

Education

Master of Science in Nursing, Indiana University School of Nursing, 1998

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Indiana University School of Nursing, 1992

Bachelor of Science, University of Indianapolis, 1988

Major: Social Work Minor: Psychology

Professional Experience

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Wabash Valley Alliance, 2010-2017

- Independently responsible for providing psychiatric services to child, adolescent patients in an outpatient setting
- Preceptor to Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner students from Indiana University School of Nursing
- Preceptor to Pediatric Nurse Practitioner students from Purdue University School of Nursing

Continuing Lecturer, Purdue University School of Nursing, 2008-current

- Clinical instructor to undergraduate psychiatric/mental health nursing students
- Instructor of psychiatric/mental health content to ANP and FNP students
- Integrated psychiatric/mental health treatment into nurse-managed clinics
- Developed and executed a simulation activity for undergraduate nursing students

Guest Lecturer, Indiana University School of Nursing, 2006-2011

- Developed and delivered lectures in PowerPoint format on the topic of psychopharmacology and roles in psychiatric nursing

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, BehaviorCorp, 2004-2008

- Worked with school officials to manage therapists and case managers to deliver a school-based mental health program for students

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist,
Indianapolis Psychiatric Associates, 2001-2004

- Independently provided a full psychiatric assessment and medication evaluation and management for child, adolescent, adult and geriatric patients
- Active member of quality assurance and initiative committee which included analyzing and interpreting data, problem solving and report writing, and utilizing this information to lower operating costs and provide quality, cost-effective care
- Developed an anxiety and bipolar disorder treatment groups and co-leading an immediate care group
- Preceptor to graduate psychiatric nursing students from Indiana University School of Nursing

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist,
New Perspectives of Indiana, 2002-2004

- Provided complete range of psychiatric services for child, adolescent and adult patients in a private practice model
- Responsible for all business aspects of running this private practice, including organization and set up, billing and record keeping

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist
Howard County Community Hospital, 2001

- Independently provided psychiatric services for child, adolescent and adult patients in an outpatient setting
- Member of consultation and liaison psychiatric team that provided consult services for hospitalized medical patients
- Provided psychiatric services for the Howard County Healthy Start program, including psychiatric assessments and follow up services, collaboration with physicians and nurse practitioners and appropriate referrals

Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Midtown Community Mental Health Center, 1998-2001

- Active member of management team that met weekly and guided treatment delivery for the clinic
- Supervised and mentored junior Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Preceptor to graduate psychiatric nursing students from Indiana University School of Nursing

Clinical Instructor, Marian College School of Nursing, 2000-2001

- Instructed BSN students in a clinical setting

- Graded papers and assignments, organized and led pre- and post-conferences, and collaborated with School officials

Registered Nurse, Clarian Health Group
Medical/Psychiatric Unit, 1997-1998

- Independently performed psychiatric assessments on emergency room patients
- Crisis intervention to callers of an emergency help line
- Responsible for the care of adult and geriatric patients with a variety of medical and psychiatric diagnoses

Registered Nurse, Indiana University Hospital,
Medical/Psychiatric Unit, 1992-1997

- Responsible for the care of adolescent, adult and geriatric patients with a variety of both medical and psychiatric diagnoses
- Conducted group and individual therapy sessions with patients and their families
- Coordinated weekly treatment team meetings and collaborated with treatment team members
- Developed and implemented patient care treatment plans

Residential Coordinator, REM-Indiana, 1988-1989

- Responsible for the care and safety of mentally retarded adults in a group home setting
- Developed, evaluated and implemented individual resident behavioral plans

Professional Credentials

Advanced Certification as Clinical Specialist in Child/Adolescent Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing by American Nurses Credentialing Center

Federal DEA Registration and Indiana License to Prescribe Medication

Indiana Registered Nurse Licensure

Publications

Finke, L., Williams, J., Ritter, M., Kemper, D., Kersey, S., Nightenhauser, J., Autry, K., Going, C., Wulfman, G., and Hail, A. (2002). Survival Against Drugs: Education for School-Age Children. Journal of Child

and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing, 15, 163-169. Doi: 10.1111/j.1744-6171.2002.tb00391.x

Kersey, S. J., and Walton, K. (2013). Mental Health Disorders. In Richardson, B. (Ed.), *Pediatric Primary Care; Practice Guidelines for Nurses*, 2nd edition (pp. 569-583). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Presentations

Kersey, S. "Essential Psychopharmacology for Anyone Working with Children and Teens", Oral presentation. PESI Conferences, Maine and New Hampshire, 2008.

Edwards, N., Kersey, S., and Ross, K. "Enhancing Mental Health competencies in Advanced Practice Nursing Graduates". Oral presentation. Sigma Theta Tau International's 28th International Nursing Research Congress. Dublin, Ireland, July 2017.

Foli, K., Kersey, S., Zhang, L., and Wilkinson, B. "Trauma-informed parenting: Reaching rural kinship families through a nursing faculty and extension education partnership." Poster presentation. Sigma Theta Tau International 44th Biennial Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, October/November 2017.