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EDUCATION

2019	DNP	Nurse Executive Leadership	University of South Carolina College of Nursing, Columbia, South Carolina Project: <i>Outcomes of an Upper Division Prep Course on Student Success Rates in an Urban/Rural Nursing Partnership Program</i>
2013	MS	Nursing	University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
2010	BS	Nursing	University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
2001	AS	Nursing	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Orangeburg, South Carolina

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

2019-present	Clinical Assistant Professor & Nursing Partnership Program Coordinator (2021)	University of South Carolina Beaufort (in partnership with University of South Carolina Salkehatchie) Bluffton, South Carolina
	Nursing Program Manager & Clinical Assistant Professor (2020) Nursing Program Manager & Clinical Instructor (2019)	University of South Carolina College of Nursing (in partnership with University of South Carolina Salkehatchie) Columbia, SC
2014-2019	Nursing Academic Program Manager	University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Allendale, South Carolina
2010-2013	Nursing Student Success Manager	University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Allendale, South Carolina
2008-2010	Program Director and Nurse Educator	Allendale County Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Allendale County Schools Fairfax, South Carolina

2005-2008	School Health Nurse/District Lead Nurse	Allendale County Schools Fairfax, South Carolina
2001-2005	Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse (multi-specialty)	Allendale County Hospital Fairfax, South Carolina

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020	Collegiality and Collaboration Award	University of South Carolina College of Nursing
2018	Innovation Award	Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce
2018	Palmetto Gold Award for Nursing Excellence	South Carolina Nurses Foundation
2017-2019	Loomis-Wood Doctoral Fellowship	University of South Carolina College of Nursing
2018-2019	William Rothstein Memorial Scholarship	University of South Carolina College of Nursing
2018-present	Inducted Member	The Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement
2017	Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership Fellow	University of South Carolina College of Nursing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina Beaufort

Faculty	NURS B310: Pathophysiology
Faculty	NURS B312: Assessment of Physical Examination of Individuals
Faculty	NURS B330: Transcultural Health Practice
Faculty	NURS B418: Community and Public Health Nursing
Faculty	NURS B422C: Clinical Care in Public and Community Health Settings
Faculty	NURS B430C: Clinical Synthesis and Seminar
Faculty	NURS B435: Career Preparation and Transition

University of South Carolina College of Nursing

Lab Faculty	NURS 311: Physical Assessment
Lab Faculty	NURS 312: Foundations of Nursing Practice
Faculty	NURS 399: Independent Study
Lab Faculty	NURS 412: Adult Health Nursing I
Lab Faculty	NURS 422: Adult Health Nursing II
Lab Faculty	NURS 424: Maternal/Newborn Nursing
Co-Faculty	NURS 431: Population Health Nursing
Clinical Faculty	NURS 435: Senior Nursing Capstone Practicum

University of South Carolina Salkehatchie

Faculty	NURS 220: Clinical Nutrition
Faculty	NURS 226: Sociocultural Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

Refereed Journal Articles

In Print

Scott, A., **Cone, A.**, Creed, J., Custer, S., Davis, V., Gibbs, S., Harris, E., Jackson, J., Pate, L., & Vick, L. (2020). Rapid transition to online learning for baccalaureate students: Teamwork during a pandemic. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 60(7).

Cone, A., Ribar, A., Wilson, K., & Carmichael, A. (2019). Outcomes of an upper division prep course on student success rates in an urban/rural BSN partnership program. *Journal of Student Success and Retention*, 5(1).

Submitted

Creed, J., **Cone, A.**, Chappell, K., & Davis, V. (2020). It's the experience: A collaborative course redesign to shift student perspectives on population-centered nursing. *Nursing Education Perspectives*. **Accepted for publication February 22, 2021. No print date provided.**

Wilson, K., Norwood, V., Catledge, C., **Cone, A.**, Gibbs, S., & Harris, E. (2017). An innovative approach to teaching undergraduate health assessment: Design, implementation, and evaluation. *Nursing Education Perspectives*. (Not accepted for publication)

Unrefereed Journal/Magazine Articles

In Print

Cone, A. (January 2018). Help Fight the Flu! SalkTalk (weekly newsletter).

Cone, A. & Hewlett, P. (April 2016). Pre-Entry Preparation in a Rural Nursing Partnership Program. *Faculty Forum*, 23, 1-5.

Abstracts

In Print

Creed, J., Scott, A., Pate, L., **Cone, A.**, Davis, V., Gibbs, S., Vick, L., Harris, E., Custer, S., Miles, H., & Jackson, J. (2020). Leadership in academia during a pandemic. Virtual oral presentation at Sigma Theta Tau International *Creating Healthy Work Environments*. Austin, Texas. ***Accepted for February 2021.***

Presentations

Invited Presentations at Professional Meetings

Creed, J. M., Davis, V. H., **Cone, A. R.**, and Chappell, K. K. (2020). *Planned past to unpredictable present: The effects on student experience during a pandemic course transition*. Sigma International 46th Biennial Convention. Indianapolis, IN. ***Accepted for November 2021.***

Cone, A. & Hayden, R. (November 2019). *Nursing Partnership: Colleton Medical Center and USC Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative*. Leadership Colleton. Walterboro, SC.

Cone, A. & Scott, A. D. (March 2017). *Retaining rural BSN students through best practice advisement*. 2017 Annual Leadership Summit. Columbia, SC. March 24, 2017. Podium Presentation

Cone, A. (June 2016). *Opportunities within the Nursing Profession*. Low Country Area Health Education Center's Health Careers Exploration Symposium.

Cone, A. (April 2016). USC Salkehatchie *Appropriations Request*. Hampton County Chamber of Commerce Meeting. April 11, 2016. Hampton, SC.

Seminars

Cone, A. (November 2020). *USC Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative: Internal and External Partnerships*. USC System Academic Leadership Program. Walterboro, SC.

Cone, A. (March 2015). *USC Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative Introduction*. USC Salkehatchie Open House Event. Walterboro, SC.

Scholarly Exhibits

Cone, A. & Gibbs, S. (April 2015). *Pre-Entry Prep Program for Rising Upper Division Nursing Students*. Poster presentation at Armstrong State University’s Interprofessional Health Care Summit. Savannah, GA.

Hewlett, P. & **Cone, A.** (September 2012). *Leave No Qualified Nursing Student Behind: Increasing Retention and Diversity in an Urban/Rural Partnership*. Invited poster presentation at the Health Resources and Services Administration: Nursing in 3D Summit. Bethesda, MD.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Grants and Contracts Received

Project Title	Role	Sponsor	Total Amount Funding	Start Year	End Year
University of South Carolina Salkehatchie/University of South Carolina Beaufort Nursing Scholarships Proposal	Co-PI	Genesis Health Care, Inc.	\$60,000	2021	2022
University of South Carolina Salkehatchie: Combatting Poverty Through Innovative Rural Nursing Education	Co-PI	Sisters of Charity	\$25,000	2020	2021
University of South Carolina Salkehatchie: Combatting Poverty Through Innovative Rural Nursing Education	Co-PI	South Carolina Physician’s Care Charity	\$50,000	2020	2021
Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	PI	BlueCross and BlueShield of South Carolina Foundation (BCBSSCF)	\$100,000	2016	2017
Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	PI	Fullerton Foundation	\$100,000	2016	2017

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Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	PI	Sisters of Charity	\$25,000	2016	2017
Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	Co-PI	Colleton County	\$50,000	2016	2017
Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	Co-PI	Colleton Medical Center	\$25,000	2016	2017
Basic Life Support Instructor Certification	PI	Coastal Community Foundation of SC: Winthrop Family Fund	\$3,300	2014	2015
Summer Bridge Supplement	PI	Coastal Community Foundation of SC: Winthrop Family Fund	\$1,000	2012	2013
Teen Pregnancy Prevention Education	PI	Coastal Community Foundation of SC: Winthrop Family Fund	\$1,000	2011	2012
Making Smart Decisions	PI	South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	\$2,500	2011	2012
Leave No Qualified Nursing Student Behind	Coordination of grant activities	Health Resources and Services Administration	\$832,250	2010	2014

Grant/Contract Proposals Submitted

Cone, A., DeWolf, C. & McCormack, J. (2020). *USC Salkehatchie Clinical Simulation Lab Upgrade.* HCA Healthcare: Colleton Medical Center (\$25,000).

Cone, A. & Dewolf, C. (Dec. 2019). *USC Salkehatchie Clinical Simulation Lab Upgrade.* Beaufort Memorial Hospital (\$50,000 – not funded).

Cone, A. (2019). *USC Salkehatchie Clinical Simulation Lab Upgrade.* BlueCross BlueShield of SC Foundation (\$50,000 - not funded).

Cone, A., McCormack, J. & Dewolf, C. (2017). *Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at USC Salkehatchie.* Molina Healthcare (\$100,000 - not funded).

Cone, A. (2016). *Rural Nursing Clinical Simulation Lab at USC Salkehatchie*. The HEARST Foundations (\$150,000 - not funded).

Cone, A. & Gooding, L. (2015). *Implementation of a Transitional Care Model at Allendale County Hospital in Partnership with USC Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative*. The Duke Endowment (\$995,000 - not funded).

COMMUNITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Greater Community

- 2019-Present Lower Savannah River Education Center Advisory Board, Member
- 2010-Present Multiple community-level presentations on the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative Partnership Program (conducted in and around the Salkehatchie region – Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Dorchester, and Hampton counties)
- 2014-2016 Savannah River Rural Health Network Committee, Member
- 2016 Colleton County Business After Hours Event – USC Salkehatchie Clinical Simulation Lab Grand Opening (Co-Organizer and Co-Facilitator)
- 2005-2013 Healthy Learners Allendale Committee, Member
- 2010 Allendale-Fairfax High School Career & Technology Advisory Council, Member
- 2008-2010 Salkehatchie Healthy Communities Collaborative Steering Committee, Member

Professional Community

- 2020-Present Sigma Theta Tau (Alpha Alpha Omicron Chapter), Member
- 2019-Present South Carolina Nursing Education Simulation Alliance, Member
- 2019-2021 Low Country Area Health Education Center Executive Board, Vice Chairperson
- 2018 Business After Hours – USC Salkehatchie Clinical Simulation Lab Open House (co-organized and co-facilitated event)
- 2016-2019 Low Country Area Health Education Center Executive Board, Treasurer
- 2016 American Colleges of Healthcare Executives, Member

- 2016 American Association of Colleges of Nursing: Graduate Nursing Student Academy, Member
- 2014-Present Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers, Instructor
- 2014-2021 Low Country Area Health Education Center Nominating Committee, Member
- 2014-2021 Low Country Area Health Education Center Board of Directors, Member
- 2014-2015 Family Solutions of the Lowcountry Board of Directors, Member

University

- 2020-Preset University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Reopening Task Force, Member
- 2014-Present University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Administrative Council, Member
- 2014-Present University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Academic Awards Program (Presenter of Nursing Awards)
- 2014-Present University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Recruitment Committee, Member
- 2013-2014 Introduction to STIs - Multiple Presentations to UNIV 101 classes
- 2013-2016 University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative Committee, Member
- 2013-Present University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Health Affairs Committee, Member

College

- 2020-2021 University of South Carolina College of Nursing Undergraduate Council, Admissions Sub-Committee
- 2019-2021 University of South Carolina College of Nursing Simulation Advisory Council, Member
- 2014-2021 University of South Carolina College of Nursing Undergraduate Council, Member
- 2014-2021 University of South Carolina College of Nursing Faculty Council, Member
- 2016-2018 University of South Carolina College of Nursing Stethoscope and Commitment Ceremony, Guest speaker

2012 National Council of State Boards of Nursing: National Simulation Study, Blind Evaluator

Department

2021-Present University of South Carolina Beaufort Nursing Department: Student Affairs Committee, Member

2021-Present University of South Carolina Beaufort Nursing Department: Faculty Organization, Member

2021-Present University of South Carolina Beaufort Nursing Department: Curriculum Committee, Member

2021-Present University of South Carolina Beaufort Nursing Department: Sophomore Bootcamp Planning Committee, Member

2010-Present Facilitation and co-facilitation of Student Nurses Association activities for University of South Carolina Salkehatchie cohorts

2019 University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Chemistry Faculty Search Committee, Member

2019, 2021 University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Nursing Faculty Search Committee, Chair

2016 University of South Carolina College of Nursing/ University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Nursing Faculty Search Committee, Member

2015 University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Anatomy and Physiology Faculty Search Committee, Member

2013-2015 University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Rural Nursing Initiative Stethoscope Ceremony, Event Coordination and Facilitation