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What motivated you to become a gerontological nurse educator?

I have always had a LOVE for the older adult population, even as a young child. In various clinical settings, I did not see many gerontological nurse educators and wanted to be an advocate. Being certified as a gerontological nurse (RN-BC) through ANCC and as a NHCNGNE gerontological nurse educator highlights my commitment in serving and meeting the needs of older adults with and without cancer.

Favorite experience as a gerontological nurse expert educator?

When students have an "aha" moment from what they learned in class and experienced in the clinical or home setting.

Who is a key person who supported you in becoming a gerontological nurse educator?

Donald "Chip" Bailey PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor at Duke University School of Nursing strongly encouraged me to seek a PhD while I was working as a Clinical Instructor (2006-2013) in the stand alone gerontological nursing course. His support and my passion of care of older adults led me to submit an application for the gerontological nurse educator.

Where would you like to see gerontological nursing education to be at in 5 years?

My hope is that all nursing students and nurses across programs have exposure to content of caring for the older adult and their family.

Key words of wisdom for those nurses interested in becoming a distinguished educator in gerontological nursing education?

Share your stories and provide specific examples.



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About Ashley

Dr. Bryant is an expert in care of adults with acute leukemia. Her program of research focuses on improving health related quality of life of the older adult with cancer through physical activity interventions using an interprofessional team approach in the hospital. She also seeks to understand utilization of health services and use of patient reported outcomes in the acute leukemia population. Her educational focus is in oncology and geriatric education, with a focus on mentorship. Dr. Bryant is a member of Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and continues to practice as an oncology nurse in the NC Cancer Hospital. Dr. Bryant received her BSN and MSN-Nursing Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed a Cancer Care Quality Training post-doctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management in 2013. She is dually certified as an oncology and gerontological nurse.