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Susie Marie Jonassen, PhD, RN, CPN | Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2023	PhD	Nursing, Specialization in Leadership	The University of Southern Mississippi
2017	MSN	Nursing, Specialization in Education	Western Governors University
2003	BSN	Nursing, cum laude	LaGrange College

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

2018-Present	RN164482 – Compact Licensure, eNLC
2003-Present	RN164482 – Registered Nurse, State of Georgia
2011-Present	BLS & Heartsaver Instructor, American Heart Association
2008-Present	Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN), Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
2019-2023	Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses, Society of Trauma Nurses
2018-2022	Advanced Cardiac Life Support, American Heart Association
2005-2022	Pediatric Advanced Life Support, American Heart Association
2008-2015	Nursing Mentor Champion Certification, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
2008-2015	Pediatric Preceptor Certification, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
2006-2014	Trauma Nurse Core Course Certification, Emergency Nurses Association

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2024-2025	Staff Nurse	Encompass Health & Rehab Ctr., Newnan, GA
2018-2022	Trauma Clinical Nurse	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2015-2018	Trauma Prof. Practice Nursing Consultant	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2013-2015	Clinical Nurse Educator	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2011-2013	Interim Assistant Nurse Manager	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2009-2013	Per Diem Charge/Resource Nurse	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2009-2013	School Nurse	Coweta County School Systems, Newnan, GA
2008-2009	Clinical Nurse Educator	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2005-2008	Resource Nurse	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
2003-2005	Staff Nurse	Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2025-Present	HESI Compass Coach	Elsevier Academy of Educators
2020-Present	BSN Program Director, Nursing	University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2018-Present	Assistant Professor, Nursing	University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2024-2025	Assignment Grader – Health Sciences	Study.com
2024	Associate Dean (Interim), Nursing	University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2020	Interim Clinical Placement Specialist	University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2014-2018	Adjunct Clinical Instructor, Nursing	University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
2005-2018	Adjunct Clinical Instructor, Nursing	LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

University of West Georgia, Tanner Health System School of Nursing

2014-Present	Didactic, Hybrid, and Clinical Instruction in BSN Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NURS 2101 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I, Course Faculty, Lead• NURS 3000 Holistic Health Assessment, Course Lab Faculty, Lead• NURS 3101 Professional Nursing Concepts I, Course Faculty, Lead• NURS 3301 Clinical Practice I, Course Faculty, Course Coordinator

- NURS 3302 Clinical Practice II, Clinical Faculty
- NURS 4103 Professional Nursing Concepts Capstone, Course Faculty, Lead
- NURS 4201 Healthcare of the Client III, Course Faculty, Lead
- NURS 4300 Clinical Specialty Practice, Clinical Faculty, Supervising Faculty
- NURS 4301 Clinical Practice III, Course Lab Faculty
- NURS 4302 Clinical Practice IV, Supervising Faculty

2024-Present

Online Instruction in EdD Program

- NURS 9015 Dissertation, Chair
- NURS 9019 Comprehensive Exam, Chair

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2024-2025

Online Assignment Grader

- Health 301 Ethical & Legal Issues in Healthcare
- Health 302 Health Services Policy
- Health 303 Healthcare Organization & Management
- Health 305 Healthcare Finance & Budgeting
- Health 307 Healthcare Delivery Systems
- Health 308 Healthcare Quality & Outcome Measurement
- Health 309 Healthcare Informatics
- Health 310 Human Resource Management in Healthcare

LaGrange College, School of Nursing

2005-2018

Clinical Instruction in BSN Program

- NURS 3330 Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childrearing Families

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Jonassen, S. M.** (2025). Transition From Baccalaureate-Prepared Bedside Nurse to Adjunct Clinical Faculty: A Concept Analysis. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 46(4), 228-232. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000001393>
- Duah, O., & **Jonassen, S.** (2025). ISBAR communication guideline: An innovative strategy to facilitate civility among pre-licensure nursing students. *Nursing Education Perspectives*, 46(6), 388-389. <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.NEP.0000000000001340>
- Jonassen, S. M.** (2024). The leadership experience of academic chief nurse administrators post pandemic. *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*, 14(10). <https://doi.org/10.5430/jnep.v14n10p1>
- Jonassen, S.**, & Yarbrough, A. (2021). Integrating technology in skills lab: Using smartphones for urinary catheter validation. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 37(4), 702-705. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2021.04.005>

Other Publications

- Jonassen, S. M.** (2025). *Integrating evidence-based research into clinical practice* [HealthStream Module]. Tanner Health.

Manuscripts in Progress

- Jonassen, S. M.** (2026). *Developing a comprehensive clinical instructor orientation: A quality improvement project*. [Submitted and awaiting decision]

DISSERTATION

- Jonassen, S.** (2023). *The Leadership Experience of Academic Chief Nurse Administrators in the State of Georgia During the COVID-19 Pandemic Upon Return to Campus After Full Virtual Instruction: A Qualitative Study* (Order No. 30690101). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses A&I; ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (2875738336). <https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/leadership-experience-academic-chief-nurse/docview/2875738336/se-2>

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Jonassen, S.** (November, 2025). Affordable Learning Georgia Transformation Grant. [\$30,000].
- Little, S., & **Jonassen, S.** (September, 2025). Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention: Clinical Faculty Orientation & Retention Toolkit for Georgia. [\$1,000,000].
- Jonassen, S.** (October, 2023). Dissertation Completion Award Grant. Funded by The University of Southern Mississippi. [\$1,500].
- Jonassen, S.** (August, 2023). Dissertation Grant Award. Dissertation Grant submitted to the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science/Southern Nursing Research Society Nursing Science Advancement (NSA). [Not Funded].
- Jonassen, S.** (February, 2022). Innovations in Teaching Fellowship. Fellowship Grant submitted to the University of West Georgia. [Not Funded].

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed: International, National, Regional, State, and Local

- Johnson, C., & **Jonassen, S.** (February, 2026). *Level up Your Classroom: Evidence-Based Debriefing Made Simple*. QEP Workshop, University of West Georgia. Carrollton, Georgia. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (February, 2026). *From Bedside to Beside the Student: Building Confidence Through a Structured Clinical Instructor Orientation Program*. Georgia Association of Nursing Education Annual State Conference, Greensboro, Georgia. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.**, & Bowman, A. (February, 2026). *AI Without Wi-Fi: Using Artificial Intelligence to Power Tech-Free Learning*. Georgia Association of Nursing Education Annual State Conference, Greensboro, Georgia. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (October, 2025). *An Introduction to the Nursing Profession*. Resiliency and Thriving in Healthcare and Wellness Fields – Cornerstone Class, University of West Georgia. (Guest speaker).
- Jonassen, S.** (October, 2025). *The Power of Nursing: Changing Lives Every Day*. Hometown Heroes Day, Blake Bass Middle School, Coweta County School System. (Guest speaker).
- Jonassen, S.** (September, 2025). *Supporting the Shift: Mentorship Needs in the Transition from Bedside Nurse to Clinical Instructor*. Association for Leadership Science in Nursing International Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. (Poster presentation).
- Shelnutt, C., Wright, A., Fujita, M., Peralta, S., Johnson, C., **Jonassen, S.**, & Teal, R. (May, 2025). *Partners in Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Implementation: Strategies for Student Success*. UWG Innovations in Pedagogy, Carrollton, Georgia. (Panel member).
- Smith, J., & **Jonassen, S.** (April 2025). *Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injury (HAPI) Prevention: A Quality Improvement Initiative*. UWG Scholars Day, Carrollton, Georgia. (Poster presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (September, 2024). *The Leadership Experience of ACNAs During the COVID-19 Pandemic Upon Return to Campus: A Qualitative Study*. Association for Leadership Science in Nursing International Conference, Dallas, Texas. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (September, 2024). *Integrating Evidence-Based Research into Clinical Practice*. Tanner Health Systems System-Wide Nurse Manager Professional Development, Carrollton, Georgia. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.**, Johnson, C., Saxon, C., & Smith, L. (May, 2024). *Work-Based Learning*. UWG Innovations in Pedagogy, Carrollton, Georgia. (Panel member).
- Jonassen, S.** (May, 2024). *Keynote Speaker – LaGrange College Pinning Ceremony*. LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia.
- Johnson, C., & **Jonassen, S.** (March, 2024). *All Things Nursing SASOC Prep Meeting and QEP Discussion*. University of West Georgia Newnan Centre, Newnan, Georgia. (Podium presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (February, 2024). *The Leadership Experience of Academic Chief Nurse Administrators in the State of Georgia During the COVID-19 Pandemic Upon Return to Campus After Full Virtual Instruction: A Qualitative Study*. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Regional Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina. (Poster presentation).
- Jonassen, S.** (September, 2021). *Increasing Student Nurse Engagement: 3, 2, 1, Snowball Fight!* NLN Education Summit, Washington, D.C.. (Accepted for poster presentation).
- Jonassen, S.**, Yarbrough, A., Crobarger, K., & Dever, H. (February, 2021). *Using Smartphones for Foley Catheter*

Validation. NurseTim Next Gen National Conference, Virtual. (Poster presentation presented by S. Jonassen & A. Yarbrough).

Jonassen, S., Yarbrough, A., Crobarger, K., & Dever, H. (February, 2021). *Using Smartphones for Foley Catheter Validation*. Virginia Tech National Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Virtual. (Poster presentation presented by S. Jonassen & A. Yarbrough).

Jonassen, S., Crager, J., Capponi, N., & Duah, O. (February, 2020). *Don't Flip Your Lid: Flip the Classroom*. Georgia Association of Nursing Education Annual State Conference, Jekyll Island, Georgia. (Podium presentation presented by S. Jonassen & J. Crager).

Jonassen, S., & Dever, H. (February, 2020). *SBAR Your Instructor*. Georgia Association of Nursing Education Annual State Conference, Jekyll Island, Georgia. (Podium presentation).

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2024	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2023	Doctor of Philosophy Award, The University of Southern Mississippi
2023	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2022	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2021	Daisy Award Winner, University of West Georgia
2020	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2019	Daisy Award Nominee, University of West Georgia
2017	Excellence Award: Comprehensive Health Assessment/Field Experience, Western Governors University
2016	Excellence Award: Translational Research for Practice & Population, Western Governors University
2003	Research Scholar, LaGrange College

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

2024-Present	Association for Leadership Science in Nursing
2023-Present	Southern Nursing Research Society
	2024 Annual Conference Abstract Reviewer
2023-Present	Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
	2024 Annual Conference Abstract Reviewer
2021-Present	Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity
2019- Present	Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society
	2022-2023 Pi Nu Chapter Counselor
	2020-2022 Pi Nu Chapter Membership Committee Chair
	2019-2020 Pi Nu Chapter Counselor
2018-Present	Georgia Association of Nursing Education
2018-Present	American Nurses Association
2018-Present	Georgia Nurses Association
2003-Present	LaGrange College Nursing Honor Society

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University System of Georgia

2025-Present Clinical Experience Workgroup

University of West Georgia

2024-Present Quality Enhancement Program – SON Champion

2024 Provost Council

2024 Deans Advisory Council

2021-2023 SAIA Committee

Tanner Health System School of Nursing, UWG

2024 Associate Dean Duties

2024-Present Graduate Program Committee

2022-Present Student Nurse Ambassador Advisor

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2022-Present	Undergraduate Curriculum Development Committee
2022-Present	NCLEX Success Workgroups
2020-Present	Deans Advisory Committee
2020-Present	Tanner Advisory Board Committee
2020-Present	Clinical Practice and Experiential Learning Center Committee, Co-chair
2018-Present	Undergraduate Committee
2024	NCLEX Coach
2020-2022	HESI Implementation Adhoc Committee
2019-2020	Undergraduate Horizontal Level 1 Curriculum Committee, Chair
2018-2020	Undergraduate CP Vertical Curriculum Committee
2018-2020	Undergraduate PC Vertical Curriculum Committee
2018-2020	Undergraduate Horizontal Level 1 Curriculum Committee
2018-2020	SON Search Committee
2018-2020	Caring for Faculty Committee, Secretary
2018-2020	Coweta County Hospital Authority Adhoc Committee

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Young Adult Leader and Nurse Volunteer, First Baptist Church Newnan	2022-Present
International Medical Mission Leader, First Baptist Church Newnan	2022-Present
Serve Coweta, Coweta County	2018-Present
Community CPR Instructor for Coweta County and surrounding neighborhoods	2011-Present
University of West Georgia COVID Immunization Clinics	2021-2022
Coweta County Health Department COVID Immunization Clinics	2021-2022
Youth Leader and Nurse Volunteer, East Newnan Baptist Church	2016-2022
Flint River Boy Scout Council Coweta District Fundraiser (THS SON Representative)	March 2019
Coweta Chamber Annual Meeting (THS SON Representative)	February 2019
University of West Georgia Flu Clinic Faculty Advisor	Fall 2018
International Medical Mission Leader, East Newnan Baptist Church	2014-2017
Middle School Youth Leader and Nurse Volunteer, First Baptist Church Newnan	2013-2016
Camp Counselor and Nurse Volunteer, First Baptist Church Newnan	2013-2016
Community 5K Fundraiser Nurse Volunteer	2013-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong Legs Run, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta• Superhero Run, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta• RACE for the Orphan, First Baptist Church Newnan• Abby’s Angels Foundation Run• Glow Light Your World Run – Welcome House, Bridging the Gap	
JDRF Volunteer Nurse, Coweta County Chapter	2010-2013
International Medical Mission Participant, LaGrange College Study Abroad	2003

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Numerous webinars and 1 – 2 contact hour seminars for professional CE, list available upon request