

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Gillian C. Smith, MSN, RN, CRRN, CBIS, NPD-BC**

**CERTIFICATION:** Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse (CRRN)  
Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS)  
Nursing Professional Development (NPD-BC)  
**LICENSE:** Registered Nurse: # 828276, Texas Board of Nursing

#### **EDUCATION**

<b>Master of Science in Nursing</b> Walden University	2007-2010
<b>Diploma-Registered Nurse</b> Henry J. Kutsch School of Nursing/Ravenswood Hospital	1994-1996
<b>Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation</b> University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse	1987-1991

#### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

- Inpatient rehabilitation both in free standing hospitals and units within medical centers
- Brain injury and spinal cord injury population
- Educator-informal and formal positions for staff and patients
- Supervisor- charge nurse and house supervisor for rehabilitation

#### **BIO:**

**Gillian C. Smith, MSN, RN, CRRN, CBIS, NPD-BC** is a Rehabilitation Nurse specializing in nursing education for Inpatient Rehabilitation. As the unit-based educator within UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, she is recognized as an expert in this field. She is responsible for the onboarding of nursing staff, competency management for nursing, supporting the RN residency program, and any “just in time” education as requested by leadership. For over 28 years, Ms. Smith has practiced in the field of nursing; 2 years in acute care-Med/Surg, followed by 26 years specializing in rehabilitation nursing. Her contributions to nursing and rehabilitation are evident at local and national levels, with her professional involvement in the Association of Rehabilitation (ARN). Gillian supports the specialty of rehabilitation nursing through her enduring membership with increasing involvement since her initial membership in 2001. She has actively been involved with her local chapter, Northeast Texas Chapter of ARN as a member and as a leader where she has been member at large, president, and currently is serving as secretary. In 2024, she was named to the ARN national board as Board Director at Large. She is and has been an influential member and leader of ARN for over 10 years. Ms. Smith is recognized for her leadership as an award-winning clinician, professional nursing leader, educator and mentor in the specialty of rehabilitation nursing.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX</b> Unit-Based Educator-Inpatient Rehabilitation	2023-Present
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- Education Council Co-chair (2024) and Chair (2025)
- Clinical Education and Professional Development (CEPD) unit-based council member (2024)

- Sunshine Committee member for CEPD (2023-2025)
- Clinical Ladder Level 3 awarded: 2025-2027
- Rehabilitation Unit based council-combined nursing and therapy-supportive role (2024)
- Preceptor- 2 clinical shifts per month bedside with new hire RNs/RN Residents
- Nursing Grand Rounds presentations: Self Care (2023) and Disorders of Consciousness (2025)
- Nursing Professional Development certification reinstated by exam (2024)
- PACT card silver level pin awarded (2024)

**Baylor Scott & White Rehabilitation Institute for Rehabilitation-Frisco, TX**

Nursing Supervisor

2021-2023

- Direct clinical leadership of staff
- Staff annual evaluations
- Responsible for staffing and flexing based on census
- Co-chair of Employee Engagement Committee (2022)
- Support of nursing staff and leadership

Staff RN

2014-2021

- Direct care of seven patients with increasing complexity
- Superuser for EPIC and LVAD
- Impact award winner (2019)
- Brain injury staff specialist (2016-2021)
- Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) earned (2019)
- Daisy award nominations (multiple)
- Preceptor for nursing staff and nursing students
- Active member of BSW Frisco Stroke Council
- Active member of BSW Frisco Brain injury Council
- Active member of Employee Engagement Committee
- Education liaison

**Orlando Health Rehabilitation Institute-Orlando, FL**

Clinical Unit Educator

2009-2012

- Earned NPD-BC certification (2012)
- Education for staff caring for brain and spinal cord injury patients
- Graduate Nurse (GN) and Gateways to Growth nurse onboarding for Rehabilitation
- Clinical Excellence in Education award winner (2010)
- Education Council Chair (2012)

Staff RN

2004-2009

- Spinal cord injury patient specialist
- Member of ARN and FSARN

**Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton, IL**

Staff RN

1999-2003

- Earned CRRN certification (2001)
- Brain injury patient specialist
- Relief supervisor on evening shift

## **Ravenswood Hospital, Chicago, IL**

1997-1999

Staff RN-Medical/Surgical

- Direct care for medical/surgical patients
- Developed assessment and technical skills
- Built foundation to move on to the specialty of rehabilitation nursing

## **PRESENTATIONS/POSTERS**

### **1. National**

- a. **Smith, G.** (August 2024). *Thinking Outside the Box-Initiation of Journal Club.* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** Rehabilitation Nursing Conference, poster, San Antonio, TX
- b. Roma-Fisher, T., Camicia, M., Holler, W., Kling, K. Squires, E. & **Smith, G.** (August 2023) *Self care: Good for the Nurse, Good for the Patient, Good for Engagement* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** Rehabilitation Nursing Conference, panel presentation, Providence, RI
- c. **Smith, G.** (November 2022). *JCAHO Disease Specific Recertification-Our Experience* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** Rehabilitation Nursing Conference, poster presentation, Virtual.
- d. **Smith, G.** (November 2020). *Wildcat Deb-Case Study* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** Rehabilitation Nursing Conference, podium presentation, Virtual.
- e. **Smith, G.** (October 2018). *Stroke Survivor-Case Study* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** REACH, podium presentation, West Palm Beach, FL
- f. **Smith, G.** (November 2017) *Bladder education-pilot* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** REACH, poster presentation, Seattle WA
- g. **Smith, G.** (November 2011) *Our Certification Journey* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** REACH, poster presentation, Las Vegas, NV
- h. **Smith, G.** (October 2010) *Autonomic Dysreflexia Simulation.* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** REACH, poster presentation, Orlando, FL
- i. **Smith, G.** (October 2002) *Caution Club-Fall Prevention Initiative.* **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses:** REACH, poster, Kansas City, MO

## **Quality Improvement**

2016: **Smith, G.** Bladder education on incontinence with stroke patients-quality improvement for improved patient care with focused education (poster 2017).

2010: **Smith, G.** MSN Project-Autonomic Dysreflexia in SCI patients-to improve patient care with increased knowledge with new rehab nurses (poster 2011)

## **LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Rehabilitation Nurses**

2017-Present

- Board of Directors, Director At Large

2024-2025

- Board Liaison, Chapter Support Committee 2023-2024
- Conference Moderator (virtual and in person) August 2024
- ARN Poster reviewer 2017-2019
- Scholarship selection committee (selected member) 2019

### **Northeast Texas Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nursing**

Board of Director Positions	2014-Present
• Secretary	2020-Present
• President	2019-2020
• President elect	2018-2019
• Member at Large	2014-1017

### **Membership in Organizations (non-leadership)**

Florida State Association of Rehabilitation Nursing and Central Florida Chapter	2004-2012
Association of Rehabilitation Nursing	2001-Present

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Clinical Ladder Level 3	UT Southwestern	2025
PACT card silver level	UT Southwestern	2024
IMPACT Award-Health	Baylor Scott & White Rehab	2019
Excellence in Nursing-Education	Orlando Health	2010

## **COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Walk to End Alzheimer's (annual walk)/walker	2023, 2024
Head for the Cure (annual walk)/walker	2024, 2025
American Heart Association-DFW Walk (annual walk)/walker	2015-2019, 2021
MS Walk (annual walk)/Walker	2015-2019, 2023, 2025
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer (annual walk)/walker	2015-2019, 2021, 2024
3 Day Breast Cancer Walk/Tampa Bay/Walker	October 2010