

Tina C. Switzer MSN, RN, CNL

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Doctorate of Nursing Practice

December 2022

EDUCATION

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Master of Science, Nursing, May 2018

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with Distinction, 1992

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Nurse Licensure

State of Virginia (and Reciprocal states), current, June 1992-April 2022

Certification

Clinical Nurse Leader, certified May 2018

Certification

Basic Cardiac Life Support, current

Certification

Chronic Disease Self-Management Leader, completed 12/14/18

Certification

Mental Health First Aid

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UPCARE Partnership Liaison

James Madison School of Nursing *current from August 2018*

Create, as part of the UPCARE grant team, primary care student education opportunities in Page County clinical sites.

Family Support Specialist

Healthy Families Page County, Stanley VA *2016-2019*

Home visitation and education for at risk families in Page County offering support and community referrals, as well precepting university students (undergraduate and graduate).

Primary Care RN Navigator

Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, VA *current from April 2015*

Assist in assessing quarterly patient quality bundles for wellness, hypertension and diabetes

Educate providers on better meeting quality metric goals

Meet with patients in person or via telephone to assist them in understanding and meeting preventive health care needs

Gain experience in EMR data mining

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Electronic Medical Record Abstractor

Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, VA 5/14-4/15

Abstracted patient chart data to new electronic medical record and gained expertise in EMR data mining.

Medical Staff Nurse

Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, VA 2/14-5/14

Acute care and skilled nursing care at a 25 bed, rural Critical Access Hospital

Night Shift Charge Nurse/House Supervisor

Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, VA 9/97-11/98

Night shift house supervisor and charge nurse for Med/Surg, skilled, PCU and ED units.

Charge Nurse, Clinician II

University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA 6/93-7/97

Cardiac Critical Care

Functioned as a charge nurse and staff nurse on a 21-bed neurosurgery, ENT, and ophthalmology unit at a large teaching hospital.

Provided individualized care for brain and spine surgery, injury and infection patients. Trained for and assisted in combining with the ENT and ophthalmology units, and expanding care to ENT head and neck surgeries, and eye surgeries and injuries Assumed responsibility for orienting and training student nurses and nurse orientees.

Assisted in creating a new pituitary surgery/neuroendocrine unit and a ventilator dependent spinal cord step-down unit.

Expertise in patient and family education and self-care for radical neck dissections, brain injuries, new spinal cord injuries, neuroendocrine management, postoperative care, and medication management.

Staff Nurse, Clinical Nurse I

University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA 5/92-6/93

Provided nursing care on a 21-bed neurosurgery unit at large teaching hospital.

Nurse Extern

University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, VA 5/91-5/92

Provided patient care with licensed nursing preceptorship on 2 neurosurgery/neurology units at a large teaching hospital.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Lifecare Center Nursing Home, New Market, VA 6/88-6/90

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Publications and Professional Presentations

Publication

Switzer, T., Sawin, E. M., Eaton, M., Switzer, D., Lam, C., Robinson, J., & Elkins, D. (2021). Implementing enhanced primary care registered nurse reimbursement in rural health clinics: A policy analysis. *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice*, 152715442110119.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/15271544211011989>

James Madison University Doctorate of Nursing Practice Scholarly Project

Switzer, T, Corey, J. (2022). *Registered Nurse-Led Annual Wellness Visits in Rural Health Clinics: A Program Evaluation of a New Role.*

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nurses

Switzer, T, Dolewski, B. (2022). *Creation of a Telehealth Originating Site Program to Increase Access to Specialty Care in Rural Health Clinics.*

American Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses Conference. Las Vegas, NV

American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nurses

Switzer, T, Sawin, E. M., Lam, C, Robinson, J, Elkins, D, Eaton, M. (2022). *Preparing Nursing Students for Enhanced Roles in Primary Care: The Importance of Academic-Practice Partnerships.*

American Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses Conference. Las Vegas, NV

National Rural Health Association

Switzer, T, Switzer, D. (2021). *Registered Nurse Reimbursement in Rural Health Clinics - A Policy Analysis.* National Rural Health Clinic Conference. Virtual

American Public Health Association

Robinson, J., Sawin, E. M., Lam, C., Elkins, D., Eaton, M., Switzer, T., Skillman, A., & Gillenwater, T. (2021). *Strengthening Academic Practice Partnerships to Address Older Adult Connectedness in a Rural Community.* American Public Health Association Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

American Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses

Switzer, T. Sawin, E.M.S., Skillman, A., Gillenwater, T. (2021). *Demonstrating the Value and Sustainability of the Enhanced Primary Care Registered Nurse Role in Federally Designated Rural Health Clinics: A QI Project.* American Association of Ambulatory Care Nurses Annual Conference. Virtual

Association of Community Health Nurse Educators

Switzer, T., Sawin, E. (2021). *Nursing Student Rural Home Visits: A*

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Collaborative Primary Care Educational and Outreach Initiative.
Association of Community Health Nurse Educators Annual Institute.
Virtual.

National Rural Health Association

Switzer, T. and Switzer, D. (2020). Rural Primary Care Registered Nurses: Quality and Revenue Meet. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. Virtual.

American Public Health Association

Sawin, E.M.S., Lam, C., Robinson, J., Harnage, J., Sanford, J., Switzer, T., Skillman, A. (2019) Pearls and Pitfalls: The Enhanced Primary Care RN Role: Role Creation through Academic/ Practice Partnership in Rural Health Clinics. APHA Annual Meeting and Expo. Philadelphia, PA.

Sigma Theta Tau Omega Zeta Research Day

Sawin, E. M. S., Robinson, J., Lam, C., Harnage, J., Switzer, T., & Skillman, A. (2019). Rural Health in Virginia: Disparities, Dilemmas, and Overview of a JMU School of Nursing Solution. Sigma Theta Tau Omega Zeta Research Day. Harrisonburg, VA.

HRSA Rural Face to Face Sharing

Switzer, T, (2019). The Rural Primary Care RN: The Process and Challenges of Creating a Professional Role Where It Does Not Exist. HRSA Rural Face to Face. Rockville MD.

Non-Healthcare PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Owner and Manager of Switz-Mix Records

Switz-Mix Records, LLC, Luray, VA Current from April 2015
Created and operating a new, small, retail business in Luray VA, while gaining skills in business planning and management, budgeting, spreadsheet maintenance, community networking and marketing, and maintaining customer satisfaction.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Healthy Families Page County Advisory Board, current from 2004: Served as Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair, and current Treasurer, created 2 fundraising events and organized multiple Blue Ribbon/Pinwheel child abuse prevention awareness and letter writing campaigns.
- Page Public Library Board of Trustees, 2014-2018
- Page Public Library Children's Story Time Director and Volunteer, 2007-2015
- Volunteer at Luray Elementary School, 2005-2015
- Event Organizer for children's literacy primary care program launch, February 2012
- Community theater volunteer and performer, current from 2004
- Page Free Clinic Volunteer and Every Woman's Life Program

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Creator/ Navigator, current from 2017

- Remote Area Medical Clinic local organizing committee member and volunteer, current from 2021
- Rural Engagement and Capacity-building Hub (REACH) Committee member, current from 2020
- Virginia Rural Health Association Board member, current from 2023