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Born and raised in Phoenix, I am deeply rooted in the community I passionately serve as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Integrative Health Undergraduate Program at Arizona State University's downtown campus. With 22 years of nursing experience and double board certification in health and wellness coaching and nurse coaching, I am dedicated to advancing population health through collaborative, evidence-based innovations. My lifelong mission is to enhance health and wellness by designing intentional, connected communities that prioritize thriving neighborhoods and foster a sense of belonging. I

believe the strength of a community is found in the weave of its people—the tighter, the better.

Work Experience



Nursing Faculty

2017-Current

Clinical Associate Professor, Integrative Health Program

Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix

Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation

- Teaching Responsibilities: HCR 301,342,343,440,& HCR 441
- Mentor Bachelorette Health Programs Instructional Faculty
- Barrett Honors Faculty Mentor
- ASU Inclusive Excellence Committee Member
- ASU Edson Hiring Committee Member

Higher Ground Consulting, LLC

Founder/Director- Strategic Systems Innovator

2021-Current

- Research, Design, Development of Social Service System Improvement Maricopa County, Pinal County
- Project-based grant procurement, development, implementation, evaluation
- Arizona Peer and Family Career Academy, Peer-to-Peer Coaching initiative program design and implementation

Nursing Faculty

Full Time Residential Faculty

Phoenix College Nursing Center of Excellence

2011-2017

3700 N 3rd Ave Phoenix 85013

- Teaching Responsibilities: (NUR 152,172, 252, 283, HCR240)

- Mental Health curriculum development + led clinical/sim experiences
- Administrative Work:
 - Served as Clinical Coordinator for 150 nursing scholars each year
 - Collaborated with internal and external customers to ensure student internship/clinical placement for mental health, obstetrical and medical surgical clinical rotations
 - Served as Block 2 Nursing Lead Coordinator for programmatic priority planning, new technology review, pricing negotiation and adoption implementation.
 - Collaborative nursing program design enhancements, problem solving, personnel issue resolution, student and faculty disciplinary actions ranging from written and verbal coaching sessions to removal from the program, exit interview processes.
 - Collaborate in college and department convocation and commencement ceremonies
 - Lead adjunct supervision for 15 new adjunct faculty- ongoing on boarding annually, designing, planning and leading new faculty orientation, mentoring and performing adjunct faculty evaluations
 - Served as mentor for onboarding and mentoring new full-time tenure track residential faculty
 - Served as mentor for 20 nursing students each term, including one-on-one motivational interviewing goal setting sessions
 - Collaborated in the Maricopa Nursing system wide curriculum review and redesign aligned with Nurse of The Future core competencies
 - Collaboratively developed Phoenix College Strategic Plan
 - Collaboratively developed Phoenix College Nursing Department 5 year strategic plan
 - Developed multiple grant proposals, funded internally to improve education experience and outcomes for nursing scholars
 - Sponsored student driven change initiatives
 - Participated in 2 ACEN accreditation visits. Utilization of Canvas LMS “Outcomes” functionality to assisting the systematic plan of evaluation data collection evidence file organization and presentation
 - Served as Co-Chair of Phoenix College Strategic Planning Committee during Higher Learning Accreditation site visit, 2016

Community Land Developer

Owner- Risome Residential, LLC

2001-Current

Multigenerational Living Community (Phoenix)

- Budget planning, structural repair/maintenance management, evictions, screening potential renters, advertising, strategic business planning
- **Coursework:**
 - Construction101 (ASU, 2024)
 - International Building Code- CON263 (MCC, 2024)

Professional Model

2020-current

- Print, video, public speaking, voice campaigns
 - SmartWalk ASU NIH Grant Spokesmodel (2024)

Clinical Nurse-Inpatient Obstetrics Certified

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center-Magnet

2000-2013

(Banner University Medical Center)

1111 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, 85016

- Labor and Delivery, Triage, Operating Room, Recovery Room, Newborn Transition Nursery, ACLS, Neonatal Resuscitation Provider, Child Birth Educator, Lactation Resource, Graduate Nurse Mentor

Education



Addiction and Substance Use Related Disorders, Graduate Certificate

Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, in progress, Anticipated completion Fall 2024

- Developed advanced knowledge in psychopharmacology, assessment, diagnosis, comorbidity, and evidence-based interventions for addiction and substance use-related disorders.
- Gained expertise in addressing multicultural and ethical issues, along with skills in group therapy to support individuals facing substance use challenges.
- Program meets Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners' core requirements for licensure in substance abuse counseling and aligns with national certification guidelines.

Medical Cannabis Certificate

Pacific College of Health Science, 2023

- Gained comprehensive knowledge of the endocannabinoid system, including the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of medicinal cannabis in supporting homeostasis.
- Acquired skills to consult patients on safe and effective cannabis use and evaluate its effectiveness for specific health conditions.
- Developed understanding of the social, legal, and ethical issues surrounding cannabis use and integration into professional practice.

Doctor of Nursing Practice- Innovation Leadership

Arizona State University, Spring 2021

- **Thesis Focus Project:** Nurse Coaching Support for Peer Support Specialists

- Process Mapping Maricopa County's Mental Health System
- **ASU College of Health Solutions Health Coaching Certificate, 2019**
 - Health and Wellness Coaching Board Certification (2021)
 - AHNCC, Nurse Coach Certification Exam Pending (2021)

Integrative Health and Lifestyle Program (iHeLP) Fellowship

[University of Arizona, 2015](#)

- **Coursework included:** Spirituality & Health, Stress & Mind-Body, Mindfulness in Healthcare, Macro/Micro Nutrients, Motivational Interviewing, Environmental health, Botanicals, Manual Medicine, Energy medicine, Integrative Mental health, Integrative Health Informatics

Master of Nursing Science: Leadership in Healthcare Systems

[Grand Canyon University, 2011](#)

- **Coursework included:** Health Care Research, Ethics, Policy and Finance in Healthcare Systems, Servant Leadership, Organizational Development and Change Management

Master of Business Administration [Grand Canyon University, 2010](#)

- **Coursework included:** Finance, Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Operations, Strategic Management

Bachelor of Nursing Science *Grand Canyon University, 2005*

Associate Degree in Nursing Science *Gateway Community College, 2002*

General Equivalency Diploma, 1996

Arcadia High School

Certifications and Licensure



Reiki Level 1 Certificate Training, 2022
 Expanding Health Coaching Mindset, webinar NBHWC, 2022
 Voice Thread Certified Educator, 2022
 Heart Math Certified Practitioner, 2022
 Health and Wellness Nurse Coach (HWNC), AHNCC Board Certified 2022
 Health and Wellness Coach (HWC), NBHWC Board Certified 2021
 Stop the Bleed, 2022
 Koru Mindful Meditation Instructor 2019
 Advanced Holistic Nurse,(AHN) AHNCC Board Certified, 2021
 TaiChiEasy Certification, 2018

Arizona Board of Nursing Registered Nurse License (RN126385, valid through 4/2028)
Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Instructor (CPI) 2016
Mental Health First Aid Instructor (MHFA) 2017
Center for Courage & Renewal in Higher Education- Certified Facilitator 2015
Understanding Somalian Culture in OB



Key Achievements

Ross, Pine, K. H., Curran, S., & Augusta, D. (2022). Pathway mapping as a tool to address police use of force in behavioral health crisis. *Social Science & Medicine* (1982), 306, 115088–115088. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115088>

Arizona State University: Knowledge Exchange for Resiliency Fellow, 2020 ([pg. 16-17](#))

Paul Ambrose Public Health Fellowship, 2020

Featured in Nurse Tim webinar: [Unsensored: The Interprofessional Hello](#), 2018

Featured in ASU [Instruction by Design podcast](#) episode focusing on Instructional design, faculty onboarding & development and digital badging, 2018

[Digital Badges: Micro-Credentialing the Future Nurse](#), 2017

Crisis Prevention on College Campus, 2017

- Developed & awarded funding for a new system-wide professional development offering for faculty and staff providing approaches to de-escalate potentially violent situations

Cultural Learning Simulation Project, 2017

- Developed & awarded funding, developed & implemented interprofessional high-tech simulation experience to increase nursing students' Spanish cultural experience & Deaf culture immersion simulation experience

Maricopa Nursing Curriculum Revision, 2015

OB Simulation Education Enhancement, 2014

Maricopa Institute for Learning Fellowship, 2014

Volunteer/Projects/Committees/Collaborations



Pat Tillman Veteran Center at ASU + Phoenix VA+ Heart Math Collaboration (2023)

AHNA Student Club collaborative offering, DeStress Fest (2023,2024)

City of Phoenix, Strategies to Address Homelessness, Ad Hoc Committee (2023)

Collaborate with ASU CHS, Translational Research Team (Opioid Epidemic) (2023)

Arizona Peer and Family Career Academy Board Member (2020)

US Department of the Interior: Bureau of Land Management, Service Volunteer, Homeless Services Strategic Response (2020)

City of Phoenix, Homelessness Strategic Taskforce Member (appointed 2021)

American Holistic Nurse Association, AZ Student Chapter, Co-Chair
City of Phoenix Boards and Commissions Camelback East Village Planning Committee-
appointed (2019)
The Healing Corps, Executive Board Member (2018)
City of Phoenix Boards and Commissions Traumatic Incident Intervention Resource
(appointed 2018)
Arizona State University Diversity Committee
Arizona State University Nursing & Health Innovation Hiring Committee Member
Arizona State University- Undergraduate Health Programs Advisory Board
Arizona State University Barrett Honor Faculty
University of Arizona Integrative Health Alumni- AZ Chapter Advisory Board member
Valley Leadership Advance
Maricopa Community College Bio & Health Sciences Institute Advisory Board Member
Strategic Planning Phoenix College Co-Chair (2014-2017) College-wide Collaborative
Development of PC2017-2020 Strategic Plan
Maricopa Priorities Instructional Task Force Member (2014)
Phoenix College Nursing Hiring Committee
Phoenix College Faculty Senate (Secretary and Health Professions Representative
2015-2017)
Integrative Health Education Grant, Pilot Site Coordinator, US Department of Health
(2016)
Developed executive summary and budget proposal for Phoenix College Mother's
Room(s), managed implementation of built environment, developed process policy,
expanded two other campus locations

Professional Organizations



American Cannabis Nurses Association, Member
American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) AZ Student Chapter Chair
AHNA AZ Student Chapter Club @ ASU, Faculty Advisor
American Public Health Association Member
Sigma Theta Tau- Beta Upsilon Chapter Member
Arizona Community Health Worker Organization (AzCHOW)
Arizona Action Coalition Member

Conferences Continuing Education



American Holistic Nurses Association Annual Education Conference, 2023
AZ Student Nurse Convention, 2022
Cannabis Nurses Network Education Conference, 2022
Arizona Licensed Contractors Training, 2022
Sage Integrative Wellness, Nurse Coach Education and Mentoring Program 2019-2021
[Center for Mind Body Medicine](#) Professional Trauma Informed Training Program 2019
ASU Barrett Summer Scholar Program Volunteer 2019
ASU Center for Mindfulness, Compassion and Resilience: KORU Mindfulness Teacher
Certification Training 2018

Arizona Health Equity Conference Phoenix 2018, 2019
Integrative Health for the Underserved Conference Washington DC 2018
Phoenix Fire Regional Crisis Interventionist Training 2019
Community Health Worker Conference-Tucson 2017
Canvas Learning Management System- Instructional Design Super-User Training 2015
Maricopa Community College Interest Based Negotiation Training Workshop 2015
[Center for Courage and Renewal Facilitator Preparation](#)-Texas 2015
Gaumard Scientific Super User Training -Florida 2014
American Holistic Nursing Conference-Oregon 2014
Mixed Methods Research Conference- Boston College 2014
International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning-Nevada 2013
International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning-Florida 2013
Arizona Master Teacher- Arizona 2012

Community Engagement



[19North Collaborative](#) Connecting schools, government, non-profit and business for community well-being

[Our Community Table](#) (2015-current) Developed bi-monthly dinner gathering of neighbors aimed at cultivating sense of shared place valuing in our community

[Recycle Your Bicycle](#) Volunteer 2016 Worked with a team to rehab bicycles for Arizona foster youth

[New Pathways for Youth](#) Volunteer 2017 developed and lead a goal setting experience for 30 youth

Salt River Project- Water Delivery District Organizer 2019

Foot Washing and Foot Care- ASU & St. Vincent de Paul 2018

Hope Fest 2013 Student Coordination for Health Offering

United Way's Project Connect Student Coordinator for Public Health Offerings 2013

Fund raising- **The Momma Tree** (local mother's support group) 2014

Medical Mission to Nepal Pullahari Monastery and Maiti Nepal 2011

Hobbies/Interests



Rallycross Racing Storytelling School-Camp-Nursing Wilderness First Aid

Mountain Biking Expressive Dance Community Resilience Collaborations

References



Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Phoenix City Council District 6
Phoenix College Office of the President- Community Liaison

Salina Bednarek EdD, RN-C
Director, Prelicensure Nursing
Arizona State University
Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation

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