Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) | 2007
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) | 1989
Community Health Nursing Clinical Nurse Specialist
Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales, Allentown, PA
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) | 1981
Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, PA

CONSULTING

CHERYL THOMPSON CONSULTING, LLC | York, PA | 2015 – Present

Founder & Principal Consultant | Business: NCLEXRx™
Provide specialized nursing education consulting focused on student success, NCLEX® readiness, and retest success. Services include individualized coaching for nursing students and graduates, consultation with nursing programs and healthcare organizations, faculty development, and educational content development. Integrate metacognitive learning strategies, critical thinking, and clinical judgment to strengthen academic performance, licensure readiness, and transition to nursing practice.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA | York, PA | 1992 – 2026

Professor, Interim Chair, and Academic Program Leader
Stabler Department of Nursing

Held undergraduate and graduate teaching responsibilities, progressing through academic ranks to Full Professor while serving in departmental leadership roles, including Interim Chair.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Think Learn Succeed™ | Founder & Developer

Patent-pending AI-supported educational application designed to strengthen critical thinking, metacognition, and independent learning through individualized coaching for nursing students preparing for examinations and the NCLEX®.

REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Thompson, C. (2026). Revisiting the foundational role of critical thinking in clinical judgment in nursing education. *Journal of Nursing Education, 65*(10), 607–610. https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20260422-02

Thompson, C. (2025). Bridging the diversity gap: Leveraging social determinants of learning to support nursing student success. *Journal of Professional Nursing, 60*, 79-85. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2025.07.003

Thompson, C.W., Lutter, S., Pucino, C., & Thompson Buckland, S. (2023). Evaluating outcomes of a critical thinking course, *Teaching and Learning in Nursing, 19(1)*, 23–26 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teln.2023.06.018

Thompson, C.W., Lutter, S., Pucino, C., & Thompson Buckland, S. (2023). Faculty coaching to support NCLEX-RN success. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing. 18*(3), 442–445. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teln.2023.02.008

Thompson, C.W. (2022). Retaining graduate nurses who experience NCLEX failure: Recommendations for supporting retest success. *Nurse Leader. 21*(2), 299-302. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mnl.2022.11.013

Geister, J. & **Thompson, C.W**. (2021). Online community health clinical post conference - An innovation to address challenges. *Journal of Nursing Education. 58*(7). 432 https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20190614-10

Thompson, C.W., Mascola, S. & Thompson-Buckland, S. (2021). Student perceptions of home visit simulation scenarios. *Nursing Education Perspectives 42*(2). 113 – 114. https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000000625

Lutter, S.L., **Thompson, C.W**., & Condon, M.C. (2017). Tutoring for success: Empowering graduate nurses after failure on the NCLEX-RN. *Journal of Nursing Education, 56*(12), 758. https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20171120-11

Thompson, C.W., Bucher, J.A. & Bell, T. (2016). Lessons in retrospect: A proposal for home care agency integration of nurse-managed wellness model of care. *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. *29*(1), 3 – 6. https://doi.org/10.1177/1084822316658471

Thompson, C.W. & Bucher, J.A. (2013). Meeting baccalaureate public/community health nursing education competencies in nurse-managed wellness centers. *Journal of Professional Nursing 29,* (3)*,* 155-162. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2012.04.017

Bucher, J.A. & **Thompson, C.W**. (2012). Promoting health in low-income communities: The Asthma Safe Kids Program delivered by an academic nurse-managed center. *Journal of Allergy and Asthma Educators,* https://doi.org/ 10.1177/2150129711434082

REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (Cont.)

Thompson, C.W., Monsen, K.A., Wanamaker, K., Augustyniak, K., & Thompson, S.L. (2012). Using the Omaha System as a framework to demonstrate the value of nurse-managed wellness center services for vulnerable populations. *Journal of Community Health Nursing, 29*(1), 1-11. https://doi.org/10.1080/07370016.2012.645721

Thompson, C.W. (2010). Teaching critical thinking to nurses in a Ugandan hospital. *Home Health Care Management and Practice, 22*(5), 319-324.

Thompson, C.W. & Johns, A. (2010). Developing cultural sensitivity through study abroad. *Home Health Care Management and Practice, 22*(5), 344-348.

Thompson, C.W. & Fitzpatrick, J. J. (2008). Positive health practices and temporal perspective of low-income adults. *Journal of Clinical Nursing, 17*(3), 1708-1717.

Thompson, C. W. & Cechanowicz, B. (2007). Poverty and spiritual life: Impact on health and nursing care in Uganda. *Home Health Care Management and Practice, 20*(1), 70-76.

Thompson, C.W. & Feeney, E. (2004). A unique opportunity for students: Long-term therapeutic relationships with chronically ill clients. *Nursing Education Perspectives,* 25(4), 180-182.

Thompson, C.W. & Feeney, E. (2004). Student client relationships in a community health nursing clinical setting. *Nursing Education Perspectives, 25*(3), 137-138.

Thompson, C. (2003). Quality Management. In Fitzpatrick, J., Glasgow, A., & Young, J. *Managing Your Practice: A Guide for Advanced Practice Nurses*. (pp. 114-124). New York: Springer Publishing Company.

Thompson, C. (1990). Home health aide willingness to care for patients with AIDS. *Home HealthCare Nurse, 8*(2), 20-24.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS:

Thompson, C. (in press). Strategies to support diverse learning needs of students. In J. Halstead & K. Poindexter (Eds.), *Billings & Halstead's teaching in nursing: A guide for faculty* (8th ed., Chapter 2). Elsevier.

Miller, M. T., Leonardo, M. E., Resick, L. K., **Thompson, C**., Rothman, N., & Mengel,A. L. (2017). Moving from illness-centered care to wellness-centered care in undergraduate nursing education: The Impact of Nurse-Led Wellness Centers. *Pennsylvania Nurse*, *72*(1), 4-10.

Thompson, C. & Johns, A. (2009). Study abroad program leaves lasting impression on nursing students. *Pennsylvania Nurse, 62*(3), 16-18.

BOOKS

Thompson, C. (in press). *Test success: Clinical judgment and test-taking strategies* (11th ed.). F. A. Davis.

Thompson, C. (2023). *Overcoming NCLEX failure: A guide to NCLEX retest success*. Self-published.

Thompson, C. (2025). *Nursing School, NCLEX, and career transition success. Think, Learn, Succeed.* Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-85538-2

PODCAST APPEARANCE

Lippincott Spark Podcast (December 2025). All Means All: Supporting Every Student's Journey [Guest appearance]. Wolters Kluwer. https://www.wolterskluwer.com/en/expert-insights/all-means-all-supporting-every-students-journey

PRESENTATIONS

Thompson, C., & Hughes, F. (October 2025). Personalized connection as intervention: How individualized NCLEX coaching preserves nursing talent [Poster presentation]. Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA), WellSpan Health. One size fits one: A nurse leader strategy for graduate nurses following NCLEX failure. Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders Snapshot Session, October 1, 2026.

Best practices in test item writing and administration. NurseTim Consultants faculty-development workshop, September 29, 2026.

Creating a Culture of Critical Thinking: Program-Level Strategies for Nursing Education. F.A. Davis Publishers, November 10, 2026.

Nurturing critical thinking: Faculty strategies for teaching and learning. F. A. Davis faculty-development webinar, October 21, 2026.

Critical thinking as the foundation for nursing student success and practice readiness. F. A. Davis faculty-development webinar, October 7, 2026.

Cultivating a Growth Mindset: Neuroplasticity, Critical Thinking, and Clinical Judgment Webinar. F.A. Davis Publishers, April 1, 2026

From Cramming to Thinking: Applying Critical Thinking to Study Skills and Test Taking Webinar. F.A. Davis Publishers, March 4, 2026

Why Critical Thinking Matters for Nursing Students: Foundations for Test Success and Clinical Judgment. Webinar, F.A.Davis Publishers, February 18, 2026

The Thinking Nurse: Building Critical Thinking as the Foundation for Nursing Student Success. Webinar, F.A. Davis Publishers, October 7, 2025

Addressing Social Determinants of Learning to Support Student Success. Podium Presentation. National League for Nursing (NLN) Education Summit 2024, San Antonio, TX, September 19, 2024

The Power of Remediation; Brain Based Learning and Remediation as a Means to Foster Critical Thinking. Faculty Development Workshop. May 18, 2020

No Nurse Left Behind: Strategies for NCLEX Success. Faculty Development Workshop. Wilson College, November 11, 2023

No Nurse Left Behind: Supporting Student Success. Keynote. 4th Global (Virtual) Conference; Nursing Education, Science, and Research, October 10, 2023.

Improving NCLEX Readiness: A Quality Improvement Initiative Using Plan Do Study Act. American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Baccalaureate Education Conference, Dallas, TX, December 2, 2021

NCLEX Readiness Review of the Literature and Improvement Strategy. Stabler Department of Nursing Fall Faculty Retreat. December 14, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

Health Profile - York County. Keynote. York Leadership Forum. October 10, 2018. York, PA

Healthy People 2020 and the Future of Healthcare. Panel presenter. WellSpan Nurse Executive Retreat. July 20, 2018.

York Adams 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment Data Summary Report. Oral Presentation. York County Health Summit. June 7, 2018.

The Journey to Sustainability for Nurse Managed Wellness Centers. Oral presentation at National Nurse Centers Consortium Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. November 12, 2015.

Nurse Managed Centers – Measuring Impact. Oral Presentation at Fall 2015 York College Faculty Development Retreat. Gettysburg, PA. November 7, 2015.

Money Matters: Poverty and Health in York County Opening Keynote with students at Healthy York County Coalition Health Summit, June 11, 2015.

To Know is to Care: Considering Social Determinants Oral presentation with students at South Central Pennsylvania Aligning Forces for Quality Annual Nursing Summit, April 28, 2015. York, PA.

No Passport Required: Study Abroad in the Local Community. Poster presentation at Association of Community Health Nurse Educators/American Public Health Nursing Association Joint Meeting. San Antonio, Texas, June 6, 2014.

Best of Both Worlds: Nurse-Managed Wellness Centers Provide Meaningful Community Health Clinical with Service that Improves Outcomes for Vulnerable Patients. Poster presentation at Association of Community Health Nurse Educators/American Public Health Nursing Association Joint Meeting. Raleigh, North Carolina, June 7, 2013.

Using the Omaha System to Measure Outcomes of Wellness Services in Managed Wellness Centers. Podium presentation at The Power of Nursing: Using EBP and Research to Keep Patients Safe South Central EBP Collaborative Annual Conference. York, PA., May 9, 2013.

Collaborative Partnerships to Enhance Sustainability of Nurse-Managed Wellness Centers. Oral presentation at Scalable Innovations for Nursing. National Nursing Centers Consortium Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 28, 2012.

Pediatric Neurosurgery in Uganda: Could it be More Complicated? Podium presentation at Penn State Hershey Neuroscience Institute Eighteenth Annual Neuroscience Conference, Hershey, PA May 12, 2011

Meaningful Use: The York College Experience with Data at Nurse Managed Centers. Podium presentation at The Omaha System International Conference, Minneapolis/St. Paul Minnesota, April 8, 2011

Beyond Grant Writing: How Communicating "What We Do" Has Supported Sustainability of Three Health Promotion Nurse Managed Centers. Oral presentation at National Nurse Managed Center's 8th Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 6. 2009

How to Prepare for a Pandemic Outside Your Doors. Oral presentation at the National Meeting for Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, Denver, CO, May 25, 2009

Novel H1N1 (Swine Flu) Preparedness and Response for Homeless Shelters. Webinar presented for members of Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, May 14, 2009.University Partnerships:

An Untapped Well. Developing and Maintaining Nurse Wellness Centers. Oral presentation at Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency Annual Conference, June 16, 2008.

PRESENTATIONS (Cont.)

Update on Advanced Practice Nursing; Four Perspectives. Panel discussion member at XiChi and Eta Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Collaborative Program, Lancaster, PA, March 26, 2008.

Critical Thinking in Nursing. Staff development in-service, CURE Children's Hospital Uganda, Mbale Uganda, February 27, 2008.

Delegation Strategies for Charge Nurses. Staff development in-service, CURE Children's Hospital Uganda, Mbale, Uganda, February 28, 2008.

Temporal Perspective in Low Income Adults. Oral presentation at Annual Meeting of the Society for Rogerian Scholars, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, October 5, 2007.

Temporal Perspective and Positive Health Practices in Low Income Adults Poster presentation at Eta Eta Research Day, April 28, 2007.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

York County Community Foundation Embracing Aging Grant for Upright and Steady, an Evidence-Based Falls Prevention initiative in Nurse Managed Centers, $20,000. Funded

Certificate of Recognition. Kevin J. Schreiber, Pennsylvania State Representative, 95th Legislative District. Awarded September 7, 2015, for outstanding work as a YCP faculty member for fostering campus community relationship.

Finalist for Central Penn Parent Magazine HealthCare Heroes Award, 2013.

WellSpan Collaborative Partnership Grant, September 2012, Nurse Managed Wellness Center Patient Outcomes Research, $50,000. Funded

Highmark Grant, January 2011, Nurse Managed Center technology, $25,000. Funded

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Nursing Education, Practice and Retention (NEPR) P4 Grant, Nurse Managed Centers to Enhance Cultural Competence, $700,000. Not funded

York County Community Foundation Grant, June 2011, Diabetes Support Group in Nurse Managed Centers, $6,800. Funded

Award for Innovations in Professional Nursing Education, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, November 2, 2009, for York College of Pennsylvania Nurse Managed Centers.

Award for Excellence in Nursing Education, Eta Eta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, October 28, 2007.

WellSpan Community Partnership Grant, March 2007, Nurse Managed Centers$25,000. Funded

Weyer Community Foundation, June 2007, Asthma Safe Kids (ASK) Program in Nurse Managed Centers, $5,500. Funded

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

WellSpan Health Center Region Board of Directors | 2022–Present
Chair, 2025–Present; previously Vice Chair and Board Member
WellSpan Health Audit and Compliance Committee | 2022–Present
Vice Chair 2022- 2026
York County Area Agency of Aging Health and Wellness Advisory
Committee - 2018 - present
Association of Community Health Nurse Educators, Member; 2005 – 2021
Eta Eta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, Member; 2001 - present
National Nurses Centers Consortium Wellness Committee; 2008 - 2017
Healthy York County Coalition Community Health Needs Assessment Committee; 2013 – 2020
Healthy York County Coalition Access and Empowerment Committee; 2015 - 2019
South Central Pennsylvania Aligning Forces for Quality Nurses Council;2015 - 2017
WellSpan's Continuum of Care Health Subcommittee on Homelessness; 2013
WellSpan Community Care Coordinators Team; 2012 – 2015

CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATION

RN License: Pennsylvania #247912-L | Certification: Certified Nurse Educator: National League for Nursing