

BRENDA S. LESSEN KNOLL

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Chicago
2008 Maternal Child Nursing
Neonatal Science

M.S. University of Illinois at Chicago
1995 Community Nurse Specialist
Maternal/Child Emphasis

B.S.N. Illinois Wesleyan University
1989 Bloomington, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

8/15 – Associate Professor of Nursing
present School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

5/16 – Instructional Assistant Professor (adjunct)
7/18 Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

8/09 – Assistant Professor of Nursing
8/15 School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

8/10 – Instructional Assistant Professor (adjunct)
5/13 Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

8/08 – Visiting Instructor in Nursing
5/09 School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

8/05 – Adjunct Instructor in Nursing (part time)
5/08 Methodist College of Nursing, Peoria, Illinois

8/05 – Adjunct Instructor in Nursing (part time)
5/08 School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

8/02 – Visiting Instructor in Nursing
8/05 School of Nursing, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

8/06 – Temporary Full Time Faculty
12/06 Richland Community College, Decatur, Illinois

8/99 – Instructional Assistant Professor (part time)
7/02 Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

4/99 – Pediatric/Mother-Baby RN – Registry (part time)
3/03 BroMenn Home Health, Normal, Illinois

1/95 – Clinical Instructor/Lecturer
5/99 Mennonite College of Nursing, Bloomington, Illinois

3/94 – Clinical Education Coordinator, Nursing Division
6/95 Proctor Hospital, Peoria, Illinois

4/92 – Registry RN, Level II Nursery/Pediatrics (part time)
6/95 BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Bloomington, Illinois

12/91 – 3/94	Clinical Educator, Maternal/Child, Med/Surg Proctor Hospital, Peoria, Illinois
10/90 – 11/91	Nurse Manager, Pediatrics Proctor Hospital, Peoria, Illinois
5/89 – 10/90	Staff RN, Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Illinois

LICENSURE

Registered Professional Nurse, State of Illinois (1989-present)

CERTIFICATIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor (1993-2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (SIGMA) (1996-present)
 Theta Pi Chapter (2004-present)
 Faculty Counselor/Governance Chair (2010-2015)
 National Association of Neonatal Nurses (2008-present)
 Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (2010- present)
 Academy of Neonatal Nurses (2013-present)
 International Orem Society (2012-present)

TEACHING EXPERTISE

● **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

2014 – 2019	N430 Maternal and Newborn Nursing Course Coordinator: Theory and Clinical N450 Leadership and Management Clinical GW100 Controversies in Women’s & Men’s Health N460 Community Health Clinical (2018)
2013 – 2014	N430 Maternal and Newborn Nursing Course Coordinator: Theory and Clinical H370 Women’s Health N450 Leadership and Management Clinical
2011 – 2013	N430 Maternal and Newborn Nursing Course Coordinator: Theory and Clinical N360 Child and Adolescent Nursing Course Coordinator: Theory and Clinical
2010 – 2011	N460 Epidemiology and Community Health Science Clinical
2009 – 2010	N260 Health Assessment and Communication Course Coordinator: Theory and Lab
2009 – 2010	H370 Women’s Health
2008 – 2011	N410 Nursing to Promote Stabilization of Vital Functioning (High Risk Maternal and Newborn Nursing) Clinical
2008 – 2010	N250 Nursing and Health Promotion (Well Elderly Nursing) Clinical
2008 – 2009	N219 Interactive Processes in Nursing Course Coordinator: Theory and Lab
2006 – 2008	N460 Epidemiology and Community Health Science Clinical

2002 – 2005	N460 Epidemiology and Community Health Science Course Coordinator: Theory and Clinical
2002 – 2005	N219 Interactive Processes in Nursing Lab
	N220 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Lab
2002 – 2003	H330 Human Sexuality

● **METHODIST COLLEGE OF NURSING**

2005 – 2008	N310 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Lab
2005 – 2008	N420 Pediatrics in the Community: Accelerated Program Clinical

● **RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

2006	N150 Maternal Child Nursing (temporary full time position) Clinical
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● **MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**

2016 – 2018	N327 Leadership in Nursing Clinical
2010 – 2013	N316 Maternal Infant Nursing Clinical
1999 – 2002	N316 Maternal Infant Nursing Clinical
	N329 Community Health Nursing Clinical
	N225 Health Assessment Lab
1995 – 1999	N316 Maternal Infant Nursing Theory and Clinical

**PUBLICATIONS
MANUSCRIPTS**

Lessen Knoll, B., Daramas, T. & Drake, V. (2019) Randomized trial of a prefeeding oral motor therapy and its effect on feeding improvement in a Thai NICU. *JOGNN*, 48(2), 176-188. doi: 10.1016/j.jogn.2019.01.003

Mahmoodi, N., Lessen Knoll B., Keykha, R., Jalalodini, A., & Ghaljaei, F. (2019) The effect of oral motor intervention on oral feeding readiness and feeding progression in preterm infants. *Iranian Journal of Neonatology*, 10 (3), 58-63. doi: 10.22038/IJN.2019.34620.1515

Ghomi, H., Yadegari, F., Soleimani, F., Lessen Knoll, B., Noroozi, M & Mazouri, A. (2019) The effects of premature infant oral motor intervention (PIOMI) on oral feeding of preterm infants: A randomized clinical trial. *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, 120, 202-209. doi: 10.1016/j.ijporl.2019.02.005

Lessen, B., Morello, C. & Williams, L. (2015). Establishing intervention fidelity of an oral motor intervention for preterm infants. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing*, 34 (2), 72-82.

Lessen, B. (2011). Effect of the premature infant oral motor intervention (PIOMI) on feeding progression and length of stay in preterm infants. *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 11(2), 129-139.

White-Traut, R., Berbaum, M., Lessen, B., McFarlin, B & Cardenas, L. (2005). The relationship of feeding readiness behaviors and behavioral state to feeding efficiency. *Maternal Child Nursing, 30*(1), 52-59.

- **ABSTRACTS**

Lessen, B. (2013). Going interdisciplinary with research and practice: Partnering RNs and developmental therapists to provide oral motor therapy in the NICU. [Abstract]. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing, 23*(6), e16.

Lessen, B. (2013). Postpartum hemorrhage high-fidelity nursing simulations: Embedding QSEN competencies. [Abstract]. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing, 23*(6), e16.

Lessen, B. & Morello, C. (2012). Reliability of the premature infant oral motor intervention. [Abstract]. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing, 31*(6), e33.

Lessen, B. (2012). Premature infant oral motor intervention (PIOMI): Translating interventional research into interdisciplinary practice [Abstract]. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing, 31*(6), e33.

Lessen, B. (2009). Effect of oral stimulation on feeding progression in preterm infants. [Abstract]. *Advances in Neonatal Care, 9*(4), 187.

- **MEDIA**

Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention (PIOMI) Instructional DVD: Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention (PIOMI) Instructional DVD TRAILOR: Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

- **PRINT MATERIALS**

PIOMI Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention, Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Original English version, Copyright 2012

Thai version, Copyright 2014

Italian version, Copyright 2016

Persian version, Copyright 2017

Chinese version, Copyright 2018

Spanish version, Copyright 2019

Turkish version, Copyright 2019

Filipin version, Copyright 2019

PIOMI Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention [Illustrated Version], Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

PIOMI Reliability Rating Tool, Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

PIOMI Quick Reference, Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

PIOMI Quick Reference for ID Badge, Twin Star Media Group, Bloomington, IL Copyright 2012

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Graduate Committee: Giulia Valisi. Oral motor therapy implementation in the NICU. Roma Tor Vergata University, Rome, Italy In progress...
- 2019 PhD Dissertation Committee: Selver Guler. Improving nutrition via PIOMI in the NICU. Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Gazientep,Turkey In progress...
- 2018 PhD Dissertation Committee: Maheswari Ganesan. Effect of oral stimulation alone or combined with tactile/kinesthetic on preterm infant feeding parameters. Saveetha University, India. In progress...
- 2018 Appointed Advisor: Hadiseh Ghomi. Evaluation of the PIOMI on oral feeding progression in preterm infants with gestational ages between 26-29 weeks. University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Services, Tehran, Iran (Published)
- 2016-2018 Co-Principal Investigator: Mother's providing the PIOMI to preterm infants: Effect on feeding efficiency and maternal empowerment (with Marta Majoli). Genoa, Italy. In progress...
- 2014-2018 Co-Principal Investigator: The effect of a peri-oral sensory motor intervention on feeding readiness, feeding progression and length of stay in preterm infants (with Dr. W. Akhter). St. Luke's University Hospital, Bethlehem, PA. IRB # 2013-100 In progress...
- 2013-2018 Co-Principal Investigator: Effect of oral stimulation on transition from tube to oral feeding and feeding efficiency in preterm infants (with Dr. Tipawan Daramus). Ramathibodi School of Nursing, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand. IRB # 01-56-40 (Published)
- 2011 Invited Expert Research Consultant (with honorarium) Maternal and Infant Studies J. Reckner Associates, Inc., Montgomery, PA
- 2005 Neurobehavioral responses of preterm infants to ATVV intervention. NIH/NRSA Pre-doctoral Grant Submission (Scored)
- 1996 Research Assistant to Dr. Eileen Fowles in her published work: Fowles, E. (1999). The Brazelton neonatal behavioral assessment scale and maternal identity. *The American Journal of Maternal/ Child Nursing*, 24(6), 287-293.
- 1995 Postpartum Mother's Perceptions of Competence for Newborn Care Master's degree original quantitative research across five centers (unpublished)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

- 2017 – present Reviewer for *Pediatrics, Journal of Pediatrics & Neonatal Network*
- 2016 – present Reviewer for *Pediatrics & Journal of Pediatrics*
- 2015 – present Reviewer for *Pediatrics*

CHAPTER REVIEW

- 2014 Chapter Reviewer in Boynton, B. (2016) *Successful Nurse Communication: Self Care, Health Workplaces & Rewarding Careers, Chapter 5: Patient Safety*. FA Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA

GRANTS

- 2013 Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Theta Pi Chapter Research Award, \$500
- 2012 The Illinois Board of Higher Education Nurse Educator Fellowship, \$10,000
- 2011 Illinois Wesleyan University Curriculum Development Grant (with Dr. Susan Swanlund) for Development of Quality and Safety in Nursing Education (QSEN) Competencies for Senior Nursing Courses, \$5,000

**PEER-REVIEWED
PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS**

- 4/19 “Capturing the Moment: International Evidence Supporting Early Oral Motor Therapy”
National Association of Neonatal Therapists (NANT) Cincinnati, OH
- 9/17 “From Feeding Efficiency to the Feeding Experience: External Validity of Neonatal Oral
Motor Research” (Poster Presentation with Victoria Drake, Class of 2018)
Academy of Neonatal Nursing, 17th National Neonatal Nurses Conference,
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 4/16 “Establishing Intervention Fidelity in Neonatal Practice: Lead the Way” (Paper Presentation)
Academy of Neonatal Nursing, 13th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses
Conference DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.1477.1601
San Diego, California
- 4/16 “Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention: Comparing International Evidence” (Poster
Presentation with Tess Bottorff, IWU Class of 2016)
Academy of Neonatal Nursing, 13th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses
Conference DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.2918.9521
San Diego, California
- 11/14 “Effect of Oral Motor Intervention on Readiness to Feed (Cue-Based) in Preterm Infants”
(Poster Presentation with Callie Leach, SP,MS,CCC/SLP)
American Speech-Language Hearing Association 2014 National Convention
Orlando, Florida
- 9/13 “Going Interdisciplinary with Research and Practice: Partnering RNs and Developmental
Therapists to Provide Oral Motor Therapy in the NICU” (Poster Presentation)
13th National Neonatal Conference of the Academy of Neonatal Nursing,
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 9/13 “Postpartum Hemorrhage High Fidelity Nursing Simulation: Embedding QSEN
Competencies” (Poster Presentation)
16th National Mother Baby Conference of the Academy of Neonatal Nursing,
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 9/12 “Reliability of the Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention”
(Poster Presentation with Clare Morello, BSN, RN)
12th National Neonatal Conference of the Academy of Neonatal Nursing,
Chicago, Illinois
- 9/12 “Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention (PIOMI): Translating Interventional Research
into Interdisciplinary Practice” (Poster Presentation)
15th National Mother Baby Conference of the Academy of Neonatal Nursing,
Chicago, Illinois
- 5/12 “Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention: Translating Interventional Neonatal Research
into Interdisciplinary Practice” (Poster Presentation)
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN)
Galena, Illinois
- 3/11 “High Risk Obstetrical Simulation for Undergraduate Students” (Paper Presentation)
Drexel Simulation Conference
Orlando, Florida
- 9/09 “A New Oral Stimulation Program for Preterm Neonates: Effect on Feeding and
Length of Stay” National Association of Neonatal Nurses (Paper presentation)

(NANN) National Conference
Austin, Texas

- 4/09 “Effect of Oral Stimulation on Feeding Progression in Preterm Neonates” (Poster Presentation) STTI Evidence Based Practice Conference Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
- 3/09 “Effect of Oral Stimulation on Feeding Progression in Preterm Neonates” (Paper Presentation) National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) National Summit Scottsdale, Arizona
- 11/05 “An Academic-Community Partnership for Service-Learning in Community Health” (Paper Presentation) Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Biennial Convention Indianapolis, Indiana

**INVITED
PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS**

- 05/17 “PIOMI: Background and Continued Evidence”
PIOMI Training Seminar
Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland, WA
- 11/12 “Translating Evidence into Practice” Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing, Theta Pi Chapter Membership Open House
Keynote Address
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois
- 11/09 “Two-Pound Preemies: Can We Change Their Brains?” Non-Org
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois
- 9/09 “A New Oral Stimulation Program for Preterm Neonates: Effect on Feeding and Length of Stay” Neonatal Grand Rounds, Children’s Hospital of Illinois
OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Illinois
- 4/09 “When to Implement Evidence in Practice: Oral Stimulation on Feeding Progression in Preterm Neonates” Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Theta Pi
Induction Ceremony
Keynote Address
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois
- 10/03 “The Oxford, UK Experience” Illinois Wesleyan University Nursing Convocation
Keynote Address
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois
- 3/95 “Postpartum Mother's Perceptions of Competence for Newborn Care”
Research Convocation
Keynote Address
Mennonite College of Nursing, Bloomington, Illinois

**CONTRACTED
ONSITE TRAINING
PROVIDED**

- 2019 PIOMI Training & Implementation: at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children’s Hospital, Allentown, PA
- 2016 PIOMI Training & Implementation: in Chicago for *Istituto Giannina Gaslini*, Genoa, Italy
- 2015 PIOMI Training & Implementation: at Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland, WA
- 2014 PIOMI Training & Implementation: at St. Luke’s University Hospital, Bethlehem, PA
- 2013 PIOMI Training & Implementation: in Chicago for, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2012 PIOMI Training & Implementation: at Children’s Hospital of Illinois, Peoria, IL

SERVICE

• UNIVERSITY

- 2019 – 2020 Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected)
Student Life Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2018 – 2019 Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected)
Student Life Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2017 – 2019 Student Life Committee
Admissions Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2017 – 2018 General Education Task Force Sub Committee: Science & Reason
- 2016 – 2017 Student Life Committee
Admissions Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2015 – 2016 Student Life Committee
Admissions Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2015 – 2016 Student Life Committee
Admissions Committee
Women and Gender Studies Steering Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2014 – 2015 Women and Gender Studies Steering Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2013 – 2014 Teaching and Learning Task Force of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee
Women's Studies Steering Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2012 – 2013 Health Care Advocacy Committee
Women's Studies Steering Committee
Summer Reading Program Co-Facilitator
- 2004 – 2005 Honors Research Committee: Sociology Department
"Contraceptive Education within Families-Issues with Abstinence and Other Perspectives"

• SCHOOL OF NURSING

- 2019 – 2020 Student Affairs Committee – Faculty Representative
By Laws Committee
Nurse Faculty Organization
First Year Adviser: 15 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors
- 2018 – 2019 Student Affairs Committee – Faculty Representative
By Laws Committee
Nurse Faculty Organization
First Year Adviser: 9 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 25 students
Faculty Supervisor: 3 Student Internships – Obstetrics, NICU, ED

- 2017 – 2018 Student Affairs Committee – Faculty Representative
Student Affairs Committee (2018) – *ex officio* for Director
Curriculum Committee (2018) – *ex officio* for Director
By Laws Committee
Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair and Parliamentarian
Nurse Faculty Organization (2018) – Chair and Parliamentarian for Director
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
Senior Honors Research Chairperson: “Oral motor therapy and the effect on feeding performance in a Thailand NICU” (V. Drake)
First Year Adviser: 9 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 25 students
Faculty Supervisor: 4 Student Internships – Obstetrics, NICU
- 2016 – 2017 Student Affairs Committee – Faculty Representative
By Laws Committee
Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair and Parliamentarian
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
First Year Adviser: Freshman: 12students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 27 students
Faculty Supervisor: 4 Student Internships – Obstetrics, Midwifery, PICU
- 2015 – 2016 Student Affairs Committee – Chair
By Laws Committee – Chair
Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair and Parliamentarian
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 9 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 20 students
Faculty Supervisor: 7 Student Internships – Obstetrics, PICU, NICU
Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 17 students
- 2014 – 2015 Student Affairs Committee – Chair
By Laws Committee – Chair
Nurse Faculty Organization
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 7 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 18 students
Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – Antepartum
Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 13 students
- 2013 – 2014 Student Affairs Committee – Chair
By Laws Committee – Chair
Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair and Parliamentarian
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
Honors Research Committee: “Assuring Quality of Pediatric Assessment Frequency”
Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – Pediatrics/NICU
Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 7 students
Academic Advisor: Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors: 19 students
Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 14 students
- 2012 – 2013 Student Affairs Committee – Chair
By Laws Committee – Chair
Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair and Parliamentarian
Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
Curriculum Revision Committee
Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – Pediatrics/NICU
Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 7 students
Academic Advisor: Juniors/Seniors: 20 students

- Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 9 students
- 2011 – 2012 Student Affairs Committee – Member
 Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – Pediatrics/NICU: 2 students
 Nurse Faculty Organization – Vice Chair
 Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
 Curriculum Revision Committee
 Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 6 students
 Academic Advisor: Juniors: 8 students
 Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 11 students
- 2010 – 2011 Student Affairs Committee – Member
 Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – Pediatrics: 1 student
 Nurse Faculty Organization – Member
 Open Rank Faculty Search Committee
 Curriculum Revision Committee
 Faculty Mentor: Freshman: 19 students
 Academic Advisor: Seniors: 10 students
 Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 10 students
- 2009 – 2010 Curriculum Revision Committee-Sophomore Work Group/Senior Work Group
 Student Affairs Committee
 Senior Honors Research Chairperson: “Reliability of the Premature Infant Oral Motor Intervention” (C. Goebel Morello)
 Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 13 students
- 2008 – 2009 Curriculum Revision Committee: Senior Work Group
 Student Affairs Committee – Chair
 Faculty Supervisor: Student Internship – NICU: 1 student
 Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 7 students
- 2002 – 2009 Faculty Supervisor: Student Internships – NICU: 5 students
- 2002 – 2003 Nursing Open House Alumni Panel Presentation
- 2002 – 2009 Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor: 2 Faculty/6 Students
- 2002 – 2004 Curriculum Committee

PROFESSION

- 2019 PhD Dissertation Committee: Selver Guler, Faculty of Health Sciences, Gaziantep, Turkey
- 2019 Graduate Advisor: Ehsan Naderifar, Speech Therapy Department, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences (AJUMS), Ahvaz, Iran
- 2019 Graduate Thesis Committee: Giulia Valisa, Roma Tor Vergata University, Rome, Italy
- 2018 Graduate Thesis Committee: Hadiseh Ghomi, University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran
- 2018 PhD Dissertation Committee: Maheswari Ganesan, Saveetha University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 2018 Millikin University, Decatur, IL Master’s Entry into Nursing Practice (MENP)
 Graduate Student Preceptor: Nurse Educator Specialization (A. Wells)

COMMUNITY

- 2016 – present Women’s Health Steering Committee, Women Empowered

	OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation Bloomington, IL
2014 – present	OSF Community Board (3-year elected terms) Chair, 2018 – present, Vice Chair 2016-2018 OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Bloomington, IL
	Quality, Safety and Service Council OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Bloomington, IL
	Women Empowered, Founding Member OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation Bloomington, IL
Fall, 2016	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Graduate School of Nursing Graduate Student Preceptor: Master’s-Nurse Educator Specialization (C. Adkins)
Fall, 2016	Minority Women’s Health Panel, Moderator OSF St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation Bloomington, IL
2013 – 2015	Fund Development Board Big Brothers Big Sisters of McLean County Bloomington, IL
2010 – present	Clinical Practice Council Children’s Hospital of Illinois Neonatal ICU at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Peoria, Illinois
	Feeding Practice Council Children’s Hospital of Illinois Neonatal ICU at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Peoria, Illinois
2003 – 2007	National Public Health Mentor American Public Health Association (APHA) National Mentoring Program
2002 – 2005	Advancing Public Health Nursing Education (APHNE) State Advisory Board Member
	APHNE Regional Consortia Member Urbana and Peoria, Illinois
	Community Health Assessment Committee McLean County Health Department Bloomington, Illinois
	Heartland Head Start Health Advisory Committee McLean County, Illinois
2000 – 2017	Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor (2 community professionals/yr) American Academy of Pediatrics
SELECT CONTINUING EDUCATION	Dec. 2019 The Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP): Promise to Protect the Preterm Brain National Assoc. of Neonatal Therapists- Virtual Summit Webinar (2.0 CNE)

- Dec. 2017 Seven Core Measures of Neuroprotective Family-Centered Developmental Care
National Assoc. of Neonatal Therapists- Virtual Summit Webinar (1.5 CNE)
- Sept. 2017 National Neonatal Nurses Conference, The Academy of Neonatal Nursing Las Vegas, NV
(19 CNE)
Neonatal Seizures: Epidemiology, Management, and Impact on Outcomes
“Feeding Intolerance”: What’s Trending on Feeding issues in the ELBW and VLBW
Family-Integrated Care: The Possibilities are Endless
Non-Invasive respiratory Support
An All Human Milk Diet in the NICU
Are There Fetal Origins of Adult Disease?
PPHN from a Cardiologists Point of View
Risky Business: Social Media and Career Mishaps
Patient Safety and the Just Culture: How Do We Speak Up Without Getting Shor Down?
The Changing Landscape in Neonatal Ventilation
Taking Care of Lifelines in the NICU: What’s Better and What’s Best?
The Bariatric Obstetric Patient
Obstetric Emergencies
Late Preterm/Early Term: Is it All the Same?
Substance Abuse in Pregnancy
- Aug. 2017 Introduction to SimMan 3G
Laerdal Medical Corporation (6 hour Course)
- Apr. 2016 13th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses, Academy of Neonatal Nursing
San Diego, CA (17 CNE)
Adventures in an African NICU: The Case for Going Global
New Genetics in the NICU
Continuous aEEG Monitoring of High-Risk Newborns
Endocrine Emergencies in the NICU
Congenital Pulmonary Airway Malformations
Parental Palliative Care
Neonatal Dermatology
The VAP Trap and CLABSIs in the NICU
Disorders of Sexual development
Feeding Your Way Out of this NEC of the Woods
Ethics on Demand
What’s New in the Pharmacists Cupboard?
- Nov. 2014 American Speech Language Hearing Association National Convention
Orlando, FL
Flipping the Classroom: Implications for Coursework
Innovations with Screencasting to Increase Student Engagement & Learning
Teaching Students to Think Critically, Apply Evidence, & Write Professionally
Supervision-Coaching, Mentoring, & Difficult Conversations
Overcoming Barriers: Practical Strategies for Clinical Supervision
Using Mind Maps to Assess Student Learning in an Undergraduate Phonetics Course
- Nov. 2014 Ebola: The Evolving Catastrophe
Florida Board of Nursing, et al, (online)
- Sept. 2013 16th National Mother Baby Nurses Conference, The Academy of
Neonatal Nursing and Mother Baby Education, Las Vegas, Nevada (20.75 CNE)
- Sept. 2013 13th National Neonatal Nurses Conference, The Academy of Neonatal Nursing and
Mother Baby Education, Las Vegas, Nevada

May	2012	Dilemmas in Perinatal Nursing, Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing (AWHONN) Galena, Illinois
Sept.	2012	15 th National Mother Baby Nurses Conference, The Academy of Neonatal Nursing and Mother Baby Education, Chicago, Illinois (5 CNE)
Sept.	2012	12 th National Neonatal Nurses Conference, The Academy of Neonatal Nursing and Mother Baby Education, Chicago, Illinois
Feb.	2012	Beckman Oral Motor Assessment and Intervention, Atlanta, Georgia
Sept.	2011	Facilitation of Simulation-Based Learning, American Academy of Pediatrics (on-line)
Jan.	2011	Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Faculty Development Institute, Phoenix, Arizona
Sept.	2009	The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Changes Course: The Move to Simulation and Debriefing, National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
Sept.	2009	The Little Ones: Intrauterine Growth Retardation NANN Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
Sept.	2009	Breast Milk for Infants under 1,500 Grams Birth Weight. NANN Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
Sept.	2009	Touch and Handling in the NICU: Does It Have to Be Stressful for Babies? NANN Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
Sept.	2009	Initiation of an Evidence-Based Feeding Bundle. NANN Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
Sept.	2009	After 25 Years of Ethical Conflicts in Neonatal Nursing-Have We Reached Any Conclusions? NANN Annual Continuing Education Conference, Austin, Texas
April	2009	Evidence Based Practice Conference, STTI Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
March	2009	National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) 3 rd Annual National Summit, Scottsdale, Arizona
Feb.	2008	Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
March	2008	HIPPA Research Training, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
April	2008	Research Colloquium, Methodist College of Nursing, Peoria, Illinois
April	2008	Poverty Simulation, University of Illinois Extension, Peoria County, Peoria, Illinois
May	2006	Take This Job...And Love IT! Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, Peoria, Illinois
May	2004	Emerging Issues in Epidemiology, Lake Mary, Florida
Jan.	2004	Influenza and Beyond; Responding to Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, Atlanta, Georgia

Sept. 2003 Nurse Your Patient, Nurse Yourself, Springfield, Illinois

Sept. 2003 Health Literacy and Public Health Nursing Workshop, Chicago, Illinois

April 2003 Making Change Happen: Translating Research into MCH Public Health Practice: Eliminating Health Disparities, Chicago, Illinois

Jan. 2003 Wired Communities: Putting the *e* in Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia (webcast)

Jan. 2003 KRON Nutritive Sucking Apparatus, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (Resident Researcher)

July 2003 Summer School on Connectionist Modeling (Competitive admission) Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

Nov. 2002 6th Annual Midwest Neonatology Critical Care Symposium, Cincinnati, Ohio