

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

### **Chamberlain University**

- Doctor of Nursing Practice – Healthcare Systems Leadership (December 2021)
- Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (December 2018)

### **Lewis University**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (May 2013)

### **Loyola University Chicago**

- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with BioMolecular Emphasis (May 2010)

### **Polska Szkoła Cholewskiego – School of Polish Language Studies**

- Certificate in Polish Language Studies (June 2009)
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Loyola University Chicago (Present)**

*Clinical Assistant Professor – Simulation Faculty*

### **University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)**

*Nursing Faculty – Course Coordinator (Didactic, Laboratory, Clinical)*

### **Chamberlain University**

*Assistant Professor – Faculty, Course and Clinical Director, National Exam Creation Team*

### **Loyola Gottlieb Hospital**

*Registered Nurse – Medical-Surgical/Oncology, Pediatrics, Telemetry, Wound Care Team*

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing**
  - **American Association of Nurse Practitioners** (Member #183364)
  - **Association for Nursing Professional Development**
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## AWARDS AND HONORS

- **DAISY Award Nominee**
  - **Staff Excellence Award**
  - **Best of Nursing – Most Inspirational Nurse** (Finalist)
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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- **NCSBN Exam Development** – Volunteer
  - **Volleyball Coach** – Volunteer (2021 – Present)
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## PUBLICATIONS

Wittenberg, E., Goldsmith, J.V., Maffucci, J., Burt, L., **Szwajnos, E.**, & Lee, H. G. (under review). Competency-Based Education for Teaching the Concept of Communication. Submitted March 25, 2025 to *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

Wittenberg, E., Goldsmith, J.V., Maffucci, J., Burt, L., **Szwajnos, E.**, & Lee, H. G. (under review). A framework for teaching and assessing communication competency in nurse education. Submitted to the National Communication Association annual convention in Denver, CO, November 20-23, 2025.

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## RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Malnutrition Screening to Prevent Pressure Ulcers** (November 2021)  
*Research Project*

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## LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND TRAINING

- **Registered Nurse, Illinois** (License #041.411700)
  - **Master Instruction III** – Chamberlain University
  - **Basic Life Support** – American Heart Association
  - **Certified Nurse Educator (CNE)** – In Progress
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## **LANGUAGES**

- **Polish:** Native or Bilingual Proficiency
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