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***Cirriculum Vitae***

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**EDUCATION**

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Degree</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	PhD	Nursing Science	2016
University of Memphis Loewenberg School of Nursing	MSN	Education Track Concentration: Maternal-Child Health	2009
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	BSN	Nursing	2001

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Years in Position</u></b>
University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Graduate Health Sciences	Assistant Professor	04/17 – present
University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing	Assistant Professor	06/16 – present
University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing	RN-BSN Option Coordinator	07/15 – present

University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center  
College of Nursing

Instructor

10/09 – 06/16

### **ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

1. NSG 912: Theory Construction and Analysis, *Fall 2016 - present*
2. NSG 414: Introduction to Evidence Based Practice (RN-BSN), *Spring 2015 - present*
3. NSG 413/513: Maternal Child Health, *Spring 2014 - present*
4. NSG 499/599: Senior Synthesis Seminar, Course Coordinator, *Fall 2013 - 2017*
5. NSG 423/523: Medication Safety in Healthcare, Course Coordinator, *Fall 2010 - 2017*
6. NSG 526/602: Gerontological Nursing, Course Coordinator, *Spring 2010 - 2013*
7. Developed the redesign of a Baccalaureate Gerontological Nursing course into an exclusively online learning experience integrated with a variety of teaching strategies and enhanced technological components. This proposal was selected by the Advanced Learning Center at the Fed Ex Institute of Technology into its 2009 Fellowship program. (University of Memphis, 2009)

### **CLINICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

1. NSG 413/513: Maternal Child Health, *Spring 2014 - present*
2. NSG 509: Reproductive Health Nursing, *Spring 2010 - 2013*
3. NSG 526: Gerontological Nursing, *Spring 2010 - 2013*
4. NSG 515: Health of Populations, *Fall 2010 – 2016 (Clinical Coordinator – Fall 2010)*
5. NSG 524: Nursing Simulation/Skills Lab I, *Fall 2009 – 2016 (Lab coordinator – Fall 2009 – 2010)*
6. NSG 512: Adult Health Simulation/Skills Lab II, *Spring 2010- 2014 (Lab Coordinator – Spring 2010)*

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

7/07- 10/09

**Research Nurse Coordinator**

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

College of Nursing, Acute and Chronic Care Department  
Memphis, Tennessee

Maintain and coordinate investigator-initiated studies.  
Includes both qualitative and quantitative research.  
Studies range from a focus on women's health i.e. Vulvar  
Intraepithelial Neoplasia, to Genetics & Weight Gain Post-  
Kidney Transplant.

8/04-7/07

**Research Nurse**

University of Tennessee Health Science Center  
College of Medicine, Department of OB/GYN  
Memphis, Tennessee

Assisted with both clinical trials and investigator-initiated  
studies. Largely studied genomic and proteomic markers of  
preterm delivery and vaginal ultrasound in the treatment of  
preterm labor.

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:**

7/01-8/04

**Staff Nurse**

Methodist Germantown Maternity Center  
Germantown, Tennessee

Provided ante-, intra- and post-partum care, in addition to  
post-op gynecological care to patients within a large urban  
hospital system. .

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

UTHSC Authorship Committee  
Simulation Program Development Operations Team  
CMAST Sandbox Tester for Campus Curriculum Mapping Software  
Faculty Committee, UTHSC College of Nursing  
Curriculum Committee, UTHSC College of Nursing  
Nomination Committee, UTHSC College of Nursing  
Black Student Association, Nursing Chapter Faculty Advisor

## **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. Melody Waller's interest lie in the areas of Health Disparity, Women's and Minority Health research. Her recent research efforts focus on African American women's sexual health. She is currently serving as Principle Investigator on a project entitled, "Factors Associated with African American Women's Sexual Health and Risk Behavior during Emerging Adulthood, a study using a holistic approach to explore young African American women's sexual behavior and perceptions of sexual health. She has used mixed methods research designs to better understand women's health behavior related to sexuality and overall sexual well-being. Dr. Waller is a College of Nursing Research Fellow and has received the Sigma Theta Tau Beta Theta-at-Large Chapter Research Grant. She has also served as co-investigator on a funded grant to evaluate the efficacy of vaginal dilatation to maintain vaginal patency in cervical cancer patients.

Dr. Waller's ultimate goal is to contribute toward the development of health promotion strategies and interventions to reduce African American women's sexual risk and yield sustainable behavior change. I am seeking to highlight pertinent emotional, relational, and sexual factors involved in women's health and behavior while addressing issues related to individuals' sexual climate and culture. Through ongoing research activity in the form of collaborative research projects and scholarly dissemination of their results, I hope to integrate the broad approach of sexual health to improve disparate health outcomes.

### **RESEARCH FUNDING:**

Factors Associated with African American Women's Sexual Health and Risk Behavior during Emerging Adulthood: A Mixed Methods Study. July 2016. (Primary Investigator) Funded: Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large, \$3000.

Factors Associated with African American Women's Sexual Health and Risk Behavior during Emerging Adulthood: A Mixed Methods Study. June 2016. (Primary Investigator) Funded: UTHSC College of Nursing Research Fellowship, \$1500.

A Pilot Project to Asses of the Efficacy of Vaginal Dilatation for the Maintenance or Improvement of Vaginal Patency and Sexual Function among Cervical Cancer Patients Treated with Radiation. February 2009. (Co-investigator) Funded: Indiana University, \$14, 593.

**RESEARCH ABSTRACTS:**

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2016). Factors Associated with African American Women's Sexual Health and Risk Behavior: A Mixed Methods Study. 2017 Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference (Accepted)

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2014). The shift toward sexual health: A comprehensive approach to address the well-being of African-American women. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference (Accepted)

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2013). Addressing culture in HIV prevention for African-American women: A review of literature. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference (Accepted)

**Waller, M.N.** (2013). Expansion of the nurse's role in prevention: Educating working mothers about the Affordable Care Act to promote breastfeeding. National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Conference. (Accepted)

**Norris, M.,** Thomas, J. (November 2009). Exploring the Controversy Surrounding the Increased Incidence of HIV/AIDS Infection among African American Women in the US; Annual Conference of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. (Submitted)

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:**

Norris, M. and Thomas, J. Exploring the Increased Incidence of HIV/AIDS among African American Women in the US. Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. (Submitted)

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:**

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2017). Factors Associated with African American Women's Sexual Health and Risk Behavior: A Mixed Methods Study. Beta Theta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society Business Meeting. Memphis, TN.

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2015, February). The shift toward sexual health: A comprehensive approach to address the well-being of African-American women (Poster Discussion Presentation). Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference. Tampa, FL.

**Waller, M.N.** (2014, September). Expansion of the nurse's role in prevention: Educating working mothers about the Affordable Care Act to promote breastfeeding (Poster Presentation). National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Education Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

**Waller, M.N.** and Wicks M. (2014, February). Addressing culture in HIV prevention for African-American women: A review of literature. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference (Poster Presentation). San Antonio, TX.

### **NURSING EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS:**

Simmons, L. & **Waller, M. N.** (2017, August). Using simulation to prepare pre-licensure BSN students for a maternal newborn clinical experience (Poster Presentation). Nuts & Bolts for Nurse Educators Annual Conference. Minneapolis, TN.

Scott, C., Farrell, A., and **Waller, M.N.** (2013, November 22). A simulated room of errors (Podium Presentation). TN Simulation Alliance Annual Conference, Simulation: Practice and Education Come Together. Nashville, TN.

### **CURRENT LICENCES AND CERTIFICATION**

- Registered Nurse - TN # 132509
- Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider

### **HONORS/AWARDS**

UTHSC Office of Equity & Diversity – Diversity Certificate Program	2017
SNRS Minority Health Student Research Poster Presentation	2015
Sigma Theta Tau International, βθ Chapter Scholarship	2015
Johnson & Johnson/AACN Minority	2013 – 2015

Nurse Faculty Scholarship Award Student Government Association Executive Council Excellence in Teaching Award	2013 – 2014, 2011 – 2012
Methodist Nursing Star	2004

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Southern Nursing Research Society	2014 - present
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses	2013 - present
AACN Graduate Nursing Student Academy	2012 - present
American Nurses Association	2009 - 2014
University of Memphis Alumni Association	2009 - present
Sigma Theta Tau International	2009 - present
Tennessee Nurses Association	2006 – 2014

**COMMITTEES AND OFFICES HELD**

One-By-One Ministries, National Board Member (2016 – present)  
Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Beta Theta Chapter-at-  
Large, Vice-president (2016 – present)  
Southern Nursing Research Society, Minority Health Research Interest Group  
Co-Chair (2016 – present)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Memphis City Schools	Mentor/tutor
NEXUS STEM Academy	Mentor/Volunteer
American Kidney Foundation	Volunteer
Memphis District Senior Olympics	Volunteer
Africa in April Family Health/Wellness Fair	Faculty Volunteer
Planned Parenthood Greater Memphis Region	Volunteer