# Frontier Nursing University CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **LICENSURES and CERTIFICATIONS:**

California Registered Nurse license # 538623, expires 5/31/2025 California Practitioner license CA # 95011983, expires 5/31/2025

California Nurse Practitioner Furnishing (Controlled Substances) CA # 95011983, expires 5/31/2025

Texas Registered Nurse compact license # 1025880, expires 4/30/2025

Texas APRN - CNP license # 1025880, expires 4/30/2025

Kentucky APRN license # 3015611, expires 10/31/2023

American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) Certification (PMHNP-BC), expires 3/17/2024

## **EDUCATION:**

<u>Institution and Location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major</u>
University of Massachusetts Global, Irvine, CA	DNP	2016-2019	PMHNP
Excelsior College, Albany, NY	BSN	2012-2015	Nursing
Paducah Community College, Paducah, KY	ASN	1993-1997	Nursing

#### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:**

<u>Institution or Firm</u>	Rank or Title	<u>Dates</u>
Frontier Nursing University	Course Faculty	2023-present
University of Massachusetts Global	Assistant Professor	2022-2023
University of Massachusetts Global	Adjunct Faculty	2020-2020

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT:

OTHER EMPLOYMENT:		
<u>Institution or Firm</u>	Rank or Title	<u>Dates</u>
Central Coast Behavioral Health,	PMHNP	2021-present
Arroyo Grande, CA		
Behavioral Health Solutions, PLLC	Co-owner and PMHNP	2021-present
Bardwell, KY		
Family Psychiatry Counseling and Wellness	PMHNP	2021-2021
Westlake Village, CA		
PsychConnect / Faspsych	PMHNP	2020-2021
Scottsdale, AZ		
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	PMHNP	2019-2020
Atascadero, CA		
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Supervising	2016-2019
Atascadero, CA	Registered Nurse	
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Health Services	2015-2016
Atascadero, CA	Specialist	

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT (cont):**

Institution or Firm	Rank or Title	<u>Dates</u>
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Supervising	2013-2015
Atascadero, CA	Registered Nurse	
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Health Services	2008-2013
Atascadero, CA	Specialist	
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Registered Nurse	2008-2008
Atascadero, CA		
Danish Care Center/Compass Health	Registered Nurse	2005-2008
Atascadero, CA		
Lourdes Hospital, Behavioral Health Unit	Registered Nurse	2004-2005
Paducah, KY		
Dominican Hospital, Behavioral Health Unit	Registered Nurse	2002-2004
Santa Cruz, CA	-	
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Health Services	2002-2004
Atascadero, CA	Specialist	
Department of State Hospitals - Atascadero	Registered Nurse	1997-2002
Atascadero, CA	-	

#### HONORS, AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

<u>Date</u>	Award or Honor
2023	Faculty Award Certificate for Collegiality
2019	Marybelle & S. Paul Musco School of Nursing & Health Professions Honor Society
2016	Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing, Tau Kappa At-Large Chapter
2015	Superior Achievement Award (Improvement in Operations)
2010	Superior Achievement Award (Group Improvement in Operations)
2006	Clinical Excellence Award for Advocacy

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### Other

Willis, H. D., and Willis, L. J. (2023). Depression among the elderly. *Embracing the Aged*, Winter 2023,14-15.

## **Dissertation**

Willis, L. J. (2019). Walking for well-being: Increasing physical activity in depression. (Doctoral dissertation, Brandman University). ProQuest.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Memberships and Positions Held in Professional Organizations

Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of Texas, Member 2021 - present

American Nurses Association, Member 2019-present

Neuroscience Education Institute, Member 2016-present

American Nurses Association\California, Member 2019-2020

California Association of Nurse Practitioners, Member 2017 - 2020

#### **School SERVICE:**

Regional Conduct Board/Student Conduct Hearing Board, UMass Global, Member, 2023-2023 Curriculum Committee, UMass Global, Member, 2022-2023

Institutional Review Board Committee, UMass Global, Member, 2022-2023

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES:**

# **Curriculum Development Activities**

Courses Assigned to Maintain and Update as Course Mentor at UMass Global:

DNPU 700 – Healthcare Policy, Organization and Delivery

NURU 605 – Advanced Pathophysiology

NURU 695 – Advanced Pathophysiology

NURU 671 – Foundations of Interprofessional Collaboration

3 credit 2022-2023

2022-2023

2022-2023

Courses Taught

Course #	Title	Role	Year	Semester	Credits	# of Students
DNPU 799	Independent Practicum DNP Project Completion	Course Faculty / DNP Chair	2023	Summer I	0	1
NURU 643	Practicum in Psychotherapeutic Treatment Modalities	Course Faculty	2023	Summer I	3	8
NURU 642	Management in Lifespan Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	Course Faculty	2023	Summer I	3	17
DNPU 708	Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly Project	Course Faculty / DNP Chair	2023	Spring II	3	2
NURU 641	Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	Course Faculty	2023	Spring II	3	17
DNPU 710	Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking for Scholarship and Practice	Course Faculty /DNP Chair	2022	Fall II	3	1
NURU 610	Synthesis of Advanced Practice Management	Course Faculty	2022	Fall I	3	9
DNPU 710	Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking for Scholarship and Practice	Course Faculty /DNP Chair	2022	Summer II	3	1
NURU 645	Practicum for Complex and Chronic Problems in Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	Course Faculty	2022	Summer II	3	8
NURU 644	Complex and Chronic Problems in Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	Course Faculty	2022	Summer II	3	14
NURU 643	Practicum in Psychotherapeutic Treatment Modalities	Course Faculty	2022	Summer I	3	8
NURU 642	Management in Lifespan Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	Course Faculty	2022	Summer I	3	15
NURU 641	Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan	Course Faculty	2022	Spring II	3	15
DNPU 711	Clinical Residency for DNP Clinical Scholarly Project - HP2	Course Faculty	2022	Spring I	3	23

DNPU 711	Clinical Residency for DNP Clinical	Course Faculty	2022	Spring I	3	18
DNPU	Scholarly Project - HP1 Independent Practicum DNP Project	Course	2022	Spring I	0	1
799	Completion	Faculty	2022	Spring 1	U	1
177	Completion	/ DNP				
		Chair				
DNPU	Leading Through Innovation - HP3	Course	2021	Fall II	3	17
703	0 0	Faculty				
DNPU 703	Leading Through Innovation - HP2	Course Faculty	2021	Fall II	3	14
DNPU	Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly	Course	2021	Fall II	3	1
708	Project	Faculty				
		/ DNP				
		Chair				
DNPU	Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking	Course	2021	Fall II	3	1
710	for Scholarship and Practice	Faculty				
		/DNP				
DAIDLI	I I I I D C DNDD C	Chair	2021	F 11 T	0	1
DNPU	Independent Practicum DNP Project	Course	2021	Fall I	0	1
799	Completion	Faculty				
		/ DNP Chair				
DNPU	Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking	Course	2021	Fall I	3	1
710	for Scholarship and Practice	Faculty	2021	Tanı	3	1
710	Tot Scholarship and Fractice	/DNP				
		Chair				
DNPU	Independent Practicum DNP Project	Course	2021	Fall I	0	1
799	Completion	Faculty				
		/ DNP				
		Chair				
NURU	Independent Practicum Clinical Hours	Course	2021	Fall I	0	1
699	Completion	Faculty				
DNPU	Application of DNP Clinical Scholarly	Course	2021	Summer	3	1
708	Project	Faculty		II		
		/ DNP				
NURU	Duration for Commission of Charter	Chair	2021	Cumman	2	0
645	Practicum for Complex and Chronic	Course	2021	Summer II	3	8
043	Problems in Psychiatric and Mental	Faculty		11		
MIIDII	Health Care - HP6	Correct	2021	Cumman	3	8
NURU 645	Practicum for Complex and Chronic	Course Faculty	2021	Summer II	3	0
043	Problems in Psychiatric and Mental	Taculty		11		
MIDII	Health Care - HP5	Correct	2021	Cumara	3	0
NURU 643	Practicum in Psychotherapeutic	Course	2021	Summer I	3	8
	Treatment Modalities - HP4	Faculty	2021	-	2	0
NURU 643	Practicum in Psychotherapeutic	Course	2021	Summer I	3	8
643	Treatment Modalities - HP3	Faculty	2021	_	2	17
DNPU	Leading Through Innovation	Course	2021	Spring II	3	17
703		Faculty				

DNPU	Clinical Residency for DNP Clinical	Course	2021	Spring I	3	15
711	Scholarly Project - HP2	Faculty				
DNPU	Clinical Residency for DNP Clinical	Course	2021	Spring I	3	18
711	Scholarly Project - HP1	Faculty				
DNPU	Seminar in Evidence-Based Thinking	Course	2020	Fall II	3	1
710	for Scholarship and Practice	Faculty				
		/ DNP				
		Chair			_	
DNPU	Leading Through Innovation	Course	2020	Fall II	3	17
703		Faculty				
NURU	Synthesis of Advanced Practice	Course	2020	Fall I	3	16
610	Management	Faculty				
NURU	Independent Practicum Clinical Hours	Course	2020	Fall I	0	7
699	Completion	Faculty				
NURU	Practicum for Complex and Chronic	Course	2020	Summer	3	8
645	Problems in Psychiatric and Mental	Faculty		II		
	Health Care					
NURU	Complex and Chronic Problems in	Course	2020	Summer	3	13
644	Psychiatric and Mental Health Care	Faculty		II		
NURU	Practicum in Psychotherapeutic	Course	2020	Summer	3	8
643	Treatment Modalities	Faculty		I		
NURU	Management in Lifespan Psychiatric	Course	2020	Summer	3	13
642	and Mental Health Care	Faculty		I		

#### Student Research Advising

UMass Global, Marybelle and S. Paul Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions

Adewunmi Sokan, DNP, 2023. Project Chair, DNP Scholarly Project: Daily Use of the Medication Adherence Mobile Phone Application, Medisafe, to Improve Adherence over a 10-week Period among African American Adults, Ages 25-60 years, Diagnosed with Schizophrenia

Sandrine Noutchia, DNP, 2023. Project Chair, DNP Scholarly Project: Reducing Depression Level with Mindfulness Meditation Among Residents in Long Term Care Facilities

Bernadette Okonkwo, DNP, 2022. Project Chair, DNP Scholarly Project: Increasing Medication Adherence among Young Male African Americans with Depression Using a Mobile App Intervention

Sarah Obike, DNP, 2022. Project Chair, DNP Scholarly Project: Quality Improvement Project Using Music Therapy to Decrease the Incidence of Aggression for Adult Patients Diagnosed with Mental Disorder in Inpatient Psychiatric Units

#### Attendance at CEU Programs in last 3 years

ABT Telebehavioral Health Certificate Program	6 CE	Mar. 2023
Neuroscience Education Institute, 2022 NEI Congress (Simulcast)	21.25 CE	Nov. 2022
PIM Becoming ACEs Aware in California	2 CE	Sept. 2022
ABT CORE Concepts in Telehealth Certificate Course	7.5 CE	April 2022
PAPN of Texas Inaugural Mental Health Conference	6.5 CE	Feb. 2022
MAT: Medications for Addiction Treatment/SUD	16 CE	April 2021
MAT Medications for Addiction Treatment	8 CE	April 2021