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Education:

University of South Alabama *Mobile, AL*

Doctor of Nursing Practice, USA School of Nursing
Graduated July 2017

University of South Alabama *Mobile, AL*

Master of Science Nursing, USA School of Nursing, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Track
Graduated December 2009

Bellarmine University *Louisville, KY*

Bachelor of Science Nursing, Lansing School of Nursing
Graduated Cum Laude May 2003

Bachelor of Arts Biology, College of Arts and Sciences
Graduated Magna Cum Laude May 2000

Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, FL
(August 2019-Present)

- Teach in CCNE accredited undergraduate and graduate nursing program
- Participate in scholarship
- Engage in community service opportunities

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Pediatrix Medical Group of SW Florida, Ft. Myers, FL
(July 2010-July 2019)

Lee Memorial Health Systems, Ft. Myers, FL

(April 2010-July 2010) (Pediatrix acquired NNPs from Lee Memorial Health Systems)

- Level III NICU – 70 Bed Unit
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Level I Well Newborn Nursery
 - Gulf Coast Medical Center
- Perform assessments, physical examinations, and complete history and physicals to develop and implement plans of care
- Participate in daily rounds, examination of patients, writing orders, preparation of progress notes, and parental and interdisciplinary communication
- Attend high-risk deliveries and emergency situations, and provide resuscitative measures when necessary

- Participate in consultations and perinatal counseling
- Participate in discharge or transfer of infants
- Perform procedures
- Preceptor for neonatal nurse practitioner students and new graduates

Charge, Transport, and Staff Nurse, *Lee Memorial Health Systems, Ft. Myers, FL*
(September 2004 – April 2010)

- Level III NICU – 42 Bed Unit
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Resuscitate neonates at all cesarean sections and high-risk deliveries
- Coordinate daily scheduling and assignments of staff nurses
- Transport critically ill newborns via Neonatal Ambulance
- Implement care for all Level III infants

Staff Nurse, *Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY*
(June 2003 – September 2004)

- Level III NICU – 87 Bed Unit
 - Kosair Children’s Hospital
- Implemented care for all Level III infants including those with ECMO, cardiac, and neurological requirements

Additional Work Responsibilities:

- Health Care Consultant to Little Eagles Learning Center
- Member of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 - Florida Gulf Coast University
- Co-chair of NRP Simulation Committee
 - Pediatrix Medical Group of SW Florida
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of SW Florida
- Preceptor/Clinical Coach
 - Pediatrix Medical Group of SW Florida
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
 - Kosair Children’s Hospital
- Recruitment and Retention Committee
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- NICU Quality Council
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Staffing/Scheduling Committee
 - Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida

Presentations:

2018 Poster Presentation – National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference,
New Orleans, LA

Simulation-Based Training and Debriefing, Utilizing Emergency Scenarios Involving Mock Codes, to Improve Neonatal Resuscitation Clinical Competency, Retention of Skills, Confidence, and Comfort Level of NICU Caregivers

2018 Poster Presentation – National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference, New Orleans, LA

Pioneering a High-Fidelity Simulation-Based Educational Program in a Freestanding Children's Hospital: Successes and Challenges

2017 System-wide Transformation Report Out Presentation – Lee Health Systems

Mock Code Simulations in the NICU

2013 Poster Presentation – 10th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference, San Francisco, CA

Improving Breast Milk Usage in Very Low Birth Weight Infants: A Multiple Intervention Approach

Publications:

Felton, A. & Cheshire, K. (2018). Simulation-based training and debriefing, utilizing emergency scenarios involving mock codes, to improve neonatal resuscitation clinical competency, retention of skills, confidence, and comfort level of NICU caregivers. *Neonatal Network*. 37(6), e16-e17.

Felton, A. & de Jongh, B. (2018). Pioneering a high-fidelity simulation-based educational program in a freestanding children's hospital: Successes and challenges. *Neonatal Network*. 37(6), e16.

Felton, A. (2017). Quality improvement in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. *FANNP News*. 26(3), 1-5.

Felton, A. A. (2013). Improving breast milk usage in very low birth weight infants: A multiple intervention approach. *Neonatal Network*. 32(3), e1-e7.

Awards:

2017 FANNP Scholarship Award Recipient

2016 FANNP Scholarship Award Recipient

2009 FANNP Scholarship Award Recipient

2008 FANNP Scholarship Award Recipient

2009 Grant Award Lee Memorial Health Systems
Eloise M. Carlson Endowment Fund

2008 Grant Award Lee Memorial Health Systems

Eloise M. Carlson Endowment Fund

2007 Grant Award Lee Memorial Health Systems
Eloise M. Carlson Endowment Fund

Affiliations and Certifications:

- National Certification Corporation, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner – February, 2010 – Present
Certification # FEL 1-0435-07 56
- Florida Board of Nursing – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse – April 2010 – Present
License # APRN9221455
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor, 2012 – 2020
- STABLE Instructor, 2016 – 2020
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Providers Certified
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Member Since 2003
- Academy of Neonatal Nursing, Member Since 2008
- Florida Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Member Since 2008
- American Nurses Association, Member Since 2003
- Florida Nurses Association, Member Since 2004
- Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Member Since 2003
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Member Since 2009