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Professional Summary

Donna J. Washburn, DNP, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC, AOCNS, is an experienced nursing professional with over 30 years of practice that includes inpatient, outpatient, and community health clinical practice, oncology clinical research, and evidence-based quality improvement in healthcare. Experience in nurse administration roles from Department manager to corporate director, and experience as an educator since 2007 teaching at the University level. Specializing in oncology and advanced clinical nursing with a proven track record in leading research initiatives, teaching graduate-level courses, and mentoring multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals.

Education

Doctor of Nursing Practice, with High Distinction, 2018

Liberty University School of Nursing, Lynchburg, Virginia

Doctoral Project: Addressing Barriers to Medication Adherence

Master of Science, Nursing, 2006

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Clinical Practicum: Clinical Nurse Specialist role in the acute care of oncology patients.

Foci: Hereditary risk of breast and ovarian cancer in women; and safe handling of antineoplastic therapy in non-oncology settings.

Bachelor of Science, Nursing, 2004

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Research review: Meeting the Psychosocial Needs of the Terminal Patient's Significant Other;

Research review and Presentation: Crisis of Cancer in Pregnancy.

Certificate, Client Support Administration, 1998

ITTI, Rochester, New York

Course content: Training in computer software/hardware, quality management, customer service, communication, project management and team building.

Associate in Applied Science, 1989

Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY

Concentration: Nursing

Diploma in Christian Education, 1984

Elohim Bible Institute, Castile, New York

Current Certifications and Licenses

License: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (CNS), Virginia

License: Registered Nurse, Virginia

Certification: Advanced Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification (AOCNS), ONCC

Certification: Advanced Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification (ACNS-BC), ANCC

Affiliations

Sigma Theta Tau

American Nurses Association

Oncology Nursing Society

Heritage Baptist Church

Teaching and Mentoring Interests

Teaching Interest: research, leadership, and population health

Mentorship: Experienced clinical and academic research mentor to nursing and healthcare students, including graduate, post-graduate nursing, APRN, and pre-med students

Research instruction and collaboration: Clinical, quality improvement, evidence-based practice, and original research

Research and Experience

2024 – present: member of Regent University Institutional Review Board

2022 – present: professor of courses focused on nursing quality improvement, evidence-based practice, and research

2022 – present: Oncology Research: Review and collect “real-life” data from multiple cancer centers in the United States for various cancer protocols.

2020 - 2021: Coordinated local access to nationwide inpatient convalescent plasma emergency access protocol and Remdesivir for critically ill Covid inpatients.

2018: Principal Investigator/Author of medication adherence study, including a pilot test of a self-developed instrument to screen for barriers to medication adherence

2008 to 2017: Oncology Clinical Research at Cancer Center, coordinated all aspects of clinical research, managed small research team, and directly responsible for care of research patient caseload.

Professional Experience

Recent Teaching/Education Experience:

Courses taught in nursing leadership and role development, nursing research, quality improvement, and evidence-based practice, healthcare policy, and population health.

Regent University School of Health and Behavioral Sciences, Virginia, 2022 to Present

2023-present Full-Time Assistant Nursing Professor

2024-Present Affiliation Coordinator

2023-2024 Interim Program Director of the Doctor of Nursing Program

2022-2023 Adjunct Faculty

Liberty University School of Nursing, Virginia 2010 to present.

Adjunct Online Instructor

South University Online 2007 to 2010

Adjunct Instructor – School of Nursing

Miller-Motte Technical College, Virginia ~2004 to 2006

Teacher: Developed curriculum/teaching plans for and taught health-related courses

Recent Clinical Experience:

Flatiron Health, Inc., New York, February 2022 – present

Credentialed to review and collect real-life medical data for various clinical protocols. Includes interpretation of pathology and other diagnostic data, review of treatments and effects, tumor profiling/genomic testing, and cancer recurrence/survival follow up criteria for various cancers including melanoma, lung, prostate, breast, multiple myeloma, and leukemia/lymphoma.

Centra Health, Inc. Virginia, 2003 to 2021

Experience within this organization included time in inpatient and outpatient adult oncology, management and coordination of multiple oncology clinical trials, and as the Director of Professional Clinical Practice (Corporate level responsibility) from 2017 to 2021

OTHER PREVIOUS PERTINENT EXPERIENCE

Developmental Disabilities Service Organization, New York

Family Care Provider: Care of severely disabled, medically fragile children

Member: Local family care advisory council

Member: Ten county family care advisory council

Wyoming County Community Health System, New York

Registered Nurse, Acute Care

Public Health Women's Clinic Registered Nurse

County Home Health Nurse

University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital, New York

Registered Nurse, Orthopedic Trauma Unit

Wyoming County School District, New York

School Nurse – Per Diem

Camp Hickory Hill, New York

Camp Nurse and Health Director

Volunteer Service

Heritage Baptist Church, Virginia – Children's ministry volunteer

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Near Southwest Virginia Division, Virginia

Publications and Presentations

Co-author - Ord, A. S., Coddington, K., Maksad, G. P., Swiatek, S. R., Saunders, J., Netz, D., Washburn, D., Braud, S., Holland, J., Eldridge, A. H., Kuschel, S. G., Magnante, A. T., Cooper, A., & Sautter, S. W. (Dec. 2024). Neuropsychological Symptoms and Functional Capacity in

Older Adults with Chronic Pain. *Gerontology & geriatric medicine*, 10, 23337214241307537. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23337214241307537>

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Presentation, Virginia Henderson Research Symposium, Screening the Literature, November, 2020

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Addressing Barriers to Medication Adherence. (n.d.). (Oral Podium Presentation: Sigma Theta Tau national biennial convention, November 2019, Washington, DC) https://sigma.nursingrepository.org/bitstream/handle/10755/18459/Washburn_99377_A15.pdf?sequence=1

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Wang, K., Russell, J. S., McDermott, J. D., Elvin, J. A., Khaira, D., Johnson, A., Jennings, T. A., Ali, S. M., Murray, M., Marshall, C., Oldham, D. S., Washburn, D., Wong, S. J., Chmielecki, J., Yelensky, R., Lipson, D., Miller, V. A., Stephens, P. J., Serracino, H. S., ... Bowles, D. W. (2016). Profiling of 149 Salivary Duct Carcinomas, Carcinoma Ex Pleomorphic Adenomas, and Adenocarcinomas, Not Otherwise Specified Reveals Actionable Genomic Alterations. *Clinical Cancer Research: An Official Journal of the American Association for Cancer Research*, 22(24), 6061–6068. <https://doi.org/10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-15-2568>

Washburn, D. J. (2007). Intravesical antineoplastic therapy following transurethral resection of bladder tumors: nursing implications from the operating room to discharge. *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 11(4), 553–559. <https://doi.org/10.1188/07.CJON.553-559>

Awards

Nursing Excellence Leader Recognition Nomination, Centra Health, March 2020

Consecutive Clinical Research Awards: Top accrual awards in network, 2014 to 2017

Virginia Henderson Excellence in Nursing Research Group Award, November 2008

Grant Awards

Centra Foundation Grant: ~\$24,000 one-time award, January 2018

Center for Diabetes Education (Suite remodel and program development)

National Institute of Health (Sub-Recipient): ~\$50,000 annually, January 2009 to 2017

Annual sub-recipient grant award from 2009 to 2017. Collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University in support of the oncology research program.