

CURRICULLUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology - PhD in Public Health
University of the West of England - Masters Degree in Nursing
University of Dundee (Scotland) - Bachelor of Nursing

PERSONAL PROFILE

- From 9th March, 2024 appointed as the Dean, School of Nursing for a period of Three (3) years.
- Dr. Beatrice Gichuru has sixteen years of full-time University teaching as a lecturer: Kenya Methodist University 2008 to 2013; Regina Pacis University College 2014 to June 2015; Karatina University July 2015 to date.

I have planned and prepared for Resource Mobilization Activities like:

- To develop curriculum in short courses in Community Midwifery (county hospitals experiencing acute shortage of midwives). Karatina Town venue will be ideal;
- Post Graduate Diploma in Health Systems Management (for in-service healthcare workers). Karatina Town venue will be ideal;
- Upgrading Diploma nurses to BSc Nursing (Open & Distance mode of Learning (ODEL) curricula written five years ago) but they have not been implemented. Karatina Town venue will be ideal;
- MSc Nursing (part-time mode is very popular. Many Universities are graduating BSc nurses in large numbers). Karatina Town venue will be ideal;
- PhD in various nursing specializations (part time mode very popular. Karatina Town venue will be ideal);

In 2019 I had written the Karatina University School of Nursing Strategic Plan: 2019 – 2025.

Head of Department: Nursing and Public Health

I was head of Department of Nursing Sciences Karatina University from 2015 for 4 years.

Responsibilities as a Lecturer and head of Department included:

- Teaching activities Lecturer and Head of Department of Nursing Sciences and Public health, within the School of Pure and Applied Sciences
- Oversee academic duties & performance including academic standards –teaching & examinations across within the department departments.
- Monitor and evaluate academic activities in the in the department of Nursing Sciences & Public Health
- Liaison functions with stakeholders and regulatory bodies for all University health Programs- Hospitals, government official, regulatory bodies in the republic of Kenya, Commission of University education and community.
- Capacity build, develop and review academic programs in the health sciences
- Set standards, prepare Departmental budgets and ensure program quality and accreditation accountabilities & compliance for all health sciences programs in the School
- Chair, full departmental board meetings and serve in Senate and Academic Affairs Committees
- Chair, Karatina University HIV & AIDS Prevention and Control Unit
- Represent the department in various internal and external Committees, and support the University management on governance activities.
- Undertake teaching and research activities with minimum of two publications per year.
- Perform other duties, which may be assigned by the Vice-chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor or dean of School from time to time.

Responsibilities as a Lecturer from 2019 to date include:

- Undertake academic teaching;
- Supervision of students research projects;
- Clinical teaching and assessment of students;
- Perform other duties, when assigned to me by head of department.

LECTURER, REGINA PACIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FROM 2014 to JULY 2015

- Engaged in Direct BSc and RN-BScN curricula development, teaching, examining and supervising undergraduate nursing students
- Participated on Committees (curriculum and academic) and University-wide activities as required
- Involved in curriculum review of generic BScN curriculum.

LECTURER, KENYA METHODIST UNIVERSITY, JANUARY 2008 – 2014

Meru and Nairobi Campuses

Responsibilities & Key Accomplishments

- Engaged in Direct BSc and RN-BScN curricula development, teaching, examining and supervising undergraduate nursing students at Meru and Nairobi campuses
- Reviewed curriculum for RN-BScN AMREF
- Undertook research activities as principal investigator and co-investigator
- Participated in Committees (curriculum and academic) and University-wide activities as required
- Co-ordinator of Post graduate Studies, Nursing Department.

Britain: National Health Services Trust Hospitals and Kenya Public Health Services Hospitals

Clinical experiences - Medical-Surgical, Pediatric, Out-patient & Emergency and Maternal-Child Health

PHD & MASTERS SUPERVISION

Since September 2015, I have had opportunity to supervise the following post graduate students at both MSc and PhD levels as shown below:

a) Eight postgraduate students at Master's Degree in Nursing Sciences at Kenya Methodist University (kindly see the attached list):

- Seven of them have graduated, and
- one student deferred (is on-going);

b) On-going supervision: of four (4) PhD students in Mount Kenya University;

c) Ongoing MSc supervision: of five (5) students in Mount Kenya University.

RESEARCHER CONSULTANCY

HIV HOTSPOT MAPPING- FUNDED BY USAID & HRSA

Associate Researcher in the APHIA II program (Eastern and Northern Regions of Kenya) (2010)

- HIV Hotspot Mapping Southern Corridor (funded by USAID & HRSA (2017).
- HIV Hotspots Mapping Research Program (Eastern & Northern Regions of Kenya (funded by APHIA II - 2018)
- **“Beliefs and Attitudes of Acute Care Hospital Nurses towards Patients with HIV/AIDS.”** Thika Level 5 Hospital in collaboration with Dept of Community Health, University of Nairobi (Funded LVCT-Kenya). (2019- 2020)

RESEARCH

- **2013:** Community-based Interventional Study: Effects of Intense community Lay Rape Trauma Counseling among rape survivors - Kenya.
- **2006:** Dissertation research on "Beliefs and Perceptions of Acute care Hospital (Bristol, UK) nurses towards HIV/AIDS patients."
- **2005:** Benchmarked prevention of hospital acquired infections (Bristol University Hospital).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Mwitha B. G.¹, Wanzala P.², Makokha A.¹ Baseline Psycho-Social Health Needs among Rape Survivors: A Community-based Interventional Study in Kenya. *Afr J Health Sci.* 2013; 26:242-247
- Mwitha BG^{1, &}, Makokha A¹, Wanzala P² Baseline Mental Health Outcomes among Parents/guardians of Child Rape Victims: A Community Based Interventional Study in Kenya. *African Journal of Health Sciences*, Volume 25, Number 2, July-September 2013
- Mwitha B. G.¹, Wanzala P.², Makokha A.³ Baseline Mental Health Outcomes among Rape Survivors: A Community-Based Interventional Study in Kenya. *African Journal of Health Sciences*, Vol.27, Number 2, April-June 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

I have had opportunity to attend five International Conferences, in Kenya, and had privilege to present three papers (kindly see attached certificates and programs for presentations):

- ECSACON Conference, Safari Park Hotel, September 2016. Presented a paper on: **Baseline Mental Health Outcomes among the Youth Rape Survivors**: Based on Results from a my “Community–Based Interventional Study in Kenya.”
- 1st Health care International Conference, Kenyatta University, September, 2017. Presented a paper on: **Baseline Mental Health Outcomes among Care Givers of Rape Survivors**: Based on Results from my “Community–Based Interventional Study in Kenya.”
- Global Network of Public Health Nursing Conference, Safari Park Hotel, May 2019. Presented a paper on: **Mental Health Outcomes among the Female Elderly Rape Survivors**: Based on Results from my “Community–Based Interventional Study in Kenya.”
- 2nd African Neonatal Nursing Conference, University of Nairobi – KNH Campus, November 2019. Presented a paper on: **Mental Health Care of a Mother of a Pre-Term Baby**; 14th -15
- 22nd Midwives Annual Scientific Conference, Starbuck Hotel, August 2016. Presented a paper on: **Ante-Natal Care in the Community**; 10th – 12th

AUTHOR OF DISTANCE LEARNING SELF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Distance Learning Self-Instructional materials which are currently in use in Kenya Methodist University.

- Nursing Theories and Professionalism, 2008
- Teaching Methods in Nursing Education, 2009
- HIV and AIDS Lecture Notes, 2009

Current research projects & Studies

- 2021: **Assessment of Determinants of Hospital Acquired Infections among the Elderly Admitted in Acute Care Wards in Wote Level 5 Hospital**. Research Study in collaboration with Wote Hospital. (Proposal accepted for funding by Karolinska Institute Medical School, Faculty of Public Health - Sweden).
- Proposal Stage Collaborative Research Study: **Evaluating the relationship between lax rules in educational institutions in Mathira East, Nyeri County**. 1. Home settings 2. Primary institutions and Tertiary institutions settings.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- BSc Nursing African Scholarships Award through The Dundee University, UK
- MSc Nursing Common Wealth Scholarships Award through The University of the West of England, UK

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION, LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

- Member, National Nurses Association of Kenya

- Registered Member, Nurses and Midwives Council of Britain
- Registered and licensed by Nursing Council of Kenya.

KARATINA UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- Serving in Several committees of Senate including: procurement of Pharmaceuticals committee,
- Examination Irregularity Committee,
- Students Welfare Committee,
- Bench marking of Students accommodation and Catering Committee,
- Library tenders Committee,
- Human Anatomy tender Evaluation Committee.

July 2023: Member Evaluation Committee =EOI for Medical Service Provider

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Senior Pastor, Goshen Revival Church, Thika
- Chairman, Brooks of Live Community Outreach Board, Thika
- Committee Member, Thika Pastors Fellowship
- Committee Member, Kimuchu Community Water Project, Thika
- Secretary General, Migrant Workers Welfare Association
- Member, Karatina University Community Outreach Committee
- Thika Committee Member, National Prayer Movement
- Board member, Goshen Medical College, Thika
- Director, Turkana for Jesus Water Project.
- Chairperson, One - to – One Foundation, Thika (outreach services for prostitutes)

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