

Candidate for Director

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Advanced Practice Nurse

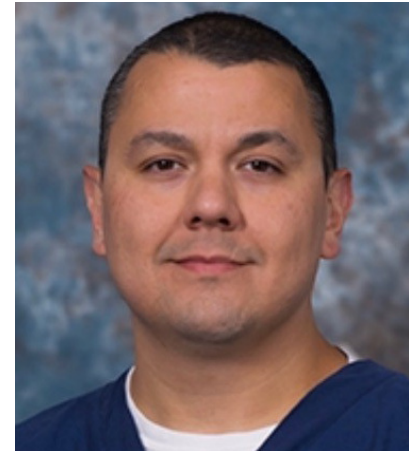
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Assistant Professor of Nursing - Clinical

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School of Nursing

Houston, TX



Experience and Activities

AACN Commitment and Involvement, 2021-present

Includes ways in which the candidate integrated the mission and work of AACN into their current role and practice. Local and national volunteer activities are listed, if applicable.

- Ambassador, 2017-present
- NTI speaker, 2017-2022
- Houston Gulf Coast Chapter
 - Speaker, 2019-present
 - Member, 2011-present
 - Treasurer-elect, 2024-2025
- Liaison, Texas Society of Critical Care Medicine and AACN's Houston and Austin chapters, 2020-present
- Leadership advisor, Unit's Beacon application (MD Anderson P7), 2019-2023
- Nominee, Circle of Excellence, 2022
- Member, Rochester Chapter, 2009-2011

Key Professional Activities Outside AACN, 2021-present

Includes involvement with other professional organizations, teaching and/or speaking engagements

- Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee, American Heart Association, 2024-present
 - One of only two nurses on the national committee with oversight for BLS/ACLS/PALS
- Past chair/chair-elect, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Nursing Section (national), 2020-2023
- Immediate past president/president/president-elect, Society of Critical Care Medicine, Texas Chapter (state), 2020-2023
- Mayor Sylvester Turner LGBTQIA+ Advisory Board, City of Houston (local), 2018-2021
- Co-author,* Survey of nurses' experiences applying The Joint Commission's medication management titration standards, *American Journal of Critical Care*. *Publication changed The Joint Commission standard on titratable infusions, 2021

Issues Statement

The biggest issue affecting acute and critical care nursing is the staffing crisis. The care of our patients is complex and requires a multidisciplinary team. Adequate staffing is paramount to ensure proper care and a Healthy Work Environment. We must continue to advocate for safe-staffing policies and bring bedside clinicians to the table for solutions. Poor nurse-to-patient staffing ratios coupled with the burden of excessive documentation leads to moral distress, burnout and adversely affects patient outcomes.

The frequency of protests and strikes appears to be increasing as nurses fight to improve poor working conditions that are detrimental to patient care. Leaders, clinicians, executives and others must come to the table to establish a solution. Utilization of AACN's Healthy Work Environment (HWE) Standards can provide an outline to formulate better patient care models. AACN has an established reputation for bringing key stakeholders to the table. The organization is a member of the "Partners for Nursing Staffing," which includes several organizations to improve nurse staffing ratios. We must continue to work collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcomes. A formidable goal I hope to achieve is for AACN to partner with hospital organizations (HCA, Kaiser Permanente, Ascension) to improve the staffing crisis at the local and national level.

I work in a 100% clinical bedside role with zero protected non-clinical time. I am a witness to the staffing challenges affecting bedside nurses each day. I will work tirelessly with AACN to improve issues affecting our nurses. I have leadership experience at the local, state and national level and will ensure integrity, honesty and respect are utilized to maintain accountability for the organization while incorporating diversity, equity and inclusion. I will leverage AACN's Vision, Mission and Values to provide unwavering professional and personal support in pursuit of the best possible patient care.