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### EDUCATION

Dates	Degree	Institution	Major
12/2014	MSN	University of Houston	Nursing Administration
02/2011	PhD	Walden University	Behavioral Medicine
08/2009	BSN	University of Houston	Nursing
05/2007	MA	Walden University	Health Psychology
05/2004	BS	University of Houston	General Psychology
05/2003	AD	Houston Community College	Nursing
12/2002	AD	Houston Community College	Applied Science

### LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

02/1998 - Present	Basic Life Support Certification (BLS) American Heart Association (AHA)
07/2004 - Present	Registered Nurse (RN #706512), Texas
04/2005 - Present	Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) AHA
08/2013	Clinical Competency Verification, <i>University of Houston School of Nursing, Victoria, TX</i> (Blood borne pathogens, PPE, Needle Sticks, Disinfection and Sterilization, RACE, PASS, Handling medical waste, Medication Safety, National Patient Safety Goals)
07/2013	Basic Guidelines for Test Construction and Item Writing Certification, <i>Larry Simmons Houston, TX</i>
01/2013	Simulation Coordinator/Instructor certification, <i>Education Affiliates, Baltimore, MD</i>
12/2012	Managing Changing Patient Conditions, <i>the Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX</i>
09/2012	An Overview of HIPPA and the Privacy Rule, Certificate of Completion, <i>the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>
12/2010	NIH Stroke Scale Assessment Certification, <i>American Stroke Association</i>

- 06/2010 12 Lead EKG/Hemodynamic Monitoring Certification, *Bay Shore Medical Center*, Pasadena, TX
- 06/2010 Patient Restraint and Seclusion in the Acute-Care Setting Certification, *Bay Shore Medical Center*, Pasadena, TX
- 03/2010 Blood and blood product transfusion reaction Management Certification, *Bay Shore Medical Center*, Pasadena, TX
- 05/2007 Protecting Human Research Subjects in Social and Behavioral Science Research Certification, *University of California*, Los Angeles, CA

#### ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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11/01/2013 - Present Director of Nursing  
 Fortis College/Fortis Institute  
 401 E. Palace Pkwy Suite 100  
 Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
 (713) 266-6594/ (972)375-0006

##### ***Job Specific Responsibility***

1. Communicate with Campus President, Campus Director, Regional Nursing Dean, and Texas Board of Nursing concerning operational, regulatory, and accreditation issues
2. Hire, orient, supervise, and evaluate classroom and clinical nursing faculty
3. Monitor the implementation of the systematic plan of evaluation
4. Prepare, submit, and manage program budget
5. Assist in the resolution of student and faculty issues
6. Represent the program to the local advisory committee and the state board of nursing
7. Assist faculty as needed in the preparation of lesson plans, learning activities and evaluation of the learner's knowledge
8. Prepare program reports for the state board of nursing, regulatory and accreditation bodies.
9. Conduct faculty meetings, assign faculty to committees, and serve as an unofficial member of program faculty committees and other

02/2012 - Present

Adjunct Professor of Nursing (ADN-Program)  
Houston Community College Coleman  
1900 Pressler St. Houston, TX 77030  
(713) 718- 7400

***Job Specific Responsibility***

- Provide significant instructional service to the college, teaching major portions of a course or entire course(s) with responsibility of assigning grades
- Facilitate students' achievement of course objectives and prepares the students to master skill sets to move forward throughout the program
- Work closely with the program director to ensure that the standards and quality of the nursing curricula are met and maintained

09/2012 - 10/2013

Nursing Instructor  
Fortis College, Houston, TX 77082  
(713) 266 6594

***Job Specific Responsibility***

- Provide significant instructional service to the college, teaching major portions of a course or entire course(s) with responsibility of assigning grades
- Facilitate students' achievement of course objectives and prepares the students to master skill sets to move forward throughout the program
- Work closely with the program director to ensure that the standards and quality of the nursing curricula are met and maintained

12/2011 - 03/2013

RN II/ Shift Leader (Stroke Unit)  
The Methodist Hospital  
6565 Fannin St. Houston, TX 77030

***Job Specific Responsibilities***

- Performing a variety of duties to provide quality nursing care to residents and to coordinate total nursing care for residents
- Implementing specific procedures and programs

- Participating with the director of nursing in establishing specific goals
- Determining work procedures and expediting work flow
- Ensuring compliance with all operating policies and procedures

01/2005 – 11/2013      Charge Nurse/ Staff Nurse  
 Medical Surgical/ IMCU/ ICU Units  
 Bay Shore Medical Center  
 4000 Spencer Hwy. Pasadena, TX 77504

#### HONORS AND MEMBERSHIP

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02/2013	American Psychological Association (APA)
02/2004	Dean's List, University of Houston
04/2004	<i>Psi Chi</i> , the National Honor Society in Psychology
07/2003	Dean's List, University of Houston
02/2002	Dean's List, Houston Community College
07/2001	Dean's List, Houston Community College
06/2000	The National Dean's List
07/1999	National Dean's List
07/1998	National Dean's List
02/1998	Dean's List, Houston Community College
11/1998	<i>Phi Theta Kappa Society</i> , International Scholastic Order of the Two-Year College

#### PUBLICATIONS

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2013	Vanity of Vanities (Mystery Novel, August 2013) Amazon.com <a href="http://www.amazon.com/s?ie=UTF8&amp;page=1&amp;rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3AMekonnen%20H%20Birru">http://www.amazon.com/s?ie=UTF8&amp;page=1&amp;rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3AMekonnen%20H%20Birru</a>
2012	Deep in True Self: Where You Find Purpose and Joy in Life (2012; self-help) <a href="http://www.amazon.com/Deep-In-True-Self-Purpose/dp/1461076897">http://www.amazon.com/Deep-In-True-Self-Purpose/dp/1461076897</a>
2011	Relationship between Agreeableness and Neuroticism and Cardiovascular disease Among Older African American Men (2011) <a href="http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/relationship-between-agreeableness-and-neuroticism-and-cardiovascular-disease-among-older-african-american-men-mekonnen-h-birru/1107834998">http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/relationship-between-agreeableness-and-neuroticism-and-cardiovascular-disease-among-older-african-american-men-mekonnen-h-birru/1107834998</a>
2003	Tamra-manfas/ Amharic Fiction (Political novel about the last days of the military regime) <a href="http://www.worldcat.org/title/tamra-manfas-leb-walad-dersat/oclc/060401751/">http://www.worldcat.org/title/tamra-manfas-leb-walad-dersat/oclc/060401751/</a>

COURSE THOUGHT: (03/2013- Present)Houston Community College (Associate Degree Nursing Program)

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Fall 2014           RNSG 2361: Medical Surgical II  
 Summer 2014       RNSG 2263: Mental Health Nursing  
 Spring 2014        RNSG 2360: Medical Surgical I  
 Fall 2013           RNSG 2361: Medical Surgical II  
 Spring 2013        RNSG 2362: Medical Surgical II  
 Fall 2012           RNSG 2263: Medical Surgical Nursing II

COURSE THOUGHT: (09/2012 - Present)Fortis College/ Fortis Institute (Vocational Nursing Degree)

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Spring 2015        VNE 115: Dosage Calculation  
 Summer 2014       VNE 131: Mental Health Nursing  
                       VNE 142: Vocational Nursing Leadership  
                       VNE 115: Dosage Calculation  
 Spring 2014        VNE 131: Mental Health Nursing  
                       VNE 142: Vocational Nursing Leadership  
                       VNE 115: Dosage Calculations  
 Fall 2013           VNE 131: Mental Health Nursing  
                       VNE 142: Vocational Nursing Leadership  
                       VNE 111: Vocational Adjustment  
 Spring 2013        VNE 131: Mental Health Nursing  
                       CMP 105: Computer Application/ Nursing Informatics  
 Fall 2012           VNE 131: Mental Health Nursing  
                       CMP 105: Computer Application/ Nursing Informatics

PRESENTATIONS

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2014            *Implementing EBP in Admission Criteria for LVN School of Nursing:  
 A Mantra for Improving Initial NCLEX-PN Pass Rate*  
 (Presented at the University of Houston-Victoria)  
 2014            *Principles of Effective Leadership, Fortis College* (Presented to  
 Campus Staff)  
 2013            *Conflict Resolution, Fortis College*  
 (Presented to Nursing Faculty)  
 2013            *Effective use of PowerPoint Material, Fortis College*  
 (Presented to Nursing Faculty)

- 2013      *Humanistic Approach in Teaching and Its Benefit*, Fortis College  
(Presented to Nursing Faculty)
- 2012      *Assessing patient with stroke*, the Methodist Hospital (Presented  
to Stroke Unit Nursing Staff)
- 2010      *Care of patients with Central Line*, Bayshore Medical Center  
(Presented to IMCU/ ICU Nursing Staff)
- 2007      Functional Diabetic Educational Module for School Children,  
Walden University (Master's Thesis Presentation).
- 2007      *Care of patient with nasogastric tube*, Bayshore Medical Center  
(Presented to IMCU/ICU Nursing Staff)

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UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- 2005 - Present      Member  
Second Baptist Church  
6400 Woodway Drive, Houston, Texas 77057
- 1996 - 2004      Member  
Ethiopian Christians Followership Church  
8526 Northern St. Houston, Texas 77071
- 2006 - 2012      Clinical Director  
World Health Medical Mission People to People  
Non Profit Organization  
Houston, Texas 77030

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REFERENCES

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Available Upon Request