

JULIE LEPIANKA MSN, RN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cardinal Stritch University 2014-Present

Assistant Professor- Ruth S. Coleman College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Theory Courses

Pathophysiology- developed and currently teach concept-based course

Spiritual Health- developed and currently teach concept-based course

Population Based Health

Holism and Diversity

Healthcare Informatics & Technology

Clinical Courses

Medical/Surgical Adult Acute Care

Geriatric Long Term Care

Community Health

Collaborative Work

- Theater Department- Collaborated with university theater director to develop and implement a program where theater students receive standardized patient training. These students work with groups of nursing students as well as individual nursing students to complete spiritual screenings and engage in spiritual distress simulations. Data obtained demonstrates significant improvement in spiritual care competency as well as improved therapeutic communication.
- Counseling Department- Collaborated with university counseling director to facilitate Reflection Rounds with nursing clinical and Spiritual Health students. Data obtained consistently reveals overwhelmingly positive student feedback and increase in empathy.
- Aurora Health Care- Collaborate with Aurora Health care's Palliative Care, Pastoral Care, and Hospice Care departments to provide collaborative learning opportunities with nursing students participating the Spiritual Health course. Experiences include collaborative classroom experiences as well as shadowing professionals from the above mentioned departments.

Concordia University Wisconsin 2013-2014

Clinical Instructor- College of Nursing

Taught acute care, medical/surgical acute care clinical course

PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

- National League of Nursing (NLN) Education Summit, Poster Presenter- Teaching Compassionate Spiritual Care (Sept 2019)
- Stritch Reunion, Key Presenter- Compassionate Conversations (June 2019)
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, University of Findlay (May 2019)
- Cardinal Stritch University Psychology Graduate School Conference- Spirituality and Religion: Insight, Clarity, and Reflection on Spiritual Care (Jan 2019)
- Kendall Lecture Series, Cardinal Stritch University- Compassion: What Does it Look Like? (Oct 2018)
- Stritch Talks, Cardinal Stritch University- Outside the Box: A Partnership Between Nursing and Theater Opens New Pathways To Experiential Learning (Jan 2018)
- University School of Milwaukee- Eating Disorders and Addiction (2017, 2013, 2005)
- Cedarburg High School- Becoming a Nurse (2016, 2015)
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Guest Lecturer- Home Health & Home Hospice Nursing: Impacting Patient Care (2014, 2013)
- Milwaukee Area Technical College- Addiction: A Survival Story (2006, 2005)
- Aurora Health Care Leadership Convention, Key Presenter- Compassion and Caring For Premature Infants (2005)
- Northshore Parenting Association, Keynote Speaker- Compassionate Parenting (2005)
- Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School, Key Presenter- Eating Disorders and Addiction (1997, 1993, 1990)

NURSING EXPERIENCE

Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin, Aurora Health Care 2005- 2014 Transition Coordinator- Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center

- Responsible for assessing any patient preparing for discharge who may require home care and palliative/hospice care services from Milwaukee's largest tertiary hospital.
- Initiated and facilitated end of life patient/family conferences in collaboration with palliative care physicians for any patient in need of palliative/hospice care services
- Built relationships with physicians and staff nurses to provide the highest quality and most efficient, seamless care for patients.
- Worked with other home care agencies throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois to coordinate all necessary home care services for hospital patients.

Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin (VNA), Aurora Health Care 2001-2005 Office of Business/Program Development

Responsible for developing innovative programs that follow Aurora Health Care's mission to partner with the community and to build relationships and increase business along all VNA service lines.

- Initiated and developed relationships with more than fifty independent physician groups along with six local hospitals
- Developed VNA/MPS (Milwaukee Public School) Diabetic Partnership Program
 - Program involved VNA nurses providing care and diabetic education to all diabetic students in Wisconsin's largest public school system
 - Developed all clinical education tools to educate students and MPS staff about diabetic management
 - Established superior communication process and relationship with both MPS and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
 - Set Aurora Health Care record for recruitment for any health care program
- Experience with writing contract proposals
- Researched and implemented the use of technology to reduce cost and improve care to VNA patients (i.e. home tele-monitoring, MD2 electronic medication monitoring)
- Provided educational in-services to physicians and medical staff on all home health/hospice services
- Received Aurora Star Award for outstanding dedication and commitment to patients
- Facilitated/participated in numerous clinical, multidisciplinary team projects to improve patient outcomes, relationships, and reduce cost for the Aurora system

Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals/Innovex Inc. June 2001-Oct 2001

Clinical Nurse Educator

Contracted with Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals on short term Healthy Outlook Depression Project involving psychiatrists and primary care physicians throughout Wisconsin

- Performed educational in-services and program overview for physicians and medical staff to improve patient outcomes for patients with depression

Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin, Aurora Health Care 1996- 2001

Registered Nurse Case Manager

Responsible for case managing and providing all direct patient care in home care and hospice population including: educating and caring for patients, overseeing all medical disciplines involved with patient, communicating with physicians and acting as patient advocate to promote optimal health.

- Mentored new nurses and educated nursing students in home care field
- Represented nursing staff on vice president's task force to restructure pay compensation
- Participated in Shared Governance Committee to insure optimal nursing practices and procedures
- Received numerous commendations for collaboration with management and exceptional care to patients

Audubon Health Care Center 1995-1996

Registered Nurse

Responsible for providing nursing care to complex patients on medical/psychiatric unit.

Sharing My Experience Consulting 1990- present
Speaking Consultant

- Key presenter- Aurora Leadership Convention, 2005
- Presented in-services/education to health care senior leaders, colleges, high schools and community groups on a variety of topics including: compassion, collaboration, spiritual care, eating disorders, addiction, alcoholism, parenting, depression, and premature birth.
- Audiences range in size from small groups to more than 1,000 people.

EDUCATION

- 2011-2014: University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh: Master of Science: Nursing, Nurse Educator. GPA 4.0
- 1993-1994: University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee: Bachelor of Science: Nursing. Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- 1988-1993: University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh: Bachelor of Science: Biology, cellular emphasis. Chemistry minor. Graduated Cum Laude