

## **Summary**

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Alohikai Wellness Hawaii, LLC, a nurse practitioner owned healthcare company that provides aesthetics, intravenous hydration, and healthcare services. Through Alohikai Wellness, I currently also provide services as a nurse practitioner at Hawai'i Health, Harm, and Reduction Center (H3RC) working in the clinic setting serving the LGBTQ+ population and working in the community setting on the street medicine outreach team facilitating medical care, testing, and treatment of the houseless population.

Currently serving as an Assistant Professor and Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty Program Coordinator at Hawaii Pacific University School of Nursing.

Recently served as the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program Director, Assistant Professor, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-PCNP) Program Coordinator and APRN Clinical Course Faculty Coordinator in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Board Certified Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Emergency Nurse Practitioner with over 23 years of nursing experience, 15 of which have been working in adult and pediatric emergency departments. My experience offers a rich knowledge of diverse patient care and medical management. Graduate from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Emergency Nurse Practitioner program in May of 2017, focusing on adult-gerontology acute care and family practice with a specific concentration in emergency medicine. Graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice program in 2019 with a focus of trauma in global health. My scholarship interests include emergency and trauma medicine, point of care ultrasound, global health, care of the LGBTQ+ population, pediatrics, and continuing education.

Co-founder and Board Chairperson of Aikāne 'Ohana, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves as the fiscal sponsor for various LGBTQ adult recreational sports leagues, clubs, and organizations that provides fiscal oversight, services, and league support, recommendations, and feedback.

## **Education**

### **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

**8/2017- 8/2019**

Emergency Medicine, Global Health

Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing, Nashville, TN

- DNP Project Title: Development and Implementation of a Trauma Team Process Education Programme at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation in Georgetown, Guyana
- Completed credit hours required for certified nurse educators

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**8/2014 – 5/2017**

Emergency Nurse Practitioner

Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing, Nashville, TN

- Participated in the AG-ANCP and FNP programs with an ENP focus, preparing the student to sit for the AG-ACNP, FNP, and ENP certification boards.
- Initiated and created a free online utilization resource aimed at providing practitioners with evidenced-

based resources, documentation references, and scholarly articles on the care of dermatological conditions in the emergency department setting.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**8/2011 – 12/2013**

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

- CCNE and ACEN accredited nursing program dedicated to the education of the nursing student at the baccalaureate level.

**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**2/2007-2/2009**

Excelsior College, Albany, NY

- ACEN and NLN accredited nursing program dedicated to the education of the nursing student as a registered nurse.

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE**

**08/1998 – 10/1999**

Tucker Area Vocational Technical Center, Marion, IN

- Local nursing program dedicate to the education and certification of nursing students in basic nursing skills and assessment to assist the registered nurse in the care and treatment of the long-term care or hospitalized patient

**Employment History**

**Founder and Chief Executive Officer**

**Adult and Family Nurse Practitioner**

02/2023-Present

Alohikai Wellness Hawai'i, LLC, Honolulu, HI

- Nurse practitioner owned contracted healthcare company that provides aesthetics, intravenous hydration, and provides services as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in a community setting serving the Honolulu community including the LGBTQ and homeless at Hawaii Health, Harm, and Reduction Center (H3RC).
- Within H3RC serves as Program Director and sole provider of a collaborative joint Department of Health and Hawaii Health, Harm, and Reduction Center program initiating STI testing and treatment, specifically testing for Syphilis, for the street medicine homeless outreach program.
- Nurse Practitioner who works collaboratively with other APRN's, community and hospital providers and ancillary services, sexual health navigators, state homeless outreach program (SHOP), case management, youth outreach, and more.
- Responsibilities included patient assessment, diagnostic testing by ordering and interpretation including labs, x-rays, medication ordering, patient education, disposition, and discharge resource planning. Care coordination included applying diagnostic, admission, and discharge criteria to patient history and presentation.
- Routine procedures included but not limited to: Advanced wound care, I&D of skin abscesses, phlebotomy, and STI specimen collection.

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator**

**Assistant Professor**

Hawai'i Pacific University

School of Nursing

12/2022-Present

Hawai'i Pacific University, Honolulu, HI

- Serve as assistant professor providing didactic education within the undergraduate program. Serves within committees dedicated to course development and educational objectives for students aimed at delivering evidence-based patient care and abiding by current research. As AG-

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ACNP program coordinator, provides academic advising and counseling to students enrolled in the AG-ACNP program. Serves within several committees and taskforces dedicated to course development and educational objectives for students aimed at delivering evidence-based patient care and abiding by current research. Ensures program curriculum is consistent with national standards/trends in compliance with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Doctoral-Level competencies and domains, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) competencies, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation standards, tracking, and feedback.

**Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Director**

**Assistant Professor**

**DNP Project Coordinator**

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator**

**APRN Clinical Course Series Faculty Coordinator**

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing

8/2020-2/2023

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

- Serve as Director for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program with FNP/AG-PCNP focus tracks. As DNP program director, provides academic advising and counseling to students enrolled in the DNP program. Serves and represents the DNP Program on several academic committees, taskforces, and administrative duties dedicated to course development, curricular design enhancement, innovation, organization, and evaluation. Provides leadership and direction for the program educational content, delivery, and provision of student support and monitors national trends in DNP education, and ensures program curriculum is consistent with national standards/trends in compliance with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Doctoral-Level competencies and domains, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) competencies, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation standards, tracking, and feedback. Ensures program activity is aligned with the SONDH Strategic Plan and school initiatives for student recruitment, admission, progression, and graduation. Initiates and helps sustain students and faculty through the integrative DNP Project series maintaining rigor, robustness, and integrity while promoting practice and project success. Promotes the DNP program and SONDH through student admissions process, community partnerships, student recruitment, and community activities by serving as an ambassador for the program.

**Assistant Professor**

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program Coordinator APRN**

**Clinical Course Series Faculty Coordinator**

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing

1/2020-2/2023

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

- Serve as assistant professor providing didactic and simulation education within the DNP program with FNP/AG-PCNP focus tracks. As AG-PCNP program coordinator, provides academic advising and counseling to students enrolled in the AG-PCNP program. Serves within several committees and taskforces dedicated to course development and educational objectives for students aimed at delivering evidence-based patient care and abiding by current research.
- As APRN Clinical Course Faculty Coordinator, oversees and manages all practicum courses and associated clinical faculty aimed at providing rich and diverse clinical experiences for students to gain insight, practice essentials, evidenced-based care

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and professionalism development in compliance with the AACN Advanced Practice  
Registered Nurse Doctoral-Level Competencies.

**Lecturer of Nursing- Adjunct Faculty**

Maryville University School of Nursing

12/2019- 07/2021

Maryville University, St. Louis, MO

- Serve as adjunct lecturer and academic instructor within the Adult-Gerontology Acute-Care Nurse with focus in the advising and evaluation of students and their academic performance.

**Faculty Instructor, Barkley & Associates**

11/2019-05/2022

Barkley & Associates, Los Angeles, CA

- Serve as lecturer and clinical skills instructor within the Emergency Nurse Practitioner Board Review and advanced procedural skills lab performance courses.

**Lecturer of Nursing**

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

1/2019-5/2020

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- Serve as lecturer, clinical and procedural lab instructor, and peer-mentor to students enrolled within the VUMC Nurse Practitioner programs.

**Emergency Nurse Practitioner**

**Adult Emergency Department**

1/2019-1/2020

Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in a Level 1 trauma academic medical center adult emergency department. Served as an emergency department medical provider responsible for the overall care coordination, management, treatment and disposition of patients along the lifespan continuum. The Adult ED evaluates and treats over 100,000 patients per year.
- Nurse Practitioner who worked collaboratively with ED staff including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, hospital staff, and specialists to assess and manage patients of all ages with various medical chief complaints and traumatic injuries, including patients meeting leveled trauma activation criteria.
- Responsibilities included patient assessment, diagnostic testing by ordering and interpretation including labs, x-rays, and 12 lead EKGs, diagnostic testing and diagnosis using Point of Care Bedside Ultrasound, medication ordering, patient education, disposition, and discharge resource planning. Care coordination included applying diagnostic, admission, and discharge criteria to patient history and presentation.
- Routine procedures included but not limited to: Utilizing bedside ultrasound for diagnostics, Ultrasound guided procedures including paracentesis and thoracentesis, simple and complex wound repair, simple fracture and dislocation reduction and splinting, I&D of skin abscesses, advanced airway management, lumbar punctures, and administration of conscious sedation.

Served as faculty lecturer, clinical instructor, and student mentor as part of the VUMC Global Health Emergency Nurse Residency Programme at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation in Georgetown, Guyana (2019-2020)

**Emergency Nurse Practitioner  
Emergency Department**

11/2017-12/2018

EmCare: Horizon Medical Center, Dickson, TN

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in a level 3 trauma community medical center emergency department. Served as an emergency department medical provider responsible for the overall care coordination, management, treatment and disposition of patients along the lifespan continuum.
- Nurse Practitioner who worked collaboratively with ED staff including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, hospital staff, and specialists to assess and manage
- patients of all ages, with various medical chief complaints and traumatic injuries, including patients meeting trauma activation criteria.
- Responsibilities include patient assessment, diagnostic testing by ordering and interpretation including labs, x-rays, and 12 lead EKG's, medication ordering, patient education, disposition, and discharge resource planning. Care coordination includes applying diagnostic, admission, and discharge criteria to patient history and presentation.
- Routine procedures include but not limited to: simple and complex wound repair, simple fracture and dislocation reduction and splinting, I&D of skin abscesses, advanced airway management, lumbar punctures, and administration of conscious sedation.

**Registered Nurse  
Pediatric Emergency Department**

4/2010-10/2017

Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN

- Employed as a Registered Nurse at a Level 1 Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center (CRPC) responsible for the care and treatment of critically ill and trauma injured pediatric patients and their families. The ED evaluates and treats over 60,000 children per year.
- Created and chaired a Preceptor Committee to streamline the on-boarding, education and resources for new and existing RN's, Paramedic's, and Care Partner's.
- Assisted in coordination and development of a Specialized Trauma and Critical Care education team. Responsible for creating and providing education, resources, and care practice updates to the emergency department staff.
- Created and chaired a Pediatric Emergency Department Unit Board. Dedicated as a leadership program to assist staff with development, improving scheduling requirements, and suggesting clinical unit improvements.
- Participated in a staff retention committee dedicated to improving employee engagement, reduce turnover, retain current staff, and recognize staff excellence.
- Advanced the nursing clinical ladder from level 2 to level 4.
- Appointed to Frontline Leadership Academy and successfully implemented a coordinated project with the MCJCH pharmacy to decrease waste, cost, and medication errors.
- Unit Charge Nurse responsible for patient flow, prioritizing staff, physician and patient care, and providing a resource for daily unit operations.

**Registered Nurse,  
Trauma Intensive Care Unit (Job-Share Program with MCJCH)**

7/2012-8/2013

Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN

- Registered Nurse employed in a Level 1 Trauma ICU responsible for the care of the critically ill adult trauma patient and their family. Responsibilities include care coordination of the trauma patient including high-level resuscitation, on-going care, and rehabilitation.

- Assisted to establish an RN job-share program to promote employee growth and retention by allowing cross-training of nursing staff between nursing units.

**Registered Nurse**

**Adult Emergency Department (Job-Share Program with MCJCH)**

6/2014-5/2015

Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN

- Employed as a Registered Nurse in a Level 1 Trauma Center Emergency Department responsible for the care and treatment of the critically ill and trauma injured adult patient and their families. The Adult ED evaluates and treats over 100,000 patients per year.
- Assisted to establish an RN job-share program to promote employee growth and retention by allowing cross-training of nursing staff between nursing units.

**Registered Nurse,**

**Emergency Department, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Critical Care Unit**

3/2005-4/2010

Hendersonville Medical Center, Hendersonville, TN

- Employed as a Registered Nurse in a 150-bed community hospital responsible for the care coordination and treatment of the adult patient and their families in the Emergency Department, Critical Care Unit, and Cardiac Catheterization Lab settings.
- Implemented and chaired an Employee Advisory Group responsible for providing a program for employee retention, recognition, and staff idea implementation aimed at improving workplace engagement.

**Licensed Practical Nurse**

**Telemetry Unit**

5/2004-3/2005

Aventura Medical Center, Miami, FL

- Employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse in a 407-bed community hospital responsible for care coordination and rehabilitation of the inpatient cardiac care patient and their families.
- Participated in staff relief and in the re-implementation of the EHR after loss of EHR functionality that occurred during Hurricane Wilma.

**Licensed Practical Nurse**

**Float Nurse**

4/2001-5/2004

All About Staffing, Nashville, TN

- Employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse working as a supplemental for staffing shortages in the HCA Hospitals serving the greater Nashville area. Areas supplemented include community hospital Emergency Department, Intensive Care, Telemetry, and Med/Surg units.
- Assisted in providing care to the hospitalized patient in various in-patient settings including care coordination, treatment management, and patient advocating.

**Licensed Practical Nurse**

12/1999-4/2001

Vernon Manor Children's Home, Wabash, IN

- Employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse responsible for the care coordination of the disabled pediatric patient in the long-term care setting. Provided treatments, activities, and medical services for patients and their families.
- Coordinated care of physically and mentally delayed pediatric patients with specialized medical needs and treatments.

**Certified Nursing Assistant**

09/1998-12/1999

Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, La Fontaine, IN

- Employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant responsible for the care coordination of the geriatric patient in the long-term care setting. Provided treatments, activities, and medical services for patients and their families.
- Implemented care of physically and mentally impaired geriatric patients with specialized medical needs and treatments.

**Publications**

**Ramirez, R.** (2021). Sexual and Gender Minority Patients in the Emergency Department. In R. S. Holleran & T. M. Campo (Eds.), *Emergency nurse practitioner core curriculum* (1st ed., pp. 636-640). Springer Publishing Company.

**Ramirez, R.,** Cook, C.J., Van Meter J. (2021). Development and Implementation of a Trauma Team Education Program in Georgetown, Guyana. *The Nurse Practitioner Journal* Vol 76 (No.7), p 46-55.

Szlam, S., Dejonavich, B., **Ramirez, R.** et al. (2012). Congenital Heart Disease: Complications Before and after Surgical Repair. *Clinical Pediatric Emergency Medicine*, Vol 13 (No. 2), p 65-81.

Guest Lecturer Presentations

**Ramirez, R.** (2021) LGBTQI Care in the Emergency Department. National Conference Speaker Invitee. *Emergencies in Medicine National Conference*.

**Ramirez, R.** (2021). LGBTQI Care in the Emergency Department. Education Webinar Series, American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners.

**Ramirez, R.,** Cook, C.J., Van Meter, J. (2021). Development and Implementation of a Trauma Team Education Program in Georgetown, Guyana. Podium, Guyana National Scientific Conference, Georgetown, Guyana, South America, 2021.

**Ramirez, R.** (2019). Guest speaker and instructor to advanced practice emergency nurse practitioners on ultrasound guided lumbar punctures and thoracentesis in the emergency department setting in coordination with American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners Western Regional Conference.

**Ramirez, R.** (2019). Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis, Bradycardia Rhythms, Neurological Findings and Symptoms in Stroke, The Trauma Team Process and Dynamics. Lectures presented in coordination with the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Global Health Emergency Nurse Residency Programme at Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation in Georgetown, Guyana.

**Ramirez, R.** (2018). Adult and Pediatric Emergency Department Case Study Vignettes. Lecture presented in coordination with Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN

Invited panel speaker "Recruiting Men in Nursing" (2018) Graduate Nursing Admissions Professionals annual meeting April 2018, in coordination with Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN.

**Ramirez, R.** (2018). Adult and Pediatric Emergency Department Case Study Vignettes. Lecture presented in coordination with Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN.

**Ramirez, R.** (2017). Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis. Lecture presented in coordination with EMS Night Out

lecture series coordinated by the Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center program, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.

**Ramirez, R.** (2016). Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis. Lecture presented in coordination with Regional Paramedic and Emergency Services Education Refresher Series presented by Vanderbilt Medical Center LifeFlight education team, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

**Ramirez, R.** (2016). Pediatric Diabetic Ketoacidosis. Lecture presented in coordination with EMS Night Out lecture series coordinated by the Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center program, Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN.

**Ramirez, R.** (2016). Welcome to the World of Pediatrics. Lecture presented in coordination with Dyersburg State Community College Paramedic Education Program, Dyersburg, TN.

**Licensure and Certifications**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, State of Hawai’i Board of Nursing	exp: 2023
Registered Nurse, State of Hawai’i Board of Nursing	exp: 2023
Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner- Board Certified	exp: 2027
Family Nurse Practitioner- Board Certified	exp: 2027
Emergency Nurse Practitioner- Certified	exp: 2027
Certified Emergency Nurse, BCEN	exp: 2025
Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse, PNCB	exp: 2024
Basic Life Support, AHA	exp: 2025

**Professional Awards**

Hawai’i Association of Professional Nurses Leadership Award	2021
Ho’okele Teaching Award, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa School of Nursing	2021

**Nursing Professional Organizations/Service**

**American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP)** since: 2015

***Service: Hawai’i State Representative (3/2020-present)***

- Serves as the AAENP State representative dedicated to promoting ENP practice, member recruitment, and retention. Ensures scholarly integrity within the AAENP organization and promotes AAENP through community outreach, state member meetings, and exhibitor presentations at local, regional, and national conferences. Represents the State of Hawaii at local, regional, and national AAENP meetings throughout the year by acting as a source of information between members, Regional Directors and the Board of Directors. They act as a resource regarding individual state practice nuances by monitoring regulatory issues within the state, responding to concerns or issues, assisting AAENP to establish relationships with academic and healthcare institutions within the state and by identifying educational opportunities that would be of value to the membership.

***Service: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee-Chairperson (8/2020-12/2022)***

- The AAENP DEI Committee assembles AAENP key members of various ethnicities, genders, and identities to formulate AAENP measures to be culturally sound towards these various human attributes. DEIC members promote social justice within AAENP and among member organizations through making recommendations, educating, and informing the Academy on best practices and



innovative methods to cultivate a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment. The committee will focus on initiatives rooted in social justice frameworks encompassing diversity in all its dimensions.

**Service: ENP Program Validation Committee-Member (3/2020-Present)**

- The ENP Validating/Credentialing/Scope of Practice Committee is charged with supporting the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) with ongoing ENP exam development and maintenance. The committee is responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and maintaining guideline development and disseminating the Scope of Practice and Standards, Practice Standards (Competencies) and the ENP Core Curriculum. The committee also continually collaborates with other organizations to disseminate findings to AAENP membership and external organizations to support and advance ENP practice.

**Service: Education Committee- Member (1/2021- Present)**

- The Education Committee is responsible for evaluating activities and programs related to training, continuing education, and academic education, both graduate and undergraduate. These responsibilities include recommendations on programs, education policy, and curricula in areas relevant to advanced practice nursing.

**American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**

since: 2017

**Service: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Network (12/2020-Present)**

- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group (DEIG) serves as a convening body to unite expertise, experience and guidance for academic nursing in Leading Across Differences.
- Consisting of representatives from all AACN member schools of nursing, this group will bring expertise, knowledge, and experience in advancing innovative approaches to enhancing diversity and inclusion in academic nursing and the nursing workforce. As a collective entity, DEIG will advance initiatives that facilitate diversity and inclusion.

**National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty**

since: 2020

**Service:**

*Diversity Special Interest Group- Member (8/2021- Present)*

*Determinants of Health Special Interest Group-Member (8/2021-Present)*

*Emergency Nurse Practitioner Special Interest Group-Member (8/2021- Present)*

*Program Directors Special Interest Group-Member (8/2021-Present)*

**Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)**

since: 2020

**Service: Education Committee-Chair (3/2021-present)**

- The Education Committee is charged with supporting HAPN in the ongoing advanced practice continuing education development and maintenance. The committee is responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and maintaining educational development related to APRN scope of practice, practice standards (Competencies) and continuing education efforts across the APRN continuum. The committee also continually collaborates with the board of directors, other committees, and local/regional/national organizations in order to plan and coordinate educational opportunities to HAPN membership to support and advance APRN practice.

**Service: Board of Director- At Large (6/2020-present)**

- The Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses is an organization for Hawaii's Registered Nurses, APRNs and Advanced Degree Nurses of all specialties, including Nurse Researchers, and Advanced Degree Nursing Students. The Board of Directors are the ensure all portions of the organization operate within the organizations bylaws and is focused on the recruitment and retention of advanced practice nurses, their education and organizational direction in association with the organization's President and President-Elect

**Hawaii State Center for Nursing**

since: 2020

**Service: HSCN Research Steering Committee-Member (10/2021- Present)**

- The RSC provides counsel and guidance on how the Center approaches the collection and dissemination of nursing workforce data for the state. Representatives from education, industry, and workforce development provide input and have a tangible impact on how the committee collects and disseminate workforce data.

**Service: APRN Practice and Policy Taskforce- Member (4/2020-Present)**

- The APRN Policy and Practice Task Force is comprised of APRNs (CNM, CNP, CNM, CNRA) across the state and across all settings of care who work collaboratively with the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. To address professional issues relating to APRNs (including, but not limited to, compliance with national licensing, accreditation, certification, and education requirements; practice barriers, assessing the need for statutory and administrative rule amendment.

**Sigma Theta Tau:**

- Gamm Psi-At-Large Chapter
- Service: UH Manoa Nursing Sigma Taskforce-Member

since: 2017  
since: 2020  
(8/2021-3/2023)

- Emergency Nurses Association**
- American Nurses Association**
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners**
- American Assembly for Men in Nursing**
- Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education**

since: 2012  
since: 2017  
since: 2018  
since: 2019  
since: 2020

**Community Volunteer Activities:**

**Hawai'i LGBT Legacy Foundation**

since: 2023

**Service: Board Secretary/Executive Committee (1/2023-present)**

- Serves as the HLLF Board Secretary dedicated to promoting LGBT inclusivity and advocacy by creating programs and assisting various committees in the recruitment and retention of LGBT community members and activist.
- Ensures integrity within the HLLF organization and promotes HLLF through community outreach, board of director meetings, board secretarial responsibilities including organization, meeting facilitation and scheduling, HLLF center activities, and exhibitor presentations at local, regional, and national conferences.
- Represents the HLLF at local, regional, and national meetings throughout the year by acting as a resource and representative of information between community partners, sponsors, and the Board of Directors. Provides resources regarding regulatory issues within the state, responding to concerns or issues, assisting HLLF to establish relationships with community partners and sponsors by identifying educational opportunities that would be of value to the membership.

**Aikāne 'Ohana**

since: 2022

**Service: Co-founder and Board Chairperson (7/2022-present)**

- Serves as the Aikāne 'Ohana co-founder and Board Chairperson dedicated to promoting LGBTQ+ inclusivity and advocacy by creating partnerships and fiscal responsibility and representation to several LGBTQ+ adult recreational sports leagues within Hawaii which advocates for the recruitment and retention of LGBT community members and activists.
- Ensures integrity within the AO organization and promotes AO through community outreach, board of director meetings, board chairperson responsibilities including organization, meeting facilitation and scheduling, sponsors and grant attainment, sports related activities, and exhibitor presentations at local, regional, and national meeting.
- Represents AO by acting as a resource and representative of information between community partners,

sponsors, and the Board of Directors.

- Provides resources regarding regulatory issues within the state, responding to concerns or issues, assisting AO to establish relationships with community partners, sports leagues, and sponsors by identifying fiscal opportunities that would be of value to the membership.

### **Hawai'i Gay Kickball League**

since: 2021

***Service: Hawai'i Gay Kickball League Commissioner (5/2022-present)***

***Service: Hawai'i Gay Kickball League Board of Directors (8/2021-5/2022)***

- Serves as the Hawai'i Gay Kickball League Commissioner dedicated to promoting LGBTQ+ inclusivity and advocacy by creating inclusive, safe, and enjoyable atmosphere for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and the LGBTQ+ friendly community.
- Our kickball league fosters sportsmanship, friendly competition, and community building through the sport of kickball. The League provides representation and advocates for the recruitment and retention of LGBT community members and activists.
- As commissioner, ensures integrity within the HIGKL organization and promotes HIGKL through community outreach, board of director meetings, commissioner responsibilities including organization, meeting facilitation and scheduling, sponsors attainment, sports related activities, and exhibitor presentations at local, regional, and national meeting.
- Represents HIGKL by acting as a resource and representative of information between community partners, sponsors, and the Board of Directors.
- Oversees the actions of the Board of Directors, the League, and the newly formed LGBTQ+ Scholarship Fund supporting LGBTQ+ youth.