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EDUCATION

2015	University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Nursing)
1999	University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas Degree: Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner
1997	Washington State University, Vancouver, Washington Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
1996	Clark Community College, Vancouver, Washington Degree: Associate in Applied Science in Nursing
1994	Clark Community College, Vancouver, Washington Degree: Associate in Arts and Sciences

EMPLOYMENT

Academic Positions

2025-present	Assistant Dean of the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program of Science in Nursing Program; Assistant Clinical Professor The Catholic University of America Conway School of Nursing Washington, D.C.
2012-2025	Undergraduate Nursing Division Dean (2023-2025); Professor (2022-2025); Associate Professor (2020-2022); Assistant Professor (2015-2020); Instructor of Nursing (2012 – 2015); Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Endowed Chair in Nursing; Core Fellow (2020-2025) University of St. Thomas Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing Houston, Texas

2019	Clinical Instructor/Clinical Assistant Professor University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing Galveston, Texas
2008-2009	Clinical Instructor/Clinical Assistant Professor Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University College of Nursing and Health Sciences Corpus Christi, Texas
2005-2006	Consultant Baylor College of Medicine Department of Clinical Systems Services Houston, Texas
2003-2008	Clinical Instructor/Clinical Assistant Professor University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing Galveston, Texas
1999	Clinical Instructor/Clinical Assistant Professor University of Texas Medical Branch Pathology Department Galveston, Texas

Clinical Positions

2017-present	Family Nurse Practitioner Duties yearly with medical team serving outpatient in various settings; Mission Trip Hope for Honduran Children Santa Lucia, Honduras
2016-present	Family Nurse Practitioner Duties part of a medical team performing sports physicals, developmental screening Various public and Private Schools Greater area of Houston, Texas
2010-present	Family Nurse Practitioner Mint Physician Staffing Houston, Texas
2007-2012	Family Nurse Practitioner TakeCare Health Systems Houston, Texas
2001-2005	Family Nurse Practitioner Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family Medicine Houston, Texas

2000-2001	Family Nurse Practitioner University of Texas Medical Branch Family Medicine Clinic Galveston, Texas
1998-2000	Nurse Clinician III University of Texas Medical Branch General Medicine Galveston, Texas
1997	Staff Nurse Southwest Washington Medical Center Labor and Delivery; Float Pool Vancouver, Washington
1997	Staff Nurse Southwest Washington Health District Clinical Services Unit Vancouver, Washington

Additional Practice Positions:

2002-2005	Project Director Clinic-Based Staff Education Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family Medicine Houston, TX
2004-2005	Project Director Cholesterol Care Program Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family Medicine Houston, TX
2003-2004	Project Co-Director Diabetic Care Program Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family Medicine Houston, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Leyden, K. (2021). Forming Compensatory Mechanisms in Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Case Study on Hope, Acceptance, and Improved Outcomes. *International Journal of Nursing and Health Care Science*. 1(10).

Leyden, K., Campbell-Law, L., Piazza, MD, & Nguyen, L. (2018). Creative Reflections: How Students Find Meaning in Unexpected Clinical Experiences. *Journal of Comprehensive Nursing Research and Care*. 3(131).

Tschirch, P., **Leyden, K.,** Dufrene, C., & Land, S. (2017). Introducing Perioperative Nursing as a Foundation for Clinical Practice. *AORN*, 106, 121-127.

Leyden, K. L., Hanneman, S. K., Padhye, N. S., & Engebretson, J. (2015). Activity-rest and temperature rhythm in community dwelling women. Dissertation.

OTHER TYPES OF SCHOLARLY MEDIA

Service

2021-present **CRIED Nursing Journal**, Peer-reviewed Journal, Founder and Editor.
2021 to present. www.criednursingjournal.com

Other:

2023 **Leyden, K.** Maleficent Mentoring: The Making of a Professional Student. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 2(4).

2023 **Leyden, K.** (2023). Maleficent Mentoring: Another's Success. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 2(3).

2023 **Leyden, K.** (2023). Maleficent Mentoring: Teacher's Pet. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 2(2).

2022 **Leyden, K.** (2022). Maleficent Mentoring: Showing False Interest. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 2(1).

2022 **Leyden, K.** (2022). Maleficent Mentoring: Open Door Policy. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 1(4).

2022 **Leyden, K.** (2022). Maleficent Mentoring: Prisoners Do Not Deserve Compassion. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 1(3).

2022 **Leyden, K.** (2022). Maleficent Mentoring: Guidance Accepted. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 1(2).

- 2021 **Leyden, K.** Campbell-Law. (2021). Processing Clinical Experiences During Covid-19. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal* 1(Inaugural edition).
- 2021 **Leyden, K.** (2021). Maleficent Mentoring: An Introduction. *Creative Reflections in Education and Nursing Journal*. 1(Inaugural edition).

RESEARCH

Grants

Grant Funding for Academic Education

- 2023-2025 Nursing Innovation Grant Program, *A Renovation to Accommodate Increasing Number of Students*, Project Co-Director Awarded \$197,387 over two years, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 2020-2025 Consultant, Title V Grant Project “Expanding Graduate Programs for Hispanic Students”, Simulation Pedagogy Consultant
- 2020-2023 Nursing Innovation Grant Program, *Supporting Clinical Learning Experiences to Mitigate Impediments due to COVID-19*, Project Director Awarded \$84,000 over two years, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Presentations

International

- 2024 **Leyden, K.** Creative Reflections: A Reflective Practice to Help Students Process Clinical Experiences. The 12th World Congress on Nursing and Health Care. Valencia, Spain.
- 2022 Paul, N., **Leyden, K.**, Campbell-Law, L., & Dufrene, C. PSN Current Simulation and Future Trends. Seminar Virtual Simulation and Digital Tools for Health Care Education. International Collaboration with Universidad de Santiago de Tomas and University of Calgary.
- 2019 **Leyden, K.L.**, & Paul, N. Nursing Student Simulation: A Three-Tiered Model Approach, Novice Navigation. Universidad de Santo Tomas, Santiago, Chile.
- 2019 **Leyden, K.**, Campbell-Law, L., Piazza, MD, & Martinez-Clayton, G. Creative Reflections. Universidad de Santo Tomas, Santiago, Chile.

- 2019 **Leyden, K.L.**, Paul, N., & Lober, T. Nursing Student Simulation: A Three-Tiered Model Approach, Novice Navigation. Universidad de Santo Tomas, Viña del Mar, Chile.
- 2019 **Leyden, K.**, Campbell-Law, L., Piazza, MD, & Martinez-Clayton, G. (2019). Creative Reflections. Universidad de Santo Tomas, Viña del Mar, Chile.
- 2018 **Leyden, K.L.**, Simpson, K., & Paul, N. Nursing Student Simulation for Novice Users: Definitions, Benefits, and Limitations. 2nd International Conference on Nursing Science & Practice. London, England.
- 2010 **Leyden, K. L.** *Reproducibility of the actiwatch-score in women*. 26th Conference of the International Society for Chronobiology. Vigo, Spain.

National

- 2024 **Leyden, K.** Faith and Vocation. Celts and Cana. University of St. Thomas. Houston, Tx
- 2023 **Leyden, K.** Faith, Work, and Family. 3rd Annual Leadership Summit for Student Leaders, University of St. Thomas. Houston, Tx.
- 2022 **Leyden, K.** Pediatric Antibiotic Stewardship. Houston Area Nurse Practitioners 12th Annual Conference. Houston, Tx.
- 2022 **Leyden, K.**, Paul, N. A Three-Tiered Model Approach. Simulations Professionals of Texas. Houston, Tx.
- 2022 **Leyden, K.L.**, & O'Brien, K. NIGP Simulation Faculty Workshop, Part 2. University of St. Thomas.
- 2021 **Leyden, K.L.**, & O'Brien, K. NIGP Simulation Faculty Workshop, Part 1. University of St. Thomas.
- 2019 **Leyden, K.L.**, Paul, N., & Lober, T. Nursing Student Simulation: A Three-Tiered Model Approach, Novice Navigation. 3rd International Conference and Exhibition on Nursing. Houston, TX
- 2019 **Leyden, K.L.**, Campbell-Law, L., Piazza, MD, & Martinez-Clayton, G. Creative Reflections: How Students Find Meaning in Unexpected Clinical Experiences. 3rd International Conference and Exhibition on Nursing. Houston, TX
- 2019 **Leyden, K.L.**, Campbell-Law, L., Piazza, MD, & Nguyen, L. Creative Reflections: How Students Find Meaning in Unexpected Clinical

- Experiences. University of St. Thomas Faculty Colloquium. Houston, Texas.
- 2018 **Leyden, K.L.** Imago Dei: Human Dignity and Stewardship of Life. John Paul II Foundation, Converging Roads. San Antonio, Texas.
- 2017 Dufrene, C., **Leyden, K.**, and Sadler, C. Impact of Using Commercially Prepared Exams as Clinical Course Final Exams. Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society 44th Biennial Convention, October 28 – November 1, 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2015 **Leyden, K.L.** Panelist: *Addressing the Challenges of Providing Care to Spiritually Diverse Populations: An Experiential Perspective*. Institute for Spirituality and Health. Texas Medical Center. Houston, TX.
- 2014 **Leyden, K. L.** *Perioperative Nursing Goes to College. Part 1!*. AORN Surgical Conference and Expo. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 **Leyden, K. L.** *Perioperative Nursing Goes to College. Part 2!*. AORN Surgical Conference and Expo. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 From, A., **Leyden, K. L.**, Thompson, J., & Tschirch, P. An Academic-Practice Partnership Innovation: Integrating Perioperative Nursing in a BSN Curriculum. *Partnership Excellence in Nursing Education – Interprofessional Collaboration*. Galveston, TX.
- 2010 **Leyden, K. L.** *Staff Education*. Recognizing allergic symptoms in the elementary school child. St. Jerome School. Houston, TX.
- 2002-2005 **Leyden, K. L.** *Staff Education*. Topics include Asthma, COPD, pneumonia, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, and hypercholesterolemia. Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. Houston, TX.
- 2002-2005 **Leyden, K. L.** *IV Therapy*. Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. Houston, TX.
- 2002-2005 **Leyden, K. L.** *Standards & Expectations Certification Class*. Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. Houston, TX.
- 2002-2005 **Leyden, K. L.** *Clinic Flow, Standards, and Expectations*. Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. Houston, TX.
- 2004 **Leyden, K. L.** Conference developer and featured speaker: *Enhancing the Nurse Practitioner Image: Professional Issues with Professional Solutions*. Disney's Yacht Club Resort, Walt Disney World. FL.

2004 **Leyden, K. L.** *Diabetes Management*. Diabetic Care Program Initiative. Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. Houston, TX.

Regional

2012 **Leyden, K. L.**, Hanneman, S. K., McCarley, C., Padhye N. S., & Smolensky, M. H. Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. Washington, DC.

Poster Presentations

International

2017 **Leyden, K.L.**, Simpson, K., & Paul, N. Nursing Student Simulation: A Three-Tiered Model Approach. Sigma Theta Tau International Conference. Dublin, Ireland.

National

2015 **Leyden, K. L.** (2015). *Creative Reflections*. Sigma Theta Tau International Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Individual Honors/Awards

2024 Nominated for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award
Nominated for St. Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)

2023 Nominated for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award
Nominated for St. Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)

2022 Texas Nursing Association, District 9, Outstanding Nurse Award, Houston, TX

2021 Nominated for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award
Nominated for St. Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)

2020 Nominated for St. Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)
Society for Simulation in Healthcare

2019 Recipient of the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award

University of St. Thomas

2018	Recipient of the Joseph M. McFadden Excellence in Service Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
2018	Nominated for the Houston Chronicle Salute to Nurse's 2018, Houston, TX (not selected)
2017	Nominated for the Joseph M. McFadden Excellence in Service Award, The University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)
2015	The Harris County Medical Society Auxiliary Clinical Excellence Award, Houston, TX
2014	Nominated for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)
2014	Nominated for Outstanding Nurse Educator for Nursing Celebration for Texas Nurses Association - District 9 (not selected)
2013	Nominated for the St. Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (not selected)
1998-present	Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing
1992	Woman's Christian Association (WCA) Community Service Award, Vancouver, WA
1991-1993	National Honor Society Outstanding Service Award, Vancouver, WA

Academic Service

2023-2024	Core Curriculum Fellow Chair, Core Candidate Search Committee Chair, Program Director Nursing Search Committee Judge, Student Research Symposium
2022-2023	Past Chair, Faculty Senate Past Chair, Advisory Council Chair, Committee of Committees Faculty Compensation Committee Graduation Committee Planning and Budget Policy Committee International Education Committee Core Curriculum Fellow Vice President for Academic Affairs Appointed Thomistic Study Search Committee Member

2021-2022	Chair, Faculty Senate Chair, Advisory Council Strategic Planning Committee Audit and Finance Committee The Call Toward Tomorrow Graduation Committee Planning and Budget Policy Committee Retirement Plan Committee International Education Committee Core Curriculum Fellow Vice President for Academic Affairs Appointed Thomistic Study Search Committee Member
2020-2021	Vice Chair, Faculty Senate Advisory Council Member Faculty Awards Committee Grievance Committee Core Curriculum Fellow
2019	Faculty Senate member, Secretary Formation Towards Mission Task Force member
2019-2025	Faculty Facilitator for Simulation Pedagogy (Formerly Faculty Facilitator for Simulation Lab Operations)
2019	Director for Graduate Theology Program Search Committee
2018-2025	Guiding Coalition Committee member
2018	Chair of Philosophy Dissertation Defense Committee
2018	Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee
2017-2025	Chair, PSON Enrollment Management and Retention Committee
2017-present	Hope for Honduran Children, Mission Trip, Santa Lucia, Honduras
2016	Member, Nursing Admissions Committee
2016-2019	Academic Curriculum Committee
2016-present	Clinical Education Development Committee
2015-2025	Course Planning/Evaluation Task Force Academic Affairs Policy Committee
2014-2024	Counselor for Psi Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society (2014-2015 UST SON Honor Society; Chartered 2016)

2013-2019	Faculty Facilitator for Simulation Lab Operations, University of St. Thomas, School of Nursing, Houston, TX
2002-2005	Clinic Leadership Committee, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Houston, TX
2002-2005	Electronic Medical Record Committee, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Houston, TX
2002-2005	Nursing Procedure Committee, Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Houston, TX
1997	Coordination of Immunization Clinic Assistant, Southwest Washington Health District, Vancouver, WA
1993-1995	Junior Volunteer Coordinator, Southwest Washington Health District, Vancouver, WA
1990-1996	Auxiliary Member, Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver, WA

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021	Instructor, the Saint Constantine School, An Independent Study, Art Exploration
2016-2025	Director, Crossroads for Kids; Multiple Productions
2016	Instructor, St. Aquinas; Art Through History
2010-2016	Co-Director, Crossroads for Kids; Multiple Productions
2010	Assistant Director, St. Aquinas Homeschool Cooperative; Peter Rabbit's Stomachache, By First Lady Marianne Ivany
2009	Developer, Crossroads for Kids; Art through History
2009-present	Program Coordinator, Crossroads Culture Center-Houston; Multiple Events: www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025	Sigma Theta Tau International, Kappa Chapter
2023-present	Society for Simulation in Healthcare

2016-2025

Sigma Theta Tau International, Psi Iota Chapter (Chartered)

LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

Current Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator Expires 12/30/26

Current Virginia Advanced Practice Nurse Expires 9/30/2026

Current Texas Advanced Practice Nurse Expires 9/30/2026

Current Certified Family Nurse Practitioner by ANCC 3/31/2030

Current Basic Life Support 3/2026