

Vitae

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I. Education:

August 2010 to December 2015	Doctor of Nursing Science from Kennesaw State University
January 2004 to Dec. 2005	Master of Science from Georgia State University – Psychiatric Nursing
August 1977 to May 1981	Bachelor of Science from East Tennessee State University

II. Professional Credentials, Certification, and Licensure

Credentials DNS, RN, CNS/PMH-BC

Certification

October 2011 to present	Re-certified with the American Nurses Credentialing Center – Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health
October 2006 to 2011	American Nurses Credentialing Center - Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health
2003 to present	American Health Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification

Licensure:

2006 to present	Advanced Practice Nurse - Ga. #RN150937 CNS/PMH
2000 to present	Registered Nurse - Ga. #RN150937
1994 – 2000	Registered Nurse - Indiana #RN28126315
1989 – 1992	Registered Nurse – Louisiana #RN61850
1986 – 1989	Registered Nurse – Florida #RN1689032
1981 – 1989	Registered Nurse – Tennessee #RN055477

III. Work History

Experience:

2006-present	Georgia State University School of Nursing 2006-2013, Clinical Instructor 2013-present, Clinical Assistant Professor 2013-present, Coordinator of the Master's level Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program
Jan. 2007 to present	Image Bearers Ministries Counselor
April 2006 to August 2006	Support for Treatment of Asthma Research – Georgia State University Nurse on home visit team
June 2005 to Dec. 2005	Pine Woods Crisis Center – Barnesville, Ga Staff Nurse
August 2002 to Dec. 2005	Fayette County Schools Fayetteville, Ga School Nurse – Tyrone Elementary
January 2001 to Dec. 2006	Christian Families Today Fayetteville, Ga. Counselor
August 2000 to 2002	Fayette County Schools Fayetteville, Ga. School Nurse – Flat Rock Middle School
August 1996 to July 2000	Hamilton Southeastern Schools Fishers, In. School Nurse – Cumberland Road Elementary
September 1995 to May 1996	Hamilton Southeastern Schools Fishers, In. Volunteered in HSE Middle School Clinic
January 1982 to May 1984	Washington County Schools Jonesborough, Tn School Nurse
May 1981 to Dec. 1981	Johnson City Medical Center Johnson City, Tn. Neurological Nurse

IV. Instruction

a. Teaching

i. Course Name, semester and number of students:

Caring for Populations with a Focus on Mental Health -
NURS 3810 – Spring 2017 – 70 students
Psychopharmacology NURS 7170 - Spring 2017 – 21 students
NURS 3810 – Fall 2016 – 37 students
Theories of Psychiatric Nursing – NURS 7120 – Fall 2016-14 students
NURS 3810 – Spring 2016 – 68 students
NURS 7170 – Spring 2016 - 8 students
NURS 3810 – Fall 2015 – 32 students

NURS 7120 – Fall 2015 – 8 students
NURS 3810 – Summer 2015 – 31 students
NURS 3810 – Spring 2015 – 60 students
NURS 7170 – Spring 2015 – 6 students
NURS 3810 – Fall 2014 – 44 students
NURS 7120 – Fall 2014 – 9 students
NURS 3810 – Summer 2014 – 28 students
Advanced Psychiatric Nursing - NURS 7100 - Summer 2014 – 2 students
NURS 3810 – Spring 2014 – 55 students
NURS 7170 – Spring 2014 – 8 students
NURS 3810 – Fall 2013 – 33 students
NURS 7120 – Fall 2013 – 3 students
NURS 3810 – Summer 2013 – 33 students
NURS 3810 – Spring 2013 – 67 students
NURS 7170 – Spring 2013 – 1 student
NURS 3810 – Fall 2012 – 32 students

ii. Guest Lectures

NURS 7340 – Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2017

b. Student Advisement

- i.** Committee member on two Doctorate of Clinical Practice student projects:
 - a. Allison Treadwell, 2016 – 2017, “Examining Depression in Dialysis Patients”. Completed May 2017.
 - b. Anna Hurlebaus, 2016-2017, “Recognizing Depression, Anxiety, and Substance Abuse in Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury: An Assessment Tool for Staff”. Completed May 2017.
- ii.** Precepted graduate educational student for one semester – Jennifer Mejia, fall 2015
- iii.** Directed Reading – Motivational Interviewing with Michael Smart – fall 2016.

V. Scholarship and Professional Development

a. Publications

1. Journal articles

Sims, T. (2017, March/April). Exploring an emotional intelligence model with psychiatric mental health nurses. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, 23(2), 133-142. (Peer reviewed).

Sims, T. (2014). Addressing health concerns of pregnant African American women using the lens of complexity theory. *Creative Nursing*, 20(4), 258-264. (Peer reviewed)

Sims, T., & Overton, S. (2012). Innovative program for recruiting nurses in the psychiatric setting. *American Journal of Nursing*, 112(12), 65-68. (Peer reviewed)

reviewed)

Gebhardt, M., Sims, T., & Bates, T. (2009). Enhancing geriatric content in a baccalaureate nursing program. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 30(4), 245-248. (Peer reviewed)

b. Sponsored Projects and Contracts

i. Grants and Funding

1. External

- a.** Dissertation Study – 2015: Testing the Reliability and Validity of Tools based on the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Four-Branch Ability Model of Emotional Intelligence with Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses; Received financial support (30% discount) from the Multi-Health Systems, Inc.'s Student Research Discount to help pay for research materials. I also received money from Kaiser Permanente to present at the 29th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association in Orlando, Florida.
- b.** Pilot Study - 2013: Relationship between Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Behaviors of Mental Health Nurses. Received Kaiser Permanente Scholarship for doctoral studies including books, materials, money to attend emotional intelligence training, and money to attend the 27th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association in San Antonio, Texas; Received financial support (30% discount) from the Multi-Health Systems, Inc.'s Student Research Discount to help pay for the research materials.

2. Internal

- a.** “Emotional Intelligence and Nursing Students” - Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Faculty Teaching Fellowship for 2017-18 for \$11,200

ii. Professional Presentations

- Sims, T. (2017, April). *Developing new skills*. Led psychoeducational group at Image Bearers Ministries. Fayetteville, Ga.
- Sims, T. (2017, April). *Paying attention to our physical needs*. Led Psychoeducational group at Image Bearers Ministries. Fayetteville, Ga.
- Sims, T. (2017, April). *Paying attention to our emotional needs*. Led psychoeducational group at Image Bearers Ministries. Fayetteville, Ga.
- Sims, T. (2017, March). *Stress and its affects*. Led psychoeducational group at Image Bearers Ministries. Fayetteville, Ga.
- Sims, T. (2016, October). *Teaching emotional intelligence*. Poster presentation at the 30th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Hartford, Connecticut.
- Sims, T. (2016, May). *Testing the reliability and validity of tools based on the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Four-Branch Ability Model of Emotional Intelligence with psychiatric-mental health nurses*. Poster presentation at the Graduate Research Symposium and Sigma Theta Tau, Inc. Consortium. Morrow, Georgia.
- Sims, T. (2015, November). *Research night: Emotional intelligence*. Presented dissertation to Moving Ahead with Advanced Practice

- Psychiatric Nurses in Georgia meeting, Decatur, Georgia.
- Sims, T. (2015, October). *Testing the reliability and validity of tools based on the Mayer-Salovey-Caruso Four-Branch Ability Model of Emotional Intelligence with psychiatric-mental health nurses*. Poster presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Orlando, Florida.
- Sims, T., & Florman, T. (2014, October). *Building knowledge connections in education using standardized patients in simulation*. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Sims, T. (2013, October). *Relationship between Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Behaviors of Mental Health Nurses*. Presentation at the 27th Annual Conference of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, San Antonio, Texas.
- Sims, T., Kirkendoll, K., Grantham, C., & Difalco, N. (2013, October). *Using the QSEN competencies to develop clinical evaluation tools*. Poster Presentation at the 2013 Epsilon Alpha Fall Program, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.
- Maguire, M., Sims, T., Ward, E. (2012, January). *Evaluating Learning Styles of the Millennial and Non-Millennial Undergraduate Nursing Students*. Poster presentation at Elsevier/Mosby's Faculty Development Institute, Las Vegas, NV.
- Maguire, MB., Sims, T., Ward, E. (2012, April). *Evaluating Learning Styles of the Millennial and Non-Millennial Undergraduate Nursing Students*. Poster Presentation at Epsilon Alpha Chapter Sigma Theta Tau meeting at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

VI. Service

- a. Administrative service
Coordinator of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program since 2013
- b. Committees:
 1. Voting member of the Graduate Program Committee since 2013
 2. Member of the Undergraduate Program Committee – since 2006
 3. Chair of the Student Appeal's Committee – 2017
 4. Nontenure Search Committee - 2017
 5. Facilitator of the SON Undergraduate Curriculum Committee-2006-2014
 6. Student Affairs – 2007 – two consecutive terms
 7. University Senate – 2009

VII. Professional and Honor Organization Activities

- a. Member of the following nursing associations: Moving Ahead with Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses in Georgia (MAAPPNG), American Nurses Association, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, International Society of Psychiatric Nurses (2013 – 2014), and Sigma Theta Tau
- b. Counselor for Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society since 2012
- c. Co-Chair of the Undergraduate Committee of the Education Council of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association
- d. American Psychiatric Nurses Association-Education Committee since 2013

VIII. Honors, Awards, Recognitions

- a. Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Faculty Teaching Fellowship for 2017-18
- b. Graduate Professional Faculty Status – May, 2016
- c. 2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion Certificate of Appreciation – Medical Professions Educator Tour at Fort Benning, Ga, April 21 – 22, 2016
- d. Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor – December 2012