

# THELMA 'LOIS' MERRICK

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Nurse Faculty with 22+ years of experience in the profession of nursing with a passion to teach while stimulating minds to learn nursing skills. Special interests in Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant and Medical Surgical Nursing. Aiming to advance in knowledge with continuing practice of experience to teach students and other nurses effectively.

## EXPERIENCE

**Jacksonville University**  
**2800 University Blvd N**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32211**  
**October 2018-Present**

- ***Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing***
- Teach in the undergraduate BSN program
- Faculty for clinical settings in hospitals.
- Develop a variety of learning strategies to present to different levels of the nursing program; sophomore to seniors.
- Faculty in classroom providing theory teaching to Undergraduate nursing students.
- Courses taught: Foundations, Essentials, Intro to Pharmacology, Adult Health 1 Theory, Adult Health 1 Clinical, Adult Health 1 Clinical Coordinator, Community Health Nursing

**Mayo Clinic Florida**  
**4500 San Pablo Rd.**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32225**  
**April 14, 2014- Present**

### ***Nurse Care Coordinator, Specialty Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant***

Duties: Coordinate care of patients from diagnosis of cancer through their course of care/treatment of Bone Marrow Transplant.

- Educate patient and family of the process of BMT (Bone Marrow Transplant)
- Educate new coordinators in orientation of BMT
- Communicate with financial representatives of BMT program and Case Managers of insurance company for approval of transplant.
- Meet with physicians (Attending, fellows, Mid-levels), HLA Lab Technicians, pharmacist, Social Workers, Psychologist and Chaplain to address issues as well as the plan of care needed for each patient.
- Assist with patient support group and follow up care of patient's needs.
- Organize care for bone marrow harvest/stem cell collection with donors for patient.
- Search and plan for donor selection through NMDP (National Marrow Donor Program) for patient.

**UF Health (Shands) Cancer Hospital  
Gainesville, FL 32610  
Oncology/BMT Nurse  
Sept 2004-April 1, 2014**

- ***Charge Nurse and preceptor***
- Nightingale Professional Practice Award Recipient
- Contributor of facility to accomplish Magnet Status.
- Train new employees and enhance morale of unit.
- Assist with community involvement of health education.

**Santa Fe College  
Gainesville, FL  
ASN/Bridge Nursing Program  
Adjunct Nursing Instructor  
July 2009-May 1, 2014**

- **Instructor in clinical setting of hospital.**
- Provide education from nursing textbook and hands on care.
- Teach and grade Nursing Process Reports with APA format.
- Obtained 100% satisfactory from latest evaluation by students.

**North FL Regional Medical Ctr.  
Gainesville, FL  
CNA/LPN  
Dec.-2002-July 2004**

- Assist Registered Nurse in providing care to oncology patients.
- Lead in medication administration to patients.
- Maintained compliance with nursing practice, protocols and policy
- Developed satisfaction response of patients.

## **EDUCATION**

- **WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY MSN-ED PROGRAM, 2016-2018 (MSN)**
- **FLORIDA HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE, 2009 (BSN)**
- **SANTA FE COLLEGE, 2004 (ASN)**
- **FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE, 2002 (PRACTICAL NURSE)**
- **FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE, 1998 (NURSING ASSISTANT)**

## **CERTIFICATION & SKILLS**

- Blood and Marrow Transplant Certification Nurse (BMTCN)
- Over 17 years Oncology Nursing experience.
- 17 ½ years Bone Marrow Transplant experience.
- Mentor in the field of nursing.
- TSIC (Take Stock in Children) Mentor for over 8 years.
- Essential contributor to UF Health BMTU and its successful Program.
- Contributor to BMTU program and education for nurse coordinators at Mayo Clinic in Florida.
- Facilitator of the BMT Support Group at Mayo Clinic

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY**

### **Affiliations**

Member of Oncology Nursing Society.

Member Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Member of Healthcare Ministry at The Potter's House International Ministry.

### **Community Involvement**

- Provides leadership to a team of nurses, physicians, certified nursing assistants, social workers, and other healthcare interdisciplinarians at The Potter's House International Ministries' Healthcare Wellness Center.
- Collaborate with Healthcare facilities to provide free health screening to the community's youth.

## **AWARDS**

- Recipient of the Roberta Scofield Scholarship Award, 2021.
- Nominated and awarded the 'Teacher' award for Nurse week at Mayo Clinic.
- Recipient of UF Health, (formerly Shands) Nightingale Award.