

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education, Western Kentucky University, Educational Leadership, Bowling Green, KY, Expected Graduation Date: May 2027

Master of Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, Health Informatics, Chicago, IL, 2012

Bachelor of Arts, Trevecca Nazarene University, Management and Human Relations, Nashville, TN, 2004

Associate of Science, Volunteer State Community College, Health Information Management, Gallatin, TN, 1996

BADGES/CREDENTIALS

Registration #245401, Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA), American Health Information Association (AHIMA), 2021 to Present

SAS Educator Badge. November 2023

Registration #46682, Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), American Health Information Association (AHIMA), 2000 to 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Full-Time)

Instructor, Health Information Management Program, Department of Public Health, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 2015 to Present

Health Data Coordinator, Center for Health Information Management, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN 2007 to 2015

Coding Supervisor-Radiology and Radiation Oncology, Vanderbilt Medical Group, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN 2006 to 2007

Documentation Compliance Physician Coding Specialist-General Surgery, Vanderbilt Medical Group, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN 2002 to 2006

Documentation Compliance Physician Coding Specialist-Pediatrics, Vanderbilt Medical Group, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN 2001 to 2002

Data Coordinator, Provider Services, Cigna Healthcare, Franklin, TN 2000 to 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Full-Time)-Continued

Medical Records Analyst, Medical Information Services, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN 1995 to 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Part-Time)

- Coding Coordinator, The Tennessee Chapter of National American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP), Nashville, TN 2014 to 2015
- Adjunct Instructor, Health Information Management Program (associate degree), National College, Madison, TN 2013 to 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Capstone Professional Practice Experience (PPE)
- Computer Systems in Health Information Management
- Electronic Medical Record
- Exam Prep Success
- Health Care Payment Systems
- Health Data Content and Structure
- Health Data Management and Analytics
- Health Informatics Research
- Legal Issues
- Medical Terminology
- Pharmacology and Laboratory Diagnostics
- Statistics in Health Information Management
- Student Advisement

ON-LINE BLACKBOARD COURSE DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

- Medical Terminology
- Health Informatics Research Methods
- Health Data Management and Analytics
- Computer Systems in Health Information Management
- Health Information Management Capstone

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Member, 1995 to 2022

Tennessee Health Information Management Association (THIMA) Member, 1995 to 2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Last 3 Years)

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Research Workgroup Member, January 2019 to Present

- “Are Bachelor of Science Health Information Management Programs growing or decreasing? Why?”, research work in progress, July 2022 - In Progress
- “Incorporating Experiential Learning into Health Information Management Education: Enhancing Curriculum with Real-World Applications” work published as co-author; Houser, Shannon & Flite, Cathy & Foster, Susan & Kinnerson, Lakesha & Hunt, Thomas & Morey, Angela & Pope, Roberta & Sorensen, Linda. (2025). *Advances in Health Information Science and Practice*. 10.63116/YRUD1773.
- “Essential Skill and Knowledge Required for Health Data Professionals: A Content Analysis of Job Advertisements” work published as co-author; Cathy A. Flite, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA; Susan L. Foster, EdD, MBA, RHIA, CHPS, CHPC; Shannon H. Houser, PhD, MPH, RHIA, FAHIMA; Thomas J. Hunt, PhD, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA; Lakesha Kinnerson, MPH, RHIA; Angela Morey, PhD, RHIA, CPHIMS; Miland N. Palmer, PhD, MPH, RHIA; Jennifer Peterson, PhD, RHIA, CTR; Roberta Darnez Pope, MSHI, RHIA. (2024). *Perspectives in health information management*, 21(2), 1c.
- Kentucky Community College Women in Computing (KYCCWIC), Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College, KATI Campus, Bowling Green, KY, PowerPoint Presentation of Research Work, March 17, 2023, 10:00am, “Analyzing Patient Clinical Documentation in a Telehealth Environment”
- “Building Best Practices for Telehealth Record Documentation in the COVID-19 Pandemic” work published as co-author; Shannon H. Houser, PhD, MPH, RHIA, FAHIMA; Cathy A. Flite, PhD, RHIA, FAHIMA; Susan L. Foster, EdD, MBA, RHIA, CHPS, CHPC; Thomas J. Hunt, PhD, RHIA, CHDA, FAHIMA; Angela Morey, PhD, RHIA, CPHIMS; Miland N. Palmer, PhD, MPH, RHIA; Jennifer Peterson, PhD, RHIA, CTR; Roberta Darnez Pope, MSHI, RHIT; Linda Sorensen, Ed.D., RHIA, CHPS. Building Best Practices for Telehealth Record Documentation in the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Perspectives in Health Information Management*. 2022. Volume 19, Issue 1.
- “Patient Clinical Documentation in Telehealth Environment: Are We Collecting Appropriate and Sufficient Information for Best Practice?” work published as co-author; (Houser SH, Flite CA, Foster SL, Hunt TJ, Morey A, Palmer MN, Peterson J, Pope RD, Sorensen L. mHealth. 2021. doi: 10.21037/mhealth-21-30)
- Kentucky Community College Women in Computing (KYCCWIC), PowerPoint Presentation of Research Work, September 10, 2021, 11:00am, “Data Analytics Presented in Population Health”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE-CONTINUED (Last 3 Years)

WKU Philanthropy

- Sisterhood Member, 2018 to Present
- The President's Circle, 2018 to Present
- The Cupola Society, 2020 to Present
- Sisterhood Faculty Board Member, 2021 to 2023

WKU College of Health and Human Services (CHHS)

- Public Health Research Team, 2017 to Present
- CHHS Curriculum Committee, Spring 2022 to Present
- CHHS Recognition Ceremony, May 2025
- Education Day Volunteer, Bowling Green Hot Rod Game, April 2025
- CHHS Recognition Ceremony, May 2024
- CHHS Education Day Volunteer, Bowling Green Hot Rod Game, April 2023

WKU Health Information Management Program

- Advisory Board Member, 2015 to Present
- Curriculum Committee, 2015 to Present
- Admissions Committee, 2015 to Present

Other Professional Service

- MERLOT Member, December 2023 to Present
- AHIMA Mentor, 2012 to Present
- Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) Peer Reviewer, 2018 to Present
 - Virtual Site Visit, Zane State, (Zanesville, OH), April 18-19, 2023
 - CAHIIM Future Education Model Peer Reviewer/Council Member Training on October 24, 2024, from 9am CT – 3pm CT
- AHEC Simulation Poverty, Poverty Simulation Volunteer, March 24, 2025
- 3rd Annual TN Health Careers Summit and Expo, WKU DPH Vendor-Exhibitor, Nashville, TN, November 1, 2024
- AHEC Simulation Poverty, Poverty Simulation Volunteer, August 21, 2024
- CAHIIM Demonstration Program Workgroup: Performance Indicator Learning Activities & Assessment Strategies, August 1, 2024
- Southern Central Kentucky AHEC-Future Healthcare Professionals Speaker, March 11, 2024
- National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) 28th Annual Everett V. Fox Student Case Analysis & Presentation Competition, WKU Team Coach, Atlanta, GA, October 10 -13, 2023
- Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) 2nd Undergraduate Case Competition for Health Administrative Programs, WKU Team Coach-Observer, October 2022
- South Central Kentucky AHEC Guest Speaker, July 2022

CONFERENCES ATTENDED/CONTINUED EDUCATION (Last 3 Years)

- 42nd Annual Kentucky Association of Black Higher Education Conference, April 20-22, 2025
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Professional Development Day, January 16, 2025
- ACUE Active Learning Module, September 30, 2024 to October 27, 2024
- SAS Educate 2024: A Virtual Learning Week for Faculty, Online Conference, July 22-25, 2024
- 2024 Kentucky HIMA & BGHIMSS Annual Meeting, Bowling Green, KY, April 22- 23 (Attended April 22, 2024)
- CAHIIM Competency-Based Education Demonstration Program Workshop, Frisco, TX, April 2-3, 2024
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: The New AI Frontiers-ChatGPT4 in Your Teaching and Research, March 27, 2024
- CHHS Research Webinar Series: Cultivating Relationships with Foundations Training. January 30, 2024. Host: Kristen Beales (Hanover Senior Grants Consultant)
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: AI Pop-up Session-Utilizing the PIER Framework in AI Assignments, November 08, 2023
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: CITL Grants-Information Session, October 30, 2023
- CAHIIM Town Hall, We wanted it, We got it, Now what do we do with it: STEM designation within health information management education (Dr. Jenny Evans), Virtual Webinar, August 30, 2023
- SAS Global Academic Programs: A Partner to Enable Data Science & Analytics Education, Virtual Seminar, June 15, 2023
- Kentucky Health Information Management Association 2023 Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, June 5-6, 2023
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Get Started with Gradescope, April 14, 2023
- Online Learning Consortium Conference-Onsite Conference, April 18-21, 2023
- CAHIIM Town Hall, Health Information Management (HIM) Co-Creating a New Future in Education, Virtual Webinar, May 18, 2023
- WKU Student Success Summit, January 2023
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Conference: AHIMA22 Global Conference, Columbus, OH, October 9-12, 2022
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Women in the Academy: Developing Your Voice in the Academy, July 25, 2022

CONFERENCES ATTENDED/CONTINUED EDUCATION-CONTINUED (Last 3 Years)

- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Mid-Career Faculty: So You're Mid-Career: What's Next, July 25, 2022
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Blackboard Ultra Course Pilot Program Information Sessions, April 12, 2022
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Advising 101-Accessing & Utilizing DegreeWorks, February 24, 2022
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: CITL Grants-Information Session, February 23, 2022
- WKU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning: Open Access, Predatory Publishing, and Finding the Right Outlet, February 16, 2022
- WKU Student Success Summit, January 2022