Tracey H. Smith

Clinical Lecturer

EDUCATION-

James Madison University

MSN 2008

Nursing Education

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

Eastern Mennonite University

BSN 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE-

James Madison University

Clinical Lecturer

Undergraduate BSN program

Responsibilities include teaching within the clinical, classroom and online environments. Participating in professional development and service activities that support the School of Nursing, College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, the JMU campus and local community.

Valley Career & Technical Center

Program Coordinator and Instructor

11 years' experience teaching secondary and postsecondary nursing students, Practical Nursing and Nurse Aide. Responsibilities included planning, implementing and evaluating classroom lab and clinical curriculum. Nurse Aide and PN Coordinator responsible for initiating and maintenance of required regulation as it relates to continued program approval by the VA Board of Nursing. Writing and revising program policies, admission and dismissal of students from the program and hiring, mentoring and supervision of nursing faculty. Team member on many committees including the Central Leadership Team responsible for school wide and faculty improvement initiatives.

Western State Hospital

Charge on acute admission unit/Admissions nurse

Working on an admission unit in the role of charge, responsible for up to 27 patients. Patient population described as acute, variety of diagnosis presented. Patients arrive from other hospitals needing additional care or resources, direct references from local community services organizations and growing forensic population. Weekly multidisciplinary treatment teams with focus on assessment, planning and implementation of individual treatment plans/goals through to discharge. Direct supervision of up to 10 nursing staff.

July 2009 – July 2020

July 2020- present

Rockingham Memorial Hospital

Care Management/Utilization Management

Responsible for attending multidisciplinary team meetings daily with the goal of providing optimum inpatient care and the appropriation of discharge plans and community follow up across all care specialties. Performed comprehensive chart reviews for quality improvement and insurance precertification/concurrent review. Autonomous responsibility regarding all appeals and follow up. Performed with excellent verbal and written communication skills with a personal appeal recovery record of over 95%. Worked extensively with Medicare and Medicaid regulations pertaining to inpatient care and discharge planning.

Provision of medical nursing in a sub-acute, rehabilitative setting providing intensive supportive and rehabilitative care to patients following brain and spinal cord injury. Functioned in role of charge, providing direct patient care, coordinating communication between physician, patient, family and supervising nursing support staff.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Challenges to successful community living and engagement for those with mental health disorders.
- Transitional and psychological issues for women in midlife.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

Nsg 310 Helping Persons in Pain

Nsg 317 History of Nursing

Nsg 357 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing

Nsg 357L Psychiatric and Mental Health Practicum

Nsg 357L Course Coordinator

Nsg 351 Health Assessment

SERVICE

University Service

BSN Admissions Committee Chair

BSN Program Committee member

First Year Advisor

MEMBERSHIPS

American Nurses Association- member

Virginia Nurses Association- member

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Renalds, Arlene MSN, RN; Smith, Tracey H. MSN, RN; Hale, Patty J. PhD, RN, FAAN "A Systematic Review of Built Environment and Health". Family & Community Health: January-March 2010- Volume 33-Issue 1-p 68-78

AWARDS

Teacher of the Year- Valley Career & Technical Center

2013-2014