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## EDUCATION

| Degree | Discipline | Institution | Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Post-Doctoral Fellowship | Nursing | Veterans Affairs | 2020 |
| PhD | Nursing | University of Colorado Denver | 2012 |
| MSN | Nursing | University of Colorado Denver | 2005 |
| MSc | Population Studies and Demography | American University of Beirut | 2002 |
| BSN | Nursing | American University of Beirut | 1997 |

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

| Position | Department | Institution | Period |
|---|---|---|---|
| Associate Professor | Nursing | Regis University | 2026-present |
| Associate Professor | Nursing | University of Memphis | 2023 – 2026 |
| Assistant Professor | Nursing | University of North Carolina Wilmington | 2020 – 2023 |
| Post-Doctoral Fellow | Nursing | Department of Veterans Affairs – Colorado | 2017 – 2020 |
| Assistant Professor | Nursing | University of Texas Houston | 2013 – 2016 |
| Adjunct Faculty | Nursing | University of Colorado Denver | 2008 – 2013 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| Course Name & Number | Institution |
|---|---|
| **University of Memphis** | |
| Transcultural Nursing in Diverse Population (NURS 4108) | University of Memphis |
| Population Health (NURS 7023) | University of Memphis |
| Community Health Nursing (NURS 4126) | University of Memphis |
| Quantitative Research Methods (NURS 8213) | University of Memphis |
| Scholarly Synthesis I (NURS 7021-M52) | University of Memphis |
| Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Nursing | University of Memphis |
| **University of North Carolina Wilmington** | |
| Health Care Policy and Financial Management | UNCW |
| Professional Nursing Practice of the Baccalaureate Nurse | UNCW |
| Transcultural Health Care | UNCW |
| Medical-Surgical Nursing – Adult Health II | UNCW |
| Nursing Research | UNCW |
| Advanced Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics | UNCW |
| Capstone | UNCW |
| **University of Texas Houston** | |
| Medical-Surgical Nursing | University of Texas Houston |
| Medical-Surgical Nursing – Clinical | University of Texas Houston |
| Critical Care Nursing | University of Texas Houston |
| Nursing Research | University of Texas Houston |
| **University of Colorado Denver** | |
| Inferential Statistics | University of Colorado Denver |
| Advanced Research Methods (Graduate Level) | University of Colorado Denver |
| Professional Nursing Role | University of Colorado Denver |

## SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

### Refereed Journal Publications

1. El Hajj, D. G., Lee, S., Bressey, N., Haddad, L., & Ferrell, A. (2026). A Review of Trends, Health Implications, Regulatory Responses, and Socio-Cultural Factors of Hookah Smoking Among Young Adults in the United States. *Trends in Public Health*, *1*(2), 7. https://doi.org/10.3390/tph1020007
2. El Hajj, D., Haddad, L., & Ferrell, A. (2025). Replication of a culturally tailored tobacco cessation intervention for Arab American men in North Carolina: An exploratory pilot

study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 22*, 1453. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22091453

3. Crumley, J., Gunter, D., Taylor, M., McClanahan, B., & El Hajj, D. (2025). A quantitative study testing a pilot intervention's development of resilience in student nurses. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teln.2025.12.019
4. El Hajj, D. G., Ferrell, A. V., Haddad, L., Peterson, M. J., Lewandowski, J., Chelala, M. G., & Ebrahimi, E. (2022). Vaping among college students during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *International Journal of Addiction Research and Therapy, 5*, 29. DOI: 10.28933/ijart-2022-06-0505dge
5. Ebrahimi, E., El Hajj, D., Jarrett, M., Ferrell, A., Haddad, L., & Chelala, M. (2022). Designing virtual environments for smoking cessation: A preliminary investigation. *HCI International 2022*. (February 15, 2022).
6. Battaglia, C., El Hajj, D., & Prochazka, A. (2020). Helping Veterans quit the expanding continuum of tobacco products. *Forum: Translating Research into Quality Healthcare for Veterans*. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
7. McCarthy, M. S., Stonecipher, J. J., Gilmartin, H., El-Hajj, D., & Battaglia, C. (2020). An interdisciplinary postdoctoral fellowship model: Opportunities for nurse PhDs. *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice, 10*(2). doi: 10.5430/jnep.v10n2p33. PMID: 33117466; PMCID: PMC7590921.
8. El Hajj, D., Valverde, P., Cook, P., Battaglia, C., & Prochazka, A. (2020). Prevalence and perceptions of cigarettes, vaping and waterpipe among Veterans. *International Journal of Addiction Research and Therapy, 3*, 23. DOI: 10.28933/ijart-2020-100905.
9. El Hajj, D., Cook, P. F., James, K. A., Battaglia, C., & Prochazka, A. (2019). Newer forms of tobacco products: Characteristics of poly users among adults living in Colorado: A secondary data analysis of The Attitudes and Behaviors Survey (TABS) on Health 2015. *Tobacco Use Insights*. (Accepted August 26, 2019).
10. El Hajj, D., & Cook, P. F. (2018). Acculturation and Arab immigrant health in Colorado: A socioecological perspective. *Nutrition and Food Science*. (Accepted March 23, 2018).

11. El Hajj, D., Cook, P. F., et al. (2015). Tobacco use among Arab immigrants living in Colorado: Prevalence and cultural predictors. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. (Published online November 18, 2015). doi: 10.1177/1043659615617512
12. Cook, P. F., Emiliozzi, S., El-Hajj, D., & McCabe, M. M. (2010). Telephone nurse counseling for medication adherence in ulcerative colitis: A preliminary study. *Patient Education and Counseling, 81*(2), 182–186.
13. Cook, P. F., Emiliozzi, S., Waters, C., & El-Hajj, D. (2008). Effects of telephone counseling on antipsychotic adherence and emergency department utilization. *The American Journal of Managed Care, 14*(12), 841–846.

**Conference Presentations**

1. El Hajj, D., Haddad, L., & Ferrell, A. (2026, February). Replication of a culturally tailored tobacco cessation intervention for Arab American men in North Carolina: An exploratory pilot study [Poster presentation]. Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) Annual Conference.
2. Scott-Fletcher, B. R., Annapoorna, M., & El Hajj, D. (2025). The prevalence of healthcare inequity in the treatment of women with opioid use disorder [Poster presentation]. Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention.
3. Crumley, J., Gunter, D., Brooks, M., McClanahan, B., & El Hajj, D. (2025, April). A quantitative study testing a pilot resilience education intervention [Poster presentation]. Nursing Summit.
4. Ferrell, A., Wang, Y., Liu, R., Woo, S., El Hajj, D., & Haddad, L. (2024, February). Tobacco use of self-identified females and their immigrant status [Poster presentation]. Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Annual Meeting.
5. Ferrell, A., Wang, Y., Liu, R., El Hajj, D., Woo, S., & Haddad, L. (2024, March). Tobacco use of self-identified females and their social status [Poster presentation]. Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) Annual Conference.

6. Ebrahimi, E., El Hajj, D., Jarrett, M., Ferrell, A., Haddad, L., & Chelala, M. (2022, February 15). Designing virtual environments for smoking cessation: A preliminary investigation [Conference presentation]. HCI International 2022.
7. Ferrell, A. V., Seaman, A., Haddad, L. G., & El Hajj, D. G. (2022, February). Qualitative analysis of IQOS popularity in the U.S. [Poster presentation]. 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Baltimore, MD.
8. Ferrell, A. V., Choi, J., Seaman, A., Haddad, L. G., & El Hajj, D. G. (2022, February). Use of Google Trends in detection of public interest in heated tobacco products in the U.S. [Poster presentation]. 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Baltimore, MD.
9. El Hajj, D., Cook, P. F., Battaglia, C., & Prochazka, A. (2019, February). Alternative forms of tobacco use among Veterans: A descriptive study [Poster presentation]. Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Annual Meeting.
10. El Hajj, D., & Cook, P. F. (2017, May). Cultural predictors of tobacco use among Arab immigrants living in Colorado [Poster presentation]. VA Research Day, Denver, CO.
11. El Hajj, D. (2014, February). Cultural predictors of tobacco use among Arab immigrants living in Colorado: A socioecological perspective [Poster presentation]. Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
12. El Hajj, D. (2014, April). Health of Arab immigrants living in Colorado [Podium presentation]. Houston Global Health Collaborative Conference, Houston, TX.
13. El Hajj, D. (2012, April). Health behaviors and health outcomes of Arab Americans: A socio-ecological perspective [Poster presentation]. Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Conference, Portland, OR.
14. Cook, P. F., El Hajj, D., & Emiliozzi, S. (2009, April). Adherence and quality of life in serious and persistent mental illness [Conference presentation]. Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Conference.
15. El Hajj, D. (2009, April). Patient safety perspectives of retired RNs [Conference presentation]. Western Institute of Nursing (WIN) Conference.

## GRANTS AND FUNDED RESEARCH

**R21 (Pending)** – Principal Investigator: El Hajj, D. Funder: National Institutes of Health (NIH). Submitted: October 2024. Title: "A Clinical Trial of Virtual Reality Using Cue Exposure: An Innovative Technology for Tobacco Cessation Among African American Dual Users." Status: Awaiting NIH decision.

## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Vaping Prevention Activities for the Summer Program of the Communities In Schools of Cape Fear and the CDF Freedom School. Sponsor: University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). Period: 2025 – Present.

## CONSULTING

| Organization | Period |
|---|---|
| University of North Carolina Wilmington | 2025--Present |
| University of Memphis | 2026--Present |