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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION:**

- Middle Tennessee State University August 2007-May 2011; Major: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), May 7, 2011
- University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), Memphis, TN; August 2014-December 2016; Doctor of Nursing Practice, December 16, 2016

### **CERTIFICATION:**

- Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) Certification, Certified Pediatric Nurse, 2013  
PNCB, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care (CPNP-PC) -20170554, 2017

### **LICENSURE:**

- State of Tennessee RN License – RN181871, June 20, 2011- Current
- State of Tennessee APN License – APN 22531, April 4, 2017 – Current
- DEA Licensure # MW4316661, February 27, 2017– Current

### **HONORS/AWARDS:**

#### **Clinical care:**

- 2019 Professional Development Model for Advanced Practice Providers Level II, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### **Scholarship/Research:**

- 2016 Tennessee Nurses Association (TNA) Scholarship Recipient
- 2016 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Scholarship Recipient
- 2016 St. Jude Nurse of the Year, Hematology/Oncology Inpatient unit, St. Jude

### **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:**

- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), National and Blues City (Memphis), August 2016-present
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), August 2016-present

- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON), National and local, Member & treasurer, August 2016-present
- Memphis/Midsouth Oncology Advanced Practice Association (MOAPA), September 2017-present
- Tennessee Nurses Association (TNA) 2016-present

#### **UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS:**

- Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center (UTHSC) College of Nursing, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Memphis, TN, January 2021–present

#### **PRACTICE/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Hematology Clinic; Outpatient Pediatric Hematology, General Hematology Clinic, July 2017 – present
  - Perform bone marrow aspirates and biopsies
- Registered Nurse, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Inpatient Hematology/Oncology, August 2012 – July 2017
- Registered Nurse, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Women
- Registered Nurse, Baptist Memorial Hospital- Pediatric Floor, August 2014 – October 2016
- Postpartum Mother-Baby Ward, April 2012 – September 2012
- Medical-Surgical Orthopedics Floor, May 2011 – April 2012

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

##### **2024 UTHSC Fall:**

- PNP 805 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics II. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hour(s). 12 students.
- PNP 806 - Adv Prim Care Ped II Practicum. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hour(s). 12 students.
- PNP 807 - Chld&Adol MH Care in APN. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hour(s). 6 students.
- PNP 811 - Pediatric Primary Cr Hlth Prom. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 6 students

##### **2024 UTHSC Spring:**

- NSG 830 - Advanced Pharmacology. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hour(s). 44 students.
- NSG 831 - Adv Clinical Pathophysiology. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hour(s). 60 students.
- NSG 926 - DNP Synthesis Practicum. Additional Instructor. 2 to 6 credit hour(s). 4 students.
- PNP 803 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics I. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 12 students.
- PNP 804 - Adv Prim Care Peds I Practicum. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 12 students.

**2023 UTHSC Fall:**

- PNP 805 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics II. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hour(s). 4 students.
- PNP 806 - Adv Prim Care Ped II Practicum. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hour(s). 4 students.
- PNP 807 - Chld&Adol MH Care in APN. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hour(s). 11 students.
- PNP 811 - Pediatric Primary Cr Hlth Prom. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 12 students.

**2023 UTHSC Spring:**

- NSG 831 - Adv Clinical Pathophysiology. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hour(s). 71 students.
- NSG 926 - DNP Synthesis Practicum. Additional Instructor. 2 to 6 credit hour(s). 2 students.
- PNP 803 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics I. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 4 students.
- PNP 804 - Adv Prim Care Peds I Practicum. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hour(s). 4 students.

**2022 UTHSC Fall:**

- PNP 805 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics II. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 1 student.
- PNP 806 - Adv Prim Care Ped II Practicum. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 1 student.
- PNP 807 - Chld&Adol MH Care in APN. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hours. 6 students.
- PNP 811 - Pediatric Primary Cr Hlth Prom. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hours. 4 students.

**2022 UTHSC Spring:**

- NSG 831 - Adv Clinical Pathophysiology. Additional Instructor. 3 credit hours. 56 students.
- NSG 926 - DNP Synthesis Practicum. Additional Instructor. 2 to 6 credit hours. 5 students.
- PNP 803 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics I. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hours. 1 student.
- PNP 804 - Adv Prim Care Peds I Practicum. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hours. 1 student
- PNP 809 - Adv Pediatric Primry Cr Nurs. Additional Instructor. 6 credit hours. 1 student.

**2021 UTHSC Fall:**

- NSG 926 - DNP Synthesis Practicum. Additional Instructor. 2 to 6 credit hours. 1 student.
- PNP 805 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics II. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 4 students.
- PNP 806 - Adv Prim Care Ped II Practicum. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 4 students.
- PNP 811 - Pediatric Primary Cr Hlth Prom. Instructor of Record. 4 credit hours. 1 student.

**2021 UTHSC Spring:**

- NSG 926 - DNP Synthesis Practicum. Additional Instructor. 2 to 6 credit hours. 1 student.
- PNP 803 - Adv Primary Care Pediatrics I. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 4 students.
- PNP 804 - Adv Prim Care Peds I Practicum. Additional Instructor. 4 credit hours. 4 students.

**COMMITTEES AND OFFICES HELD:****University Service:**

- College of Nursing Professionalism Task Force (April 2024-present).
- College of Nursing Internal Reviewer (2024-present).
- Mentor to PNP faculty (2024-present)
- UTHSC CON Practice Committee, member (July 1, 2023 - Present).
- Libertas school physical screenings, organizer (January 2022 - Present).
- Covington High School sports physicals, organizer (January 2022 - present).
- UTHSC/St. Jude liaison, UTHSC/St. Jude. (February 2021 - Present).
- Poverty simulation committee, volunteer. (August 2022-present).

**Clinical Service:**

- Registered Nurse/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Community Service Chair. (2012 - 2016).
- Nursing Education Standards of Care Committee; 2018-current, St. Jude
- General Hematology Transition Planning Educational group; 2018-2020, St. Jude

**Professional Service:**

- Treasurer, Associate Pediatric Hematology of Oncology Nurses- Memphis chapter. (December 2023 - Present).
- Community service, National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. (April 25, 2021 - Present).
- Chair, Community Service Chair-St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (2012 - 2016)

**Public Service:****Board member**

- Buntyn preschool security committee. (March 2023 – August 2024).
- Buntyn Preschool educational committee (August 2022 – August 2024).

**Organizer**

- St. Louis Catholic School Breast Cancer Awareness Day. (October 4, 2023 - Present).
- Hosting and organizing the Annual community Easter fundraiser, “egg my yard event” supporting mid-south organizations including Room at the Inn (Sheltering those experiencing homelessness in a safe environment of hospitality), Forrest Spence Fund (FSF-assists with the non-medical needs of critically or chronically ill children and their families throughout the Mid-South), The Motte Foundation (providing comfort and care where is a need for those affected, either directly or indirectly, by cancers of all kinds) & My Town Miracles (striving to alleviate burdens and barriers for Memphis youth) during

from April 2021-2024. Raised over \$15,000 to date for this annual fundraiser. (February 2021 - Present).

- Annual Forrest Spence Fund Fundraiser organizer (February 2021 - Present)
- Community fundraiser for Forrest Spence Fund, Motte Foundation, TN Fertility Advocates (January 2021 -May 2021) - raised \$3000 supporting local organizations

### **Volunteer/participant**

- My Town Miracles More Than a Meal Thanksgiving Event (November 16, 2024)
- Catholic Charities Community Support Center, Memphis, TN. (November 16, 2023 – November 2024).
- Forrest Spence December Toy Drive. (December 2021 – December 2024).
- Orange Mound Community Service Project (December 2021 - December 2024).
- St. Jude Marathon Participant. (December 2013 - Present).
  - Since participating in the St.Jude Memphis Marathon event in 2013, \$20,000 has been raised supporting the mission “no child should die in the dawn of life.”
- Member, Forrest Spence Fund February Meal Delivery (February 2021 - February 2024)
- Community Service, lead chair, 2012-2016, SJCRH, Hematology-Oncology Inpatient Floor

### **CLINICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- SJCRH, Preceptor, BSN students, 2012-2016
- SJCRH, Preceptor, PNP new graduate, 2018

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

- Perinatal Quality Improvement's National Quality Improvement Essentials Conference June 6, 2023.
- Bootcamp, Facilitator, "Sickle Cell Boot Camp to Promote Nursing Excellence," train the trainer, interanational education series (January 2022 - Present)
- SJCRH's Doctoral Think Group- member, (2021 - Present).
- SJCRH's Department of Global Pediatric Medicine, Hematology Educational Content Creator, May-March 2022
- The Fuld Institute Clinical Evidence-Based Practice Immersion, Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice in Nursing and Healthcare, April 26-30, 2021
- SJCRH's COVID Clinical Task Force, April 2020 – September 2020

### **RESEARCH AND OTHER EXTERNAL SUPPORT:**

- Phase 3 Study of Eltrombopag vs. Standard-First Line Management for Newly Diagnosed ITP in Children Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital Role: Investigator (February 2021 – March 20, 2024)
- Presenter and committee member for the Sickle Cell Boot Camp to Promote Nursing Excellence Global Blood Therapeutics Accel Award to Individual Role: Other Key Participant Amount: \$50,000.00 (2021 - Present)

- HUGKISS: Analyzing How Hydroxyurea Therapy Reduces the Risk of Acute Clinical Complications Including Decreasing Episodes of Pain, In Addition to Determining if an Increased Dose of Hydroxyurea in Children Living With SCD Safely Results in Improved Blood and Urine Laboratory Results. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (2016 - 2019)

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- 1. **Wills, C. W.** (2022). "Fundamentals of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Nursing – Palestine." Memphis, TN: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### PRESENTATIONS:

##### Invited

1. Ellis, K., **Wills, C.**, Nichols, A., Traynom, M., Srinivasan, R., Jesudas, R., Bhatt, N., Abstract. Hemostasis and Thrombosis Research Society 2025 Scientific Symposium, "Heavy menstrual bleeding secondary to iron deficiency anemia: a three-year retrospective review of multidisciplinary clinic," HTRS. (October 18, 2024)

##### Accepted

1. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. Sickle Cell Disease Train the Trainer Bootcamp, "Sickle Cell Disease: Identify Prompt Nursing Interventions and Monitoring Guidelines to Decrease the Rates and Severity of ACS," UTHSC/St. Jude/IASCNAPA, Memphis, TN. (September 9, 2024).
2. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. Sickle Cell Disease Boot Camp to Promote Nursing Excellence: Rural Focus., "Sickle Cell Disease: Quality Care from Birth to Transition," UTHSC/St. Jude/IASCNAPA, Memphis, TN. (June 18, 2024).
3. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. Sickle Cell Disease Train the Trainer Bootcamp-A collaboration between the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing (UTHSC); Jude Children's Research Hospital, Department of Hematology (SJCRH); and The International Association of Sickle Cell Nurses and Professional Associates (IASCNAPA), "Identify Prompt Nursing Interventions and Monitoring Guidelines to Decrease the Rates and Severity of Acute Chest Syndrome," UTHSC/St. Jude/IASCNAPA, UTHSC College of Nursing, Memphis, TN. (April 8, 2024).
4. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. "Eliminating Health Disparities for Persons with Sickle Cell Disease Residing in the Delta. An Education and Awareness Program for Health Care Providers., "Sickle Cell Disease: Acute Chest Syndrome," UTHSC, Baptist, St. Jude, Covington, CT. (March 28, 2024)
5. Clemons, B., Carroll, Y., **Wills, C. W.**, Day, S., Podium. student, corresponding author, corresponding author, corresponding author, Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference, "Sickle Cell Boot Camp to Promote Nursing Excellence," Charlotte, NC. (November 2023).
6. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. The bootcamp is a collaboration between the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing (UTHSC); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Department of Hematology (SJCRH); and The International Association of Sickle Cell Nurses and Professional Associates (IASCNAPA). The program

- is funded by an ACCEL grant from the Global Blood Therapeutics Foundation, UTHSC, and SJCRH., "Sickle Cell Disease Train the Trainer Bootcamp." (October 30, 2023).
7. **Wills, C. W.**, Oral Presentation. DNP on campus week, "History taking in the pediatric population." (August 2023).
  8. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. St. Jude Nursing Academy, "Sickle Cell Disease: Acute Clinical Manifestations." (August 14, 2023).
  9. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. The bootcamp is a collaboration between the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing (UTHSC); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Department of Hematology (SJCRH); and The International Association of Sickle Cell Nurses and Professional Associates (IASCNAPA). The program is funded by an ACCEL grant from the Global Blood Therapeutics Foundation, UTHSC, and SJCRH., "Sickle Cell Disease Train the Trainer Bootcamp." (April 2023).
  10. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. St. Jude Nursing Academy, "Sickle Cell Disease: Acute Clinical Manifestations." (February 13, 2023).
  11. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. The bootcamp is a collaboration between the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing (UTHSC); St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Department of Hematology (SJCRH); and The International Association of Sickle Cell Nurses and Professional Associates (IASCNAPA). The program is funded by an ACCEL grant from the Global Blood Therapeutics Foundation, UTHSC, and SJCRH, "Sickle Cell Disease Train the Trainer Nursing Bootcamp." (June 2022).
  12. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. UTHSC- NNP 818 & 827, "Hematologic Problems in the Newborn." (April 2022).
  13. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. St. Jude Nursing Academy, "Sickle Cell Disease: Acute Clinical Manifestations," St. Jude. (February 2022).
  14. **Wills, C. W.**, Invited Lecture. Sickle Cell Disease, "Sickle Cell Disease: Acute Clinical Manifestations," St. Jude Children's Hospital. (2019).

## **MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **TV**

- "Hand washing segment," WKNO Kids TV. (April 2023).