**TEXAS STATE VITA**

**I. Academic/Professional Background**

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| A. | Name: Michelle Nighswander | Title: Assistant Professor |

B. Educational Background

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| Degree | Year | University | Major | Thesis/Dissertation |
| Doctor of Philosophy | 2024 | University of Texas Medical Branch | Nursing | **Dissertation**: Searching for their Path: Understanding Parents of Children with Emotional Disturbance |
| MSN-ED | 2017 | Texas A&M | Nursing Education | **Capstone Project**: Standardizing Depression Screening in a Primary Care Clinic |
| BSN | 1992 | University of Iowa | Nursing |  |

C. University Experience

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| Lecturer  St. David’s School of Nursing | Texas State University  Round Rock, TX | January 2020 – Present |
| Affiliate Instructor  St. David’s School of Nursing | Texas State University  Round Rock, TX | September 2017-Present |

D. Relevant Professional Experience

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| ***Position*** | ***Entity*** | ***Dates*** |
| Adjuvant Professor | Concordia University  Austin, TX | August 2018-May 2019 |
| Nursing Instructor | Kaplan Nursing  New York, NY | September 2019-May 2020 |
| Professional Nursing Tutor | Concordia University  Austin, TX | November 2017- August 2018 |
| Telephone Triage Nurse | Baylor Scott & White  Round Rock, TX | July 2008- July 2020 |

E. Other Professional Credentials

Texas State RN License: 581528: August 1992 to present

Ambulatory Care Board Certified: July 2010 to present

Oncology Nurse Certified: July 1998 to December 2010

**II. TEACHING**

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

B. Courses Taught:

NURS 4211: Nursing Care in Complex Health, Fall 2024

NURS 4280: Community & Population Health Practicum, Texas State University, Spring 2024

NURS 3110: Health Assessment, Texas State University, Fall 2023

NURS 3121: Essentials in Nursing, Texas State University, Fall 2023

NURS 4341: Leadership and Management of Nursing Care Practicum, Texas State University, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Adult Health Theory 1 (Concordia University, Austin, Texas)Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

C. Directed Student Learning:

NCLEX Review Course, Kaplan Nursing, Austin, TX, Spring 2020

Affiliate Instructor, Texas State University, St. David’s School of Nursing, Fall 2017 – present

Professional Student Tutor, online accelerated BSN program, Concordia University, Austin, Texas), November 2017- August 2018

**III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE**

A. Works in Print:

Nighswander, M. (2024). *Searching for their path: Understanding parents of children with emotional disturbance* [Doctoral dissertation, University of Texas Medical Branch]. UTMB Health ETD Database. https://utmb-ir.tdl.org/items/e79beb6a-2668-4780-b4b4-cedba276bf02

Nighswander, M. & Blair, P. (2024). From institutions to inclusion: How children with disabilities gained educational rights in the US. *The Journal of School Nursing, 40(1),* 108-118. http://doi: 10.1177/10598405221105054.

Nighswander, M. (2022, July 8). “Looking beyond nursing education offerings can open doors.” *American Journal of Nursing, Off the Charts*. https://ajnoffthecharts.com/looking-beyond-nursing-education-offerings-can-open-doors/

B. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Computer-Aided Depression Screening: A Review of the Literature for Optimal Methodologies for Mental Health Screening, 23rd International Conference on Nursing Clinical Decision-Making, June 2021

C. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

Nursing Care for Patients with Lupus (CEU Credit- Ambulatory Nursing Care Conference @ Baylor Scott & White, February 2010)

Telephone Triage and Scope of Practice (Regional educational presentation for Baylor Scott & White, April 2017)

D. Scholarly Awards/ Honors:

2023 Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society chapters at University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M University (2017), and University of Iowa (1992)

2023 UTMB Stephen Silverthorne Scholarship

2023 UTMB Lois E. Nickerson Scholarship

2022 John P. McGovern Chair in Nursing Award

2021 Baylor Scott & White Dixon-Galt-Lieberman Nursing Scholarship Award

2021 UTMB Jonas Policy Scholar Nominee

**IV. SERVICE**

1. Institutional Service:

Southern Nursing Research Society: Psychiatric/Mental Health Research Interest and Implementation Group (September 2024- present)

UTMB: PhD Student Liaison Representative with School of Nursing Faculty Committee (2022-2024)

B. Community Service:

Round Rock High School Marching Band Booster Club/Volunteer (2019-2023)

Project Graduation Committee: Health and Safety Chairperson, RR High School

Round Rock High School Men’s Soccer Booster club – Treasurer (2020)

Career Day presentation, Cedar Valley Middle School, Round Rock, TX (2019)

Volunteer for program to provide school clothes for families in need (“Clothes Closet”) (Voight Elementary School, Round Rock, TX, November 2019- January 2021)

C. Organization Memberships:

* Sigma Theta Tau International: Chapters Alpha Delta & Phi Iota
* American Nurses Association
* Texas Nurses Association- Area 5
* Southern Nursing Research Society
* Phi Kappa Phi
* Western Institute of Nursing