

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Institution

University of Northern Colorado
Greeley, CO

Dissertation: *The Experiences of RNs in a Neonatal
Nurse Practitioner Program*

Advisor: Janice Hayes, PhD

Degree Awarded

PhD, Nursing Education

Year

2014

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Denver, CO

Master of Science
Nursing: Neonatal Nurse
Practitioner

1985

University of Northern Colorado
Greeley, CO

BSN
Nursing
Minor: English

1980

Licensure and Certification

Registered Nurse

CO 68191

Active

Advanced Practice License

CO 1546

Active

Prescriptive Authority

CO 236

Active

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

WIT1-0430-4966

1986 - Current

National Certification Corporation

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| Basic Life Support | | Current |
| Neonatal Resuscitation Program | Regional Instructor | 1988-2019 |
| S.T.A.B.L.E. Program <i>Pre-transport Stabilization of Neonates</i> | Lead Instructor | 2000 – 2017 |

Employment History

| Dates Employed | Institution/ Location | Position | Responsibilities |
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| 2019- Present | Regis University Denver, CO | Dean, Loretto Heights School of Nursing | Oversight of all aspects of the School of Nursing, including operations, budget, classroom and clinical placements, faculty and staff. |
| 2018- Present | National Certification Corporation | Director, Test Development | Preparation and oversight of certification examinations, organizing volunteers, reviewing questions, examining statistical analysis of exams. |
| 2015-2019 | Regis University Denver, CO | Associate Professor | Teaching including neonatal and family nurse practitioner programs, pre-licensure, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. |
| 2010 – 2015 | Regis University Denver CO | Assistant Professor | Teaching including neonatal and family nurse practitioner programs, pre-licensure, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. |
| 2012- 2019 | Regis University | NNP Program Coordinator | Serve as advisor for neonatal nurse practitioner students. Coordinate NNP classes, affiliate faculty, and clinical assignments. Review NNP program applications. Oversee new NNP student orientation. Ensure that NNP Program meets all accreditation and national standards. |
| 2003-2010 | Regis University Denver, CO | Affiliate Faculty NNP Program | Teaching neonatal nurse practitioner classes and Roles course for family nurse practitioners. |
| 2013- 2017 | Pediatrix | Neonatal Nurse | Per Diem NNP. Respond to delivery |

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| | Medical Group Greeley, CO | Practitioner: Per diem | room, NICU emergencies, assessment and management of NICU patients |
| 2009-2019 | Children's Hospital Colorado Aurora, CO | Neonatal Nurse Practitioner: Per diem | Per Diem NNP at community site. Respond to delivery room, NICU emergencies, assessment and management of NICU patients |
| 1985-2014 | P/SL Medical Center Denver, CO | Neonatal Nurse Practitioner | Respond to delivery room, NICU emergencies, assessment and management of NICU patients. |
| 1989 - 2002 | P/SL Medical Center Denver, CO | Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator | Coordination of NNP schedule, continuing education, coordination with NICU team physicians and nurses, staff evaluations |
| 2005-2010 | P/SL Medical Center Denver, CO | Clinical Nurse Specialist | Responsible for NICU orientation and ongoing education, policies and procedures and patient care guidelines. |
| 1995-2003 | University of Colorado, Beth- El School of Nursing Colorado Springs, CO | Clinical and Affiliate faculty | Clinical and affiliate faculty for neonatal nurse practitioner program. |
| 1980-1985 | St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, CO | Staff Nurse, NICU | Direct patient care in NICU Night Charge Nurse |

Honors and Awards

| Organization | Award | Year received |
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| RHCHP | Leadership Award | 2020 |
| Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing | Neonatal Best Reviewer | 2018 |
| Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society) | Honorary Inductee | 2015 |
| National Association of Neonatal Nurses | Leadership Award | 2012 |
| National Association of Neonatal Nurses | Distinguished Service Award | 2007 |

Scholarly Activities: Publications**Refereed Publications**

- Witt, C.L.** (2021). Neonatal Dermatology. In M.T. Verklan, M. Waldon, & S. Forest (Eds). *Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing, 6th ed.* Philadelphia, PA. Elsevier, 678-690.
- Witt, C.L.** (2019). Skin assessment. In E.P. Tappero, & M.E. Honeyfield (Eds). *Physical Assessment of the Newborn, 6th ed.* New York, NY. Springer Publishing Company, 45-59.
- Witt, C.L.** (2017). Hematologic system cases. In S.Bellini & M.J. Beaulieu (Eds). *Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing: A Case Based Approach.* New York, NY. Springer Publishing Company, 160-186.
- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Management of neonatal infection, sepsis, and complications. In D.F. Askin, (Ed.). *Infection in the neonate: A Comprehensive Guide to Assessment, Management, and Nursing Care, 2nd ed.* Petaluma, CA. NICU INK, 151-173.
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Skin assessment. In E.P. Tappero, & M.E. Honeyfield (Eds). *Physical Assessment of the Newborn, 5th ed.* Petaluma, CA. NICU INK 45-59
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Neonatal dermatology. In M.T. Verklan, & M. Walden (Eds). *Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing, 5th ed.* Philadelphia, Elsevier, 795-812.
- Witt, C.L.** (2010). Neonatal dermatology. In M.T. Verklan, & M. Walden (Eds). *Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing, 4th ed.* Philadelphia, Elsevier.
- Witt, C.L.** (2009). Skin Assessment. In E.P. Tappero, & M.E. Honeyfield (Eds). *Physical Assessment of the Newborn 4th ed.* Petaluma, CA. NICU INK
- Roehrs, C., Masterson A., Alles, R., **Witt, C.**, Rutt, P. (2008). Caring for families coping with Perinatal loss. *JOGNN*, 37, 631-639.
- Witt, C.L.** (2004). Management of neonatal infection, sepsis, and complications. In D. F. Askin, (Ed.). *Infection in the Neonate: A Comprehensive Guide to Assessment, Management, and Nursing Care.* Petaluma CA. NICU INK. 143 – 162.
- Witt, C.L.** (2004). Leadership at the bedside. *Advances in Neonatal Care.* 4(6).
- Witt, C.L.** (2004). Neonatal Dermatology. In M.T. Verkan, & M. Walden, (Eds.). *Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing. 3rd ed.* Philadelphia, Elsevier. 893 - 912.

- Witt, C.L.** (2003). Focus on the Physical: Detecting developmental dysplasia of the hip. *Advances in Neonatal Care*. 3(2) 65 – 75.
- Witt, C.L.** (2003). Skin Assessment. In *Physical Assessment of the Newborn* 3rd ed. E. Tappero & M.E. Honeyfield, (Eds.), Petaluma, CA. NICU INK 41 – 54.
- Witt, C.L.**, & Askin D. (2003). Behavioral Assessment. In E. Tappero, & M.E. Honeyfield, (Eds) *Physical Assessment of the Newborn* 3rd ed. Petaluma, CA. NICU INK, 173 – 184.
- Witt, C.L.** (1999). Adrenal Insufficiency in the Term and Preterm Neonate. *Neonatal Network*. 18(5) 21 - 28.
- Witt, C.L.** 1998. Cyanotic heart lesions with increased pulmonary blood flow. *Neonatal Network*. 17(7) 7-16.
- Witt, C.L.** 1997. Cardiac Embryology. *Neonatal Network*. 16(1) 43-49.
- Witt, C.L.** 1996. Tuberculosis in Childbearing Women and Neonates. *Mother Baby Journal*. 1(4) 13-16.
- Witt, C.L.** 1991. Neonatal consequences of asphyxia. *NAACOG's Clinical Issues in Perinatal and Women's Health Nursing*. 2(1) 48-77.

Non-Refereed Publications

- Witt, C.L.** (2020). The importance of information. Why associations have journals. (editorial) *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 20(3), 181-182.

Presentations

Refereed

- Witt, C.L.**, Deacon, J. (2019). Dangerous things we used to do in neonatology. *Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference*, Denver, CO.
- Witt, C.L.** (2018). Mother's and medications, Effects on the neonate. *Academy of Neonatal Nursing Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurse's Conference*, Portland OR.
- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Neonatal Dermatology. *Changing Seasons in Neonatology*, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Effects of maternal depression, SSRIs and other mental health disorders on the neonate. *Changing Seasons in Neonatology*, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Is This a Trick Question? Writing Meaningful Test Questions. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Faculty Forum*. Palm Springs, CA.

- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Neonatal Dermatology. *Academy of Neonatal Nursing Advanced Practice Conference*, San Diego, CA
- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Effects of maternal depression, SSRIs and other mental health disorders on the neonate. *Academy of Neonatal Nursing Advanced Practice Conference*, San Diego, CA
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Experience of RNs in a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. *Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference*, Denver, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Experience of RNs in a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. *Nurse Educator Conference in the Rockies*, Breckenridge, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Experiences of RNs in a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program, *Neonatal Advanced Practice Forum*, Washington D.C.
- Witt, C.L., Krening, C.** (2015). Legal Issues in Perinatal Nursing. *AWHONN Regional Meeting*, Denver, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. *AWHONN Regional Meeting*, Denver, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2014). Effects of maternal depression, SSRIs, and other mental health disorders on the neonate. *AWHONN Regional Meeting*, Loveland, CO.
- Witt, C.L.** (2014). Update on advanced practice education and regulation. *District VII Section on Perinatal Pediatrics 38th Annual Conference*, Denver, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2013). Effects of maternal depression, SSRIs, and other mental health disorders on the neonate. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses 29th Annual Education Conference*, Nashville, TN.
- Witt, C.L.** (2013). How to review a manuscript. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses 29th Annual Education Conference*, Nashville, TN
- Witt, C.L.** (2013). The late preterm infant. *AWHONN Regional Meeting*, Colorado Springs, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2012). Effects of maternal depression, SSRIs, and other mental health disorders on the neonate. *Neonatal Potpourri 2012*. Denver, CO
- Witt, C.L.** (2011). Resuscitation of the micropremie. *AWHONN National Meeting*, Denver, CO.
- Witt, C.L.** (2011). Writing for publication. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses 27th Annual Education Conference*, Orlando, FL
- Witt, C.L.** (2010). Writing for publication. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses 26th*

Annual Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV

- Witt, C.L.** (2010). Hot topics for 2010 in Advances in Neonatal Care. *Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses, Keystone, CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2009). Fundamentals of Genetics. *Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses, Denver, CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2008). Recognition of the sick term newborn. *AWHONN Regional Conference, Denver, CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2008). Adrenal Insufficiency. *Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses, Denver, CO.*
- Witt, C.L.** (2008). Congenital heart disease in the newborn. *Colorado Association of Low Risk Neonatal Nurses, Denver, CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2007). Writer's Workshop. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Education Meeting, San Diego, CA*
- Witt, C.L.** (2005). Writing for publication. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Education Meeting, Palm Springs, CA*
- Witt, C.L.** (2001). Resume and interview skills. *National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Education Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT*
- Witt, C.L.** (2001). Adrenal insufficiency. *NNP Update, Dallas, TX.*

Poster Presentations

- Witt, C.L., Wallman, C.** (2018). Blending classroom students with technology peers. Using Zoom™ to create a synchronous ground based and distant learning environment. *Poster Presentation; Nurse Educator Conference in the Rockies, Vail CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2017). Experiences of RNs in a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. *Poster Presentation; Western Institute of Nursing, Denver, CO*

Non-Refereed/Invited Presentations

- Witt, C.L.** (2016). Update, NNP Education, Certification. *Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference, Denver, CO*
- Witt, C.L.** (2015). NCC Update. *Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference, Denver, CO*
- Witt, C.L., Honeyfield, M.E.** (2015). Precepting the NNP student. *Pediatrics Quarterly NNP Meeting, Denver, CO*

Witt, C.L. (2014, 2013, 2012). Professional growth and development. *P/SL New Graduate Residency Program*, Denver, CO.

Witt, C.L. (2014, 2013, 2012). STABLE: Stabilization and transport of the neonate. *P/SL Outreach Program*, various locations Colorado and Wyoming.

Witt, C.L., Meier, S. (2014). *Neonatal update*. Glenwood Springs, CO

Witt, C.L., Rusk, C. (2013). *Neonatal update*, North Platte, NE

Witt, C.L. (1998). Stabilization and resuscitation of the newborn. *Air Life Emergency Transport Services*. Denver. CO

Witt, C.L. (1995, 1996). Understanding the CBC and differential. *Innovative Health Care*, El Paso TX

Research Activities

Witt, C.L. (2014). The experience of registered nurses during their first year of a neonatal nurse practitioner program. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Northern Colorado.

Scholarly Professional Activities

National Task Force, Revision of the Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs. National Task Force on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education. *National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty*. 2019-2021.

National Task Force, DNP Outcomes Evaluation. *National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty*. 2019-2021.

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*. 2017 - present

Editor-in-Chief. *Advances in Neonatal Care, the Official Journal of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses*. 2007 – 2013.

Published 6 times per year. Responsible for soliciting articles, scheduling reviewers, providing feedback to authors, and making decisions regarding publication for journal. Provided editorial for each issue.

Peer Reviewer, *Advances in Neonatal Care*, 2014 - present

Peer Reviewer, *Neonatal Network*. 1995 – 2001

Column Editor, *Neonatal Network*. 1995 – 2000

External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure

Lorraine Baas Rubarth, PhD at Creighton University

Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions (RHCHP) Leadership Institute
Completed 2015-2016

LHSON Leadership Development 2018

Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence LEAD for Academic Excellence Program
Denver, CO

AACN Business Officers of Nursing Schools
San Antonio, TX

Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP)
Atlanta, GA

Professional Associations/Activities

Memberships:

Organization

Dates

Alpha Sigma Nu

2015 - Present

Sigma Theta Tau International, Nursing Honor Society

2011 - Present

American Nurses Association

2010 - Present

National Association of Neonatal Nurses

1986 - Present

National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners

2008 - Present

National Association of Nurse Practitioner Faculty

2014 - Present

Academy of Neonatal Nursing

2015 - Present

American Academy of Pediatrics: Perinatal Section

2010 - Present

Colorado Nurses Association

2011 - Present

Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses

2007 - Present

Positions and Committees:

National Association of Neonatal Nurses:

Position

Dates

Co-Chair, Task Force for 3rd Edition *Neonatal Nurses Scope and Standards of Practice*, National Association of Neonatal Nurses

2019 – 2021

TBP: 2021

Chair, Task Force for revision of *Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Education and Curriculum Guidelines*, National Association of Neonatal Nurses

2016 – 2018

Published 2018

Chair, Nominating Committee

2006

Immediate Past President

2004 - 2005

President

2003 - 2004

President Elect

2001 - 2002

Board of Directors, Secretary

1999 - 2000

Board of Directors, Director at Large

1999 - 2000

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| Chair, National Program Planning Committee | 1993 - 1995 |
| National Program Planning Committee Member | 1992 - 1993 |
| Mentor, NANN Emerging Leaders Program | 2016 - 2017 |

Front Range Association of Neonatal Nurses:

| Position | Dates |
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| President | 2012 - 2017 |
| Program Planning Committee | 2006 – 2016 |

National Certification Corporation (NCC):

| Position | Dates |
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| Director, Test Development | 2016 - Present |
| President, Board of Directors | 2014 - 2015 |
| Vice President, Board of Directors | 2012 - 2013 |
| Director at Large, Board of Directors | 2008 - 2015 |
| Nominating Committee | 2004 – 2005, 2008 - 2011 |
| NCC Test Committee Member | 1994 – 1997 |
| Maternal Newborn Exam | 2012 - 2016 |

Sigma Theta Tau International:

| Position | Dates |
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| School Counselor, LHSON | 2013 - 2016 |
| Alpha Kappa Chapter at Large | |
| Vice President | 2019-2021 |
| Alpha Kappa Chapter at Large | |

Service

Service to the University

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| Institutional Review Board (IRB) | 2012 - 2019 |
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Service to Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions

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| Academic Integrity Board | 2017 - 2019 |
| Quality and Evaluation Committee | 2011 - 2015 |

Service to Loretto Heights College of Nursing

Committees

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| Post Licensure Curriculum Committee | 2012 - 2019 |
| Chair | 2016 - 2019 |
| Chair Elect | 2015 |

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| LHSON Faculty Search Committee | 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018 |
| LHSON Dean Search Committee | 2014 - 2016 |
| Quality and Evaluation Committee | 2010 - 2011 |
| Service to Students | |
| Student Advising, NNP Students | 2011 - 2019 |
| Oral Comprehensive Panel, MS Leadership and NNP students | 2012- 2020 |
| Mentor for Master of Science Nursing Leadership student: Education Focus | Spring, 2016 |
| Recommendation letters for students (8-10/year) | 2011 - 2020 |
| DNP Project Proposals and Final Defense Panel Member | 2014 - 2020 |
| DNP Project Chair | 2016 - 2019 |
| Gladstone, E. (2019). <i>Determining Barriers to Care in the Obese Hispanic Population.</i> | |
| Jesina, D. (2019). <i>Comparison of Neonate's Positioning in Snuggle Up Wraps prior to and Following Nursing Education.</i> | |

Service to the Community

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| Christ Episcopal Church Altar Guild | 2005 - Present |
| Bible Study Fellowship International: Children's Leader and Assistant Children's Supervisor | 2004 - 2019 |
| 9 Health Fair | 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2012 |
| Project Homeless Connect | 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011 |
| Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Counselor | 2000 - 2016 |

Teaching Responsibilities

| Course Name | Course Number | Semester | Responsibility |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| Theoretical application for the DNP | NR701 | Summer, 2020 Summer 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 Fall, 2012, 2013 | Course Resource Faculty (CRF), Teaching |
| Professional Integration | NR 651 | Spring, 2020 Spring, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2011 | Course Resource Faculty (CRF), Teaching |
| DNP Project | NR 706 A, | Spring 2019 | Teaching |

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| | B, C | Fall 2018 Spring 2017 Summer 2016 Fall, 2015 | |
| Management of the High-Risk Newborn | NR 656 | Fall, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004 | Teaching, CRF |
| Neonatal Pharmacology for Advanced Practice | NR 607 | Summer, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006 | Teaching, CRF |
| Health Assessment for the NNP | NR 652 | Spring, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2006 | Teaching, CRF Lab |
| Genetics for the NNP | NR 653 | Fall, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005, Spring, 2004 | Teaching, CRF, new course development |
| Clinical Integration, NNP | NR 657 | Spring 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005 | Teaching, CRF |
| Advanced Application of Research for Evidence Based Practice | NR 602 | Fall, 2015 | Teaching |
| Applications to Practice | NR 715, NR 725 | Fall, Spring, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 | Teaching, CRF |
| Theoretical Frameworks and Leadership for APN | NR 600 | Summer, 2018 Summer, 2017 Fall, 2017 | Teaching |
| Advanced Practice Roles and Concepts | NR 640 | Fall, 2015, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005 Spring, 2004, 2005 | Teaching |
| Nursing Theory | NR 601 | Fall, 2014, Fall, 2011 | Teaching |
| Pharmacology | NR 406 | Fall, 2017, Spring 2011, 2012, | Teaching |

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| | | 2013, 2014 Summer, 2012, 2013 | |
| Pathophysiology | NR 405 | Spring 2014, Summer 2013, 2014 | Teaching |
| Advanced NNP Procedures | NR 654 | Fall, 2013, 2011, 2009 | Teaching, CRF |