

Melanie Walters

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Associate Professor: Division of Nursing; PMHN

Strengths include student evaluation, promptness and reliability, striving toward personal and professional growth

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University July 1, 2022 - present
Assistant Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University August 2017 - June 30, 2021
Areas of Responsibility:

- PMHN Program Coordinator
- Teaching/facilitating graduate level courses in the PMHN, D/BDNP, and PMCM curriculum
- Assisting with Program Assessment
- Assisting with course development
- PMHN Project-Co-director- HRSA BHWET grant (Award years 2021-2025)

Teaching Assistant/Clinical Faculty, University of Tennessee at Knoxville 2013-2014
Areas of Responsibility:

- Taught clinical component for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner online program

Lecturer, Northern Kentucky University 2008-2012
Areas of Responsibility:

- Taught variety of courses in the undergraduate nursing program
- Coordinator for psychiatric mental health didactic and clinical courses
- Committee work

Clinical Experience

PsychStaffing Akron, OH	CNP, Independent Contractor Psychiatric Emergency Services	October 2021 – December 2024
Good Samaritan Hospital Cincinnati, OH	CNP, Adult Psychiatry	October 2014-December 2019
NorthKey Community Care Covington, KY	APRN; PMHNP	June 2011-June 2014

Education

PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) in Nursing University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 2020

Relevant Courses:

- Theories of Personality (cognate)
- Independent Study in Psychological Measures (cognate)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (cognate)
- Research Methods in Nursing, I-IV
- Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology (elective)
- Biostatistics for Health Sciences (elective)

Master of Science in Nursing

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 2006

Relevant Courses:

- Psychopharmacology
- Psychotherapies
- Advanced Health Assessment for the NP

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a Minor
in Mental Health and Human Services

Northern Kentucky University, Highland
Heights, KY 2003

Relevant Courses:

- Traditional undergraduate nursing courses
- Grief, Dying and Bereavement
- Activities Therapy
- Therapeutic counseling skills

Awards

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Inducted, Rho Theta Chapter, 2003

Clinical Achievement Award, Miami University, 1996

Recent Presentations

Walters, M. (2021, October 15). *Perceptions of executive functions and self-care actions among individuals with Major Depressive Disorder* [Podium Presentation]. American Psychiatric Nurses Association, 35th Annual Conference: Louisville, KY, Virtual event.

Walters, M. (2020, October 20). *Utility of antipsychotic medications in primary care* (symposium). Pharmacology Update for Primary Care 2020: Indiana Wesleyan University, Virtual event.

Publications

Walters, M., & Hines-Martin, V. (2018). Overview of executive functions in mood and depressive disorders: A review of the literature. *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*, 32(4), 617-637. <http://dx.doi.org.echo.louisville.edu/10.1016/j.apnu.2018.02.011>

Hines-Martin, V., Pearson, G., **Walters, M.** & Hall, M. (2016). Standards of mental healthcare: Meeting consumer needs. In E. Yearwood & V. Hines-Martin (Eds.). *Global Mental Health Nursing*. London UK: Routledge.

Professional Activities/Service

Grant Writing:

- Behavioral Health Workforce and Education Training; Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); January 2021.
 - Awarded 2021-2025
 - Co-director, School of Nursing/PMHN program
 - Principal Investigator, award years 2024 and 2025

Peer Review Activities:

- IWU Innovations in Faith-based Nursing Conference; Abstract Reviewer; April 2021
- Archives of Psychiatric Nursing (journal); Manuscript Content Reviewer; May 2019

Member:

- American Psychiatric Nurses Association; 2005 – Present
 - Recovery Council, member – 2024 - Present
- Neuroscience Education Institute; 2020 – Present

Community Work and Service

Organization	Role/Service	Dates
Kenton County (Kentucky) Cooperative Extension	Volunteer - seasonal Certified Master Gardener	April 2019 - Present
Habitat for Humanity	Volunteer – seasonal Homebuilding	May 2025 - Present