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EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2018 Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
Major: Population Health
Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California
- 2012 – 2013 Master of Nursing
Major: Nursing Education
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2008 – 2010 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management
Major: Nursing
Second Major: Healthcare Management
Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
- 2005 – 2007 Associate of Science
Major: Prepharmacy
Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
- 1984 – 1988 Bachelor of Arts
Major: Linguistics
University of Benin, Benin-City, Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

- 2018- present Full-time Faculty: Assistant Professor of Nursing
Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Indiana
- 2015 – 2018 Adjunct Faculty, Undergraduate Nursing program
Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California
- 2015 Agency Registered Nurse (Med-surg.)
Foothill Presbyterian Hospital, Glendora, California
- 2013 – 2014 Adjunct Faculty, Undergraduate Nursing Program
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 – 2014 Staff Registered Nurse (Trauma-Med surg.)
Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2011- 2013 Staff Registered Nurse (Psych/Mental Health), Anchor Hospital, Atlanta,
2017- 2018 Georgia



PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 **Peer reviewer:** Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI). Reviewed 5 abstracts for the 2021 Creating Healthy Work Environments Conference, Austin, Texas, from February 19-21.
- 2020- **Chair, Faculty Affairs and Professional Development** Indiana University Northwest, School of Nursing-: Nominated and voted for the AY 20/21 and 21/22.
- 2020- **Secretary,** Graduate Faculty Council at Indiana University Northwest, School of Nursing-: Nominated and voted for the AY 20/21 and 21/22.
- 2020 **Peer Reviewer symposia submissions.** Reviewed 2 symposia (8 abstracts). Each symposium contained 4 abstracts for the 2020 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research (September 17-19) at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. Theme: A 2020 Vision: The Environment's Impact on Health.
- 2020 **Course Development:** Developed a hybrid, and flipped class course for Fall 2020 - The FA20 Undergraduate Mental Health didactic course: Concepts in Mental Health Across the Lifespan. This course was originally a lecture & in-person only.
- 2020- **NCLEX Exam Development Volunteer:** Approved by NCSBN, the nursing regulatory body for NCLEX panels.
- 2020 **Chair:** Abuja 2020 subcommittee on Writing for Grants and Publication. A collaboration of nursing scholars based in Nigeria and the USA for the 2020 NANNNA Conference in Abuja, Nigeria. August 9-15, 2020. Conference postponed in June 20 due to COVID-19.
- 2019- **Mentor IUNSON:** Undergraduate and Graduate nursing students. Currently mentoring 19 IUN nursing students.
- 2019- **Peer reviewer:** 2-year term. Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (STTI). Reviewed 10 abstracts for the 31st Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 2019 **Peer Reviewer & Judging Committee member:** Bicentennial Faculty Research Celebration. Of 38 abstracts reviewed by the committee, 14 were selected for an 8-minute TedEx-type presentation on 9/27/2019. Committee sat on August 28. Chair: Kevin McElmurry
- 2019- **Member IUNSON sub-committee** on presenting a standard SON definition of *Critical Thinking* chaired by Dr. Maria Young



PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS cont'd

- 2019 **Peer Reviewer:** Of 28 Abstracts reviewed by the committee 16 were selected for the 2019 Conference of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America. Chicago.
- 2019 **Peer Reviewer:** Four abstracts for the 2019 Advanced Methods Conference - Sensor Technology in Research at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing. June 2019.
- 2019- **Founder & President** – Nigerian Nurses Association of Indiana: An approved organization of Nigerian-American nurses in Indiana working to improve health and quality of life in communities they serve
- 2019- **Secretary** – Research Committee - National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America
- 2019 **Coaching Fellow**-Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI): The Leadership and Organizing for Change course, Spring & Fall of 2019.
- 2018- **Board Member:** Community HealthNet Health Centers, Gary, Indiana. Member sub-committee on Quality Improvement & contributor to the Diabetes Program
- 2018-2020 **Member:** Indiana University Northwest International Affairs Committee
- 2016- **Member** - Education Committee National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America
- 2006-2009 **President,** Campus Christian Ministries, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
- 2006-2009 **Leadership Mentee: Faith and Values at the Georgia Students' Leadership Forum: Mentors** - Gov. Sonny Purdue, GA Senator Johnny Isakson, Dan Cathy of Chick-fil-A, and more.

RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Spencer Foundation COVID Grant - Minority Students' Perceptions of Coping, Isolation, Loneliness, and COVID-19 Pandemic. Submitted 6/5/20. Not Funded.
- 2020 2020 Summer Faculty Fellowship for Research in the amount of \$11,000.00 @ Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Indiana



RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS cont'd

- 2019 2019 Summer Faculty Fellowship for Research in the amount of \$11,000.00 @ Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Indiana
- 2018 School of Nursing Dissertation fund in the amount of \$1500 @ Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School Scholarship Award for Fall 2018 Leadership and Organizing for Change Course
- 2018 2018 Western Institute of Nursing Conference Poster Award (\$100) Winner: Best Research and Information Exchange Poster Award at the Annual Conference, Western Institute of Nursing, Spokane, Washington
- 2018 Sigma Theta Tau International (Iota Sigma Chapter) Scholarship Award (\$1000), at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California
- 2016 School of Nursing Dissertation Scholarship Award (\$2500), at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

MEDIA

- 2020 Featured on Indiana University Northwest LinkedIn & Facebook page for making and donating 30 home-made masks to local ER nurses at the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2020 IU Monday's Memo-Scholarly Updates: An Indiana University School of Nursing employee publication, Vol. 33, # 23
Accomplishments: Contributing a book chapter & oral presentation in the United Arab Emirates
- 2019 Video: Featured in the CURE Bicentennial Celebration of Community Engagement video on the importance of community engagement to the region-Indiana Northwest. The video will be central to advancing collaborative community-university initiatives and will be featured on social media, e.g., IUN's Youtube, etc. July, 2019. Interviewed by Khalifa Diop
- 2018 Research Newsletter: Nominated & Featured in the Student/Alumni Spotlight in Cornerstone – The Azusa Pacific University Research Newsletter



PUBLICATIONS – Peer Reviewed

- 2020 Obichi, C. C., Newton, A. D., & Oruche, U. M. (2020). Interprofessionalism: A Pathway to a More Sustainable National Healthcare System. In R. Selladurai, C. Hobson, R. Selladurai, & A. Greer (Eds.), *Evaluating Challenges and Opportunities for Healthcare Reform* (pp. 195-214). Hershey, PA: IGI Global. doi:10.4018/978-1-7998-2949-2.ch009

SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

- 2020- **Primary Investigator:** Challenges with Mental Health, Advocacy, and the Health Care System During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Experiences of “Minority” Frontline Health Care Workers in the United States. Collaborating with IUPUI & Butler University, Indiana. **Ongoing**
- 2020- **Primary Investigator:** Minority Students’ Perceptions of Coping, Isolation, Loneliness, and COVID-19 Pandemic: To explore the experiences of coping, isolation, loneliness, and COVID-19 pandemic among “minority” students of the health professions in the United States. Collaborating with IUN SON faculty. **Ongoing**
- 2020- **Manuscript** (JTN-19-180.R1): Acculturation, Cultural Beliefs, and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Levels among West Africans in the United States" **Writing project**
- 2020- **Manuscript:** Sociodemographic Factors as Predictors of Cardiovascular Risk among West Africans in the United States. **Writing project**
- 2019- **Design** a study that will develop and test an acculturation scale for use among West Africans in the United States. Following the outcome of the awarded 2019 summer faculty fellowship, prepare and submit proposal to IRB for developing and testing the scale. **Ongoing**
- 2018- **Primary author** - Book chapter - Clinical Nurse Specialist Role and Practice in Nigeria to be published as a chapter in the book *Clinical Nurse Specialist Role and Practice: An International Perspective*, one of several volumes in the *Advanced Practice in Nursing Series*, directed by Dr. Christophe Debout. Editors: Janet S. Fulton & Vincent W. Holly both in the Indiana University System. **Awaiting to publish**



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2018- Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science: American Academy of Nursing
- 2016- National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America
- 2013- National League for Nursing
- 2012- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society: Alpha Chapter

INVITED LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2020 Presentation at the IUN International Affairs Committee – Relaunching the IUN International student Club at IUN, February 4, 2020
- 2019 Panel Discussions on Abstract Writing at the 2019 National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America, Conference. Delta Hotels by Marriot. Chicago. Nov. 7-10, 2019
- 2019 Obichi, C., Coric, K., Nichols, V., & Widlowski, Z., Diabetes Nutrition at the Diabetes Program kick-off, MLK Community HealthNet Health Center, Gary, Indiana – Oct. 30, 2019. Oral presentation with IUN students
- 2018 Guest lecture to PhD students in the GNRS 701 (Knowledge Development) Class: Patterns of Knowing & how the patterns integrate with phenomenon of interest, April 2, 2018

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

- 2020 Obichi, C. & Dee, V., "Sociodemographic Factors as Predictors of Cardiovascular Risk among West Africans in the United States" at the 2020 Sigma Theta Tau's 31th International Nursing Research Congress, Abu Dhabi, UAE. July 23-27. Virtual Oral Presentation-615 attendees with 182 oral presenters, 46 countries and territories represented
- 2019 Obichi, C. & Dee, V., Cultural Factors and Cardiovascular Risk among West Africans in the United States at the 2019 Annual Conference of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America, Chicago, Illinois – Nov. 7-10, 2019. Podium Presentation



CLINICAL AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed) cont'd

- 2019 Obichi, C. & Fajardo M. (Nursing Student). Organizing: A Strategy for Interprofessional Community Engagement at the 2019 Center for Urban and Regional Excellence, Indiana University Bicentennial Celebration, April, 23, Oral Presentation
- 2019 Obichi, C. & Dee, V., Acculturation, Cultural Beliefs, Commitment, and Cardiovascular Risk Levels among West Africans in the United States at the 2019 Sigma Theta Tau's 30th International Nursing Research Congress, Calgary, Canada. July 2019. Podium Presentation. Unable to attend
- 2018 Obichi, C. & Dee, V., Diet, Literacy & CVD Risk Levels of West Africans in the US at the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science-2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research – Precision Health, Washington DC Podium Presentation
- 2018 Obichi, C. & Dee, V., Dietary Habits, Health Literacy and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Levels Among West Africans in the U.S. at the Annual Conference, Western Institute of Nursing (WIN), Spokane, Washington. Poster Presentation
- 2017 Obichi, C. & Westlake, C. Health Literacy, Self-efficacy, Dietary Patterns on Metabolic Risk Factors Among African Immigrants at the 2017 Annual Conference of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses in North America, Dallas, Texas – Poster Presentation
- 2017 Obichi, C. & Westlake, C. Health Literacy, Self-efficacy, Dietary Patterns on Metabolic Risk Factors Among African Immigrants at the School of Nursing Research Symposium, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California. Poster Presentation
- 2016 Obichi, C., Westlake C., Fongwa, M., & Dee, V. Determinants of Glycemic Control among African Americans with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: An Application of the Health Promotion Model at the Western Institute of Nursing Conference, Anaheim, California Poster Presentation
- 2016 Obichi, C., Westlake C., Fongwa, M., & Dee, V. Determinants of Glycemic Control among African Americans with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: An Application of the Health Promotion Model at the Nursing Theory Conference, Monrovia, California Poster Presentation
- 2016 Obichi, C., Westlake C., Fongwa, M., & Dee, V. Determinants of Glycemic Control among African Americans with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: An Application of the Health Promotion Model at the Annual Nursing Research Symposium, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California. Poster Presentation



CLINICAL AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed) cont'd

2013 Obichi, C. & Datillo, J. Second Language Students' Perceptions About Factors Which Facilitate or Impede Academic Performance" at the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia

Doctoral Dissertation

Obichi, C. (2018). Socio-demographic factors, Dietary Habits, Health literacy, Cardiovascular disease risk levels and Commitment to a plan of action among West Africans in the United States. Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

Masters' Thesis

Obichi, C. (2013). Second Language Students' Perceptions about Factors Which Facilitate or Impede Academic Performance. Unpublished IRB approved Masters' Thesis, Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia

ACADEMICS/TEACHING

2018- Full Faculty - Undergraduate & Graduate: IUN, Gary, Indiana

- H372 –Concepts in Mental Health Across the Lifespan - Didactic
- PBHL-P201: Public Health – 100% Online via Canvas
- H373 - Concepts in Mental Health Across the Lifespan - Practicum
- S482 - Nursing Management Practicum

Graduate:

- R590 – Scholarly Project for Family Nurse Practitioner students

2015-2018 Adjunct Faculty: Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

- UNRS 105P: Foundations of Professional Nursing, practicum
- UNRS 313P: Restorative Care Nursing, practicum
- UNRS 382P: Community Health Nursing, practicum
- UNRS 382: Community Health Nursing, lecture
- UNRS 384: Urban Health Nursing, lecture

2013-2014 Adjunct Faculty: Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia

- NUR 302: Fundamentals & Health Assessment - Clinical
- NUR 304: Essentials of Professional Practice: Adult Health - Clinical



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Sigma Congress: Viewed posters, attended and evaluated concurrent, plenary, and author engagement sessions, career advising, Researcher Hall of Fame, and featured presentations. 22-24 July 14 CEU hrs.
- 2020 Civility Matters! What is Civility and Why Does it Matter in Nursing Education and Practice? ATI Nursing Education. Online 6/30/20 1CEU hr.
- 2020 Motivational Interviewing and how to apply it in practice: Core principles of Motivational Interviewing and case studies for practice. American Psychiatric Nurse Association Online 7/15/20 3 CEU hrs.
- 2020 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), “Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research,” & “Social Behavioral Researchers -Stage1” Indiana University. 2020
- 2019-2020 Mentee: Mentees of Sue Hendricks, Dean, IUSON Kokomo at the Fall 2019 Faculty Development Series - RNMCC Interprofessional Study Group
- 2019 Board member training (Boot Camp). Participant at the 2019 Community Health Institute & EXPO. At the National Association of Community Health Centers Conference. Hyatt Regency Chicago. August 18-20.
- 2019 Indiana University Regional Nursing Campuses Collaborating for Faculty Development. IU Kokomo. August 6-8, 20
- Being an Effective Mentor Enhances Outcomes for You and Your Protégé
 - Overcoming Research and Project Obstacles to Enhance Scholarship Outcomes
- 2019 Certified Nurse Education (CNE) Review Workshop by Dr. Diane Billings, Chancellors’ Professor Emeritus at Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis. IU Kokomo campus
- 2019 Public Session for the Committee on The Future of Nursing 2020 - 2030. Webcast.
- Health Care Workforce, Quality and Patient Safety, Select Populations and Health Equity. Washington, DC.
 - Education, Research and Practice. June 2019. Chicago
- 2019 Independent Applying of the Quality Matters Rubric (APPQMR): (Statewide Systems) at IUN, February 22, 2019
- 2019 Board member, Community HealthNet. Participant at the 2019 Indiana Primary Health Care Association Conference. STOP ADDICTIONS: Strategies, Treatment, Options, Partnerships. Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing. April 29 & 30.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT cont'd

- 2019 2019 Indiana Commission on Higher Education Faculty Leadership Conference: Community Engagement: Moving from the Basics to Impact at the Ivy Tech Community College, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2019 Virtual training at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Spring 2019 Coaching Fellow program of the Leadership and Organizing for Change course, Open School
- 2019 Participant at the 2-Day Professional Grant Development Workshop. University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, 1/23/19 – 1/24/19
- 2018 Participant at the 9-week IHI virtual course for change agents Leadership and Organizing for Change. 9/20/18 – 11/29/18
- 2017 Mentee: Quantitative research methodology, culturally appropriate research strategies, data management, and data analysis. Mentor and Principal Investigator (PI): Dr Cheryl Westlake. Co-PI: Cindy Mueller and Diane Drake
Research: The efficacy of a spirituality and spiritual care educational intervention to enhance spiritual care by nurses in the community hospital setting.
- 2017 The National Academies of Sciences Engineering, Medicine: Community-based Health Literacy Interventions: A Workshop Webcast
- 2016 Citrus Valley Health Partners (CVHP) and Azusa Pacific University - Population Health Conference, Azusa, California.
- 2016 Older Adult Care, Glendora, CA 01/04/16, 8 CE hours
- 2015 Participant: 2015 American Academy of Nursing Conference in Washington DC. Activity: Dialogued with nursing leaders about challenges in nursing leadership and career progression with Leaders: Drs. Vivien Dee, Afaf Meleis, Callista Roy, Peggy Chinn, Jean Watson, & Fannie Gaston-Johansson
- 2013 Institute for Healthcare Improvement, QSEN Competencies 04/01/13 -- 04/22/13, 13.50 CE hours
- 2012 American Psychological Association, Basics of APA Style. Atlanta, GA 06/05/12, 4 CE hours



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2020 **Attendee:** IUN Chancellor interview sessions. Observed the Presentation of Candidate - Dr. Walter R. Jacobs. Jan. 28, 2020. LC 105 @ 10 – 10:45 am
- 2019 **IUN Delegate** at the Bicentennial Ceremony which brought together about 2,000 IU faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni, friends, and supporters from across the state, nation and world. Robed faculty procession at Bloomington, Indiana. Sept. 28, 2019.
- 2019 **IUN Time Capsule Contributor:** Prepared a narrative to submit an item for the IU Bicentennial celebration Time Capsule for the IUN Campus. The time capsules will be opened in 2120 as a part of IU's Tricentennial Celebration. The item I suggested is the green & white NANNNA sash made of Aso oke. During the Spring 2020 semester, each campus will dedicate a time capsule that captures its unique essence. Not Selected
- 2019 **Participating board member,** Ribbon Cutting at the Martin Luther King Community HealthNet Center. June, 27 2019
- 2019 **Coaching Fellow.** Spring & Fall 2019 Leadership and Organizing for Change course. Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School
- 2017 & 2018 **Guest speaker:** An encounter with Destiny at the Youth Alive Fellowship Camp & Forging a fulfilling career path in the U.S.A (Nursing Pathways) at the Youth Alive Convention, August 5, 2017 & March 31, 2018, Winner's Chapel International Los-Angeles, California
- 2018 **Mentor:** Youth Alive Fellowship at the Winner's Chapel International, Los Angeles, California
- 2018- **Sunday School Teacher:** Teens (13-16 years) Church at the Winner's Chapel International, Los Angeles, California
- 2016-2017 **Mentor:** Discipleship mentor to one undergraduate student Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California
- 2014-2015 **Initiator:** Implemented two Diabetes Health Fairs at Centennial Place, Pasadena, California
- 2015-2017 **Youth Sunday School Teacher,** Potter's Wheel Assembly Chino, California
- 2013-2014 **Community Educator and volunteer RN,** National Kidney Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010-2011 **RN Sonography volunteer** at Carenet Pregnancy Center Atlanta, Georgia



2010 **RN volunteer:** Wound Clinic & Neuropsychiatric unit, Emory Hospital,
Atlanta, Georgia

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Renewal date: 2023 CITI: Indiana University

Renewal date: 2022 Registered Nurse – State of Georgia

Renewal date: 2021 Registered Nurse – State of Indiana

Renewal date: 2021 CPR: American Heart Association-Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

2019- IU Certified Online Course Instructor

