

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: Melanie P. Fant, PhD, BSN, RN

EDUCATION:

Undergraduate:

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, August 2006-May2010, BSN, May 13, 2010

Graduate/Professional School:

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Memphis, August 2019-December 2023, PhD, December 12, 2023

HONORS/AWARDS:

Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) Scholar, 2021

CERTIFICATIONS:

- American Heart Association BLS Provider, May 2023, Active
- American Heart Association BLS Instructor, May 2023, Active
- American Heart Association ACLS Provider, July 2012, Inactive
- American Academy of Pediatrics NRP, September 2012, Inactive

LICENSURE:

- Registered Nurse, Tennessee/Multistate License, 177312, Issued 07/01/2010, Active
- Registered Nurse, California License, 95033231, Issued 07/01/2014, Inactive

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

- Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses, 2021-present
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, 2022

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS:

<b>University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing, Memphis, TN</b>	
April 2024-Present	Assistant Professor
May 2023-December 2023	Adjunct/Special Pay Faculty Reproductive Health Clinical
May 2021-May 2022	Adjunct/Special Pay Faculty Reproductive Health Clinical
May 2021-April 2024	Assistant Professor, Volunteer Faculty

PRACTICE/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Clinical Nurse Educator	2019- 2024	Methodist Le Bonheur
Labor & Delivery Charge Nurse	2011-2019	Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
Complex Pharmacy/	2015-2019	Sedgwick Claims Management

Case Management Nurse Contract-Labor & Delivery Registered Nurse	2014	St. Joseph's Medical Center
Contract-Labor & Delivery Registered Nurse	2014 2010-2011	UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center Registered Nurse Baptist Memorial Hospital - Desoto

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Senior Clinical Nurse Educator	2019-2024	Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare- Physician Enterprise Outpatient Clinics
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**COMMITTEES AND OFFICES HELD:**

PhD Student Representative	2021-2022	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing
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**RESEARCH AND OTHER EXTERNAL SUPPORT:**

NIH-Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award-NRSA F31 (application submitted but not awarded-2021) for PA21-252 grant entitled, *Mothers' Perceptions of Care and Communication During Re-Hospitalization for an Acute Postpartum Hypertensive Crisis: A Mixed-Method Study*, \$30,000 requested, Principal Investigator

**BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

1. Fant, M. (2023). *The exploration of perceptions of patient-clinician communication in black mothers diagnosed with an acute post-partum hypertensive crisis*. ProQuest. <https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/exploration-perceptions-patient-clinician/docview/2882245422/se-2>.

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:**

1. Fant, M., Rhoads, S., & Carroll, L. (submitted). Amplifying the voice of black others diagnosed with hypertension after birth regarding patient-clinician communication: Qualitative interview techniques. *The American Journal of Qualitative Research*.
2. Tucker, J. A., Waller, M., Rhoads, S., Fant, M., & Fouquier, M. (in press 2024). Labor support during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. *The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing*.
3. Fant M., Rhoads, S., & Tucker, J. (2023). Recognizing early warning signs of acute hypertensive crisis of the postpartum mother: An important role for neonatal

nurses. *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing*, 42(5), 284-290.  
<https://www.doi.org/10.1891/NN-2022-0060>

#### RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

##### Peer-Reviewed Presentations:

1. Fant, M. (accepted for June 7-11, 2024). *Perceptions of patient-clinician communication in black mothers with hypertension: A mixed-method study* [Poster presentation]. AWHONN Convention, Phoenix, AZ.
2. Fant, M., Carroll, L., & Rhoads, S. J. (2023, May 16-19). *Lessons learned in interviewing vulnerable populations to ensure their voice is heard: Amplifying the voice of black mothers diagnosed with hypertension after birth regarding patient-provider communication* [Panel presentation]. 19th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champagne, IL.

##### Invited Presentations

1. Fant, M. (2023, January 24). *The exploration of perceptions of patient-clinician communication in black mothers diagnosed with an acute post-partum hypertensive crisis* [Invited presentation]. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences PowerHour, Virtual.
2. Fant, M. (2024, January 23). *The exploration of perceptions of patient-clinician communication in black mothers diagnosed with an acute post-partum hypertensive crisis* [Invited presentation]. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences PowerHour, Virtual.