deaconess Hospital Spokane, WA May 2002- 2019
Childbirth Education Coordinator/Instructor	MultiCare Deaconess Hospital Spokane, WA May 2006- 2019

II. Scholarly Activities

A. Research

1. Master's Thesis (2019): "Exploring Perceptions for Providers who Care for Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorders." Faculty Chair, Jo Ann Dotson Ph.D. Janet Purath, Ph.D. and Eka Burduli, Ph.D. Washington State University
2. Nursing Research Scholarship Award: The deTornyay Center for Healthy Aging (2001): "Utilization of computerized Assessment Tool for Symptom and Pain Management in Cancer Patients." University of Washington.
3. Honor's Thesis (1998): "The Effects of Rising Progesterone Levels on *Diceros bicornis*" University of Portland, Honor's Program.

B. Scholarly Communications/Electronic Publications:

1. Wisner, L. & Holschuh, C. AWHONN Fetal Heart Rate Auscultation Monograph. Manuscript Expert Review panel (anticipated publication 2024).
2. Merritt, Burduli, E., Purath, J., & Smart, D. (2022). Health Care Professionals' Perceptions of Caring for Patients with Substance Use Disorders during Pregnancy. *MCN, the American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, 47(5), 288–293. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NMC.0000000000000843>

C. Scholarly Exhibits/Poster Presentations

1. Poster presentation. Merritt, E. (June 18-22). Better Connect at Birth: Can a Custom Pregnancy App Improve Pregnancy Experiences. 2023 AWHONN Convention, June 18-22, 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. Poster presentation. Merritt, E. (June 25-29, 2022). Pregnancy with Substance Use Disorder- Exploring Perceptions. 2022 AWHONN Convention, June 25-29, 2022, Aurora, Colorado.
3. Poster presentation. Merritt, E. (April 23, 2019). Exploring Perceptions for Providers who Care for Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorders. Inland Northwest Research Symposium. WSU College of Nursing, Spokane, WA.

III. Honors and Awards

2019	Awarded	Professional Excellence Program- MultiCare Deaconess- Level IV \$1,500
2019	Awarded	Outstanding Master's Student- WSU CON voted by faculty
2018	Finalist	Nurse of the Year in Washington State nomination- March of Dimes
1999	Awarded	AmeriCorps Scholarship and Volunteer Award- Grant Colorado Springs, Colorado
1998	Awarded	Outstanding Senior Leadership Award- Honors program University of Portland, Oregon
1994-8	Recipient	Academic Award for Excellence, University of Portland, Oregon

IV. Professional and Community Service

A. Professional organizations

1. National
 - AWHONN Member since 2018 #56675132
 - ANPD- Nursing Professional Development Member since 2019 #44087360
 - Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society Member 1994-1998
2. Regional
 - NACPE- Nurses Advisory for Perinatal Education Committee Co-chair Member since 2018
2019- present

B. Consultations and Advisements

Organization	Dates
WSHA- Washington State Health Association	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Leader Advisory Board• Birth Equity Collaborative	January 2022- present August 2020- present
Spokane County Health District Perinatal Collaborative	April 2018- present
Catholic Family Charities- CAPA Program Doula Mentor	2006-2008

C. Professional Development

Continuing education- Selected Activities (2020-2021)

Date	Title	Contact Hours
6/20/2023	AWHONN National Convention	15
5/15/2022	NCC- Antepartum Fetal Evaluation	15
10/28/2021	Relias Fetal Monitoring renewal course	2
10/26/2021	AWHONN Antepartum Fetal assessment module	1
9/10/2021	Nurse Professional Development Certification Course	16
8/26/2021	Mednax Simulation- Postpartum hemorrhage and shoulder dystocia	2
6/8/2021	Spinning Babies- supporting physiological birth	8
3/19/2021	How the Polyvagal theory influences our ability as caregivers	1
3/19/2021	The Hidden Threat: 2020 GBS guidelines from AAP and ACOG	1
3/19/2021	Is Blood the answer- A paradigm shift in treatment of neonatal iron deficiency related to maternal hemoglobin	1
3/19/2021	The "Great Masquerader"- Caring for the late-preterm infant	1
3/19/2021	Approaching conflict with Clarity: Articulating your point of view	1
3/10/2021	NRP Instructor Renewal	8

D. Education and Teaching

Position	Institution	Dates
Assistant Teaching Professor Undergraduate nursing program N417- Nursing care of childbearing families 7-10 students	Washington State University College of Nursing	2019- present
Guest lecturer Associates degree nursing program Maternal and newborn health- NUR 201 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antepartum Nursing Care• The Process of Labor and Birth• Post-Partum Nursing Care 60 students	North Idaho College AD Nursing	Fall 2020
Lecturer and Teaching Assistant Undergraduate nursing program N416- Childbearing health of the family <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Fetal Monitoring and Labor and Birth• Natural Birth Techniques and Complications of Labor• Understanding How Implicit Bias Affects Care Delivery when Caring for Patients with Substance Use Disorder 60-80 students- virtual campuses	Washington State University College of Nursing	2018-2019

<i>Clinical Instructor in Obstetrical Nursing</i> Undergraduate nursing program N417- Nursing care of childbearing families 8-10 students	Washington State University College of Nursing	2017-2019
<i>Clinical Instructor in Obstetrical Nursing</i> 8-10 students	Spokane Community College	2016-2017
<i>Clinical Instructor in Obstetrical Nursing</i> 8-10 students	Gonzaga University	2015-2016