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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Global healthcare and defense leader with over 30 years of combined military, academic, and clinical experience, including 20 years of distinguished active-duty service as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. Proven Advanced Practice Nurse and expeditionary command-and-control leader skilled in aeromedical evacuation, aerospace physiology transport, critical care, emergency and trauma response, hyperbaric and psychiatric medicine, and medical readiness planning. Accomplished in developing and leading advanced simulation and educational programs to enhance Special Operations Forces (SOF) and joint aeromedical readiness. Experienced in CJCS-directed joint exercise planning, C2 evaluation, and multinational collaboration with NATO and allied nations. A dynamic and mission-focused leader recognized for strategic innovation, operational excellence, and advancing global medical readiness through evidence-based practice and team empowerment.

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**EDUCATION****2020**

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)  
Adult Health Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist  
University of Pittsburgh, College of Nursing  
Pittsburgh, PA

**2013**

Masters of Nursing Science (MSN)  
Adult Health Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist w/Disaster Preparedness Minor  
Wright State University, College of Nursing  
Dayton, OH

**2009**

Masters of Military Operational Art & Science (MMOAS)  
Leadership, Joint Warfare & Operational Warfare Nuclear Weapons  
Air Force University, Air Command & Staff College  
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

**1998**

Bachelors of Nursing (BSN)  
Gonzaga University, College of Nursing  
Spokane, WA

**1994**

Associate of Science, Nursing (ADN)  
New Hampshire Technical Institute, Nursing Program  
Concord, NH

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**POSTGRADUATE TRAINING****May 2025**

Post-Masters Certification: Acute Care Gerontology Nurse Practitioner  
University of South Florida, College of Nursing  
Tampa, FL

## **BOARD CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), State of Florida,  
Exp. 07/31/2026 (11002131) Control NO. 44096

American Heart Association, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Instructor  
Exp. 01/31/2027

American Heart Association, Basic Life Support Instructor (BLS), Instructor  
Exp. 01/31/2027

Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (ACNS-BC), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC),  
Exp. 12/12/2028 (Cert # 2013008737)

Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse (CSMRN), Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) Exp.  
10/31/2026 (Cert # 6188315)

Registered Nurse  
Exp. 04/30/2027 (RN9694601)

## **MILITARY SERVICE**

### **1998-2019**

Lieutenant Colonel - Operations Officer (DO), Director of Staff (DS), Chief Flight Nurse (CFN), Expeditionary Chief Nurse (SGN), Wing Executive Officer (XO), Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), & Health Care Integrator (HCI) United States Air Force (Retired & Honorable Discharge)

## **MILITARY EDUCATION**

### **2018**

Trauma Nurse Critical Care Course (TNCC)  
US Naval Base  
Pensacola, FL

### **2013**

Advanced Disaster Life Support (Instructor)  
Fairborn, OH

### **2013**

Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist/Flight Nurse Disaster Preparedness  
Air Force Institute of Technology, Civilian Program  
Dayton, OH

### **2012**

Basic Disaster Life Support  
Fairborn, OH

### **2007**

Critical Care Air Transport Course  
Brooks City Air Base, TX

### **2007**

Transport Nurse Advanced Trauma Course  
Bayside Trauma Center  
St. Petersburg, FL

### **2002**

Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape  
Brooks City Air Base, TX

**2002**

Flight Nurse School of Aerospace Medicine  
Brooks City Air Base, TX

**1999**

Hyperbaric Diver Training  
Travis AFB, CA

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****2024 – Present**

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), Instructor I  
University of South Florida, College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

**2023 - Present**

Federal Officer/Intermittent Team Member, Nurse  
Florida 3 - Disaster Medical Assistant Team (FL-3DMAT)  
National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)

**2025 – Present**

Adjunct Instructor  
St. Petersburg, College of Nursing, Tampa, FL

**2023 - 2025**

Visiting Instructor  
University of South Florida, College of Nursing, Tampa, FL

**2021 – 2025**

Adjunct Instructor  
University of Tampa, College of Nursing, Tampa, FL

**2021 – 2022**

Instructor  
Galen College of Nursing, St Petersburg, FL

**2021 – 2022**

Flight Nurse  
Air Ambulance Worldwide, St Petersburg, FL

**2020 – 2022**

Instructor  
Rasmussen College, College of Nursing, Tampa, FL

**2019 – 2020**

Clinical Education Specialist/Nurse Residency Coordinator  
AdventHealth, Tampa, FL

**1998 – 2019**

Active-Duty Military Officer  
United States Air Force

**1994 - 1998**

Staff nurse  
Cardiac Critical Care, Ortho/Trauma & Psychiatric units  
Sacred Heart Medical Center

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE****2018 – 2019**

Health Care Integrator/Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Eglin Air Force Base, FL

**2018 - Deployment**

Deployed Chief Nurse/Medical Operations Flight Commander  
Ali Al Salem, Kuwait

**2016 – 2018**

Clinical Nurse Specialist/Director of Operations  
Eglin, AFB

**2015 - Deployment 2015**

Deployed Aeromedical Evacuation Chief  
Joint Air Component Coordination Element, Thailand.

**2013 – 2016**

Clinical Nurse Specialist/Flight Nurse  
Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan.

**2010 – 2011 Deployment**

Deputy Chief, Aeromedical Evacuation Control Team,  
609 Combined Air Operation Center, Al Udeid, AB, Qatar

**2008 – 2011**

Director of Staff & Standards & Evaluations/Plans & Strategy, Flight Commander  
Joint Base, McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

**2007 - 2008**

Critical Care Nurse,  
Langley AFB, VA

**2005 – 2007**

Group Executive Officer  
Element Chief, Flight Medicine  
Langley AFB, VA

**2006 – 2007**

Cardiac Intensive Care Nurse (CICU)  
Riverside Medical Center  
New Port News, VA

**2002 – 2005**

Flight Nurse & Director Expeditionary Operations  
Pharmacy Chief  
Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan.

**2000 – 2002**

Deputy Flight Commander, Medical Readiness  
GI Nurse Manager  
Hyperbaric Diver  
Vice Chairman Bio-Prep  
Inspector General Augmentee  
Travis AFB, CA

**1999 – 2001**

Emergency Department Nurse  
Kaiser Permanente, Vallejo, CA.

**Oct 98 – May 00**

Clinical Nurse, APU,  
Supplemental Hyperbaric Diver  
Travis AFB, CA

**FLIGHT RATING & HOURS**

Rating: Chief Flight Nurse  
Flight hours: 775  
Aircraft flown: C-9, C-5, C-12, C-17, C-130, KC-10, KC-135

**AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

2023 The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty - Quarter Nomination  
2024 The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Educator - Quarter Nomination

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Parda-Watters, S. & Aul, K.:** Enhancing Learning Through Clue Mastery: A Novel Approach to Content Review Games. Jun 2024. Accepted.

**TEACHING**

Nursing Seminar, NUR4937 - Course Lead – Fall, 2023

*Reorganized the course to incorporate critical and creative design thinking (CCT&D) principles.*

Pat Center Care Ess Nur Pract NUR3026 - Instructor, 2023

*Combine Socratic questioning and gaming methods to stimulate higher-order thinking skills*

Psychiatric Mental Health Nur, NUR 4535 – Instructor – Spring, 2024

*Facilitate concepts through Socratic methods and use gaming concepts to enhance exam reviews*

Intro to Nursing Profession, NUR 3825- Instructor- Spring & Summer, 2024

*Introduced A.I. technology emphasizing evidence-based research and avoiding sole reliance on A.I.*

Intro to Mil & Vet Health, NSP3640 -On-line Theory Co-Instructor-Summer, 2023

*Facilitated comprehension of new material through online discussions and quizzes*

Preceptorship, NUR4948L - Co-coordinator – Summer, 2023

*Redesigned the nursing process worksheet for application of the Clinical Judgment Measurement Model (CJMM) into clinical practice*

Preceptorship, NUR 4948L - Clinical Instructor – Summer, 2023

Preceptorship SIM, NUR 4948L- Instructor- Fall, 2023 & Spring, 2024

*Designed clinical skills escape room using a gaming-style teaching approach to enhance student collaboration and stimulate recall of prior learned knowledge.*

Complex Health Nursing I Lab, NUR 3225L - Instructor – Fall, 2023; Spring, 2024

Health Assessment Wellness Prevention Lab - NUR3066L – Instructor – Fall, 2023; Spring, 2024

*Utilize cognitive modeling concepts to integrate knowledge to skills, to link key clinical concepts.*

Comple Health Nursing II SIM, NUR 4227L – Instructor – Spring, 2024

Psych/mental Health Nursing SIM, NUR 4535L – Instructor – Spring, 2024

## SCHOLARLY WORK

Utilization of State-of-the-Art Cognitive Technologies for Optimal Nursing Skills Acquisition. **Parda-Watters, S. M.**, Jastrzembski-Myers, T., Rossiter, A., & Flores, M: 2024 FNA Research & Evidence-Based Practice Conference. Accepted.

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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mission Onboard, Veterans' Health MIT Hacking Medicine: Schlesinger, M., Davis, S. Joseph, M., Salatin, B., Owens, E., **Parda-Watters, S. M.**, & Bolick, M: 2024 Veterans Health – MIT Hacking Medicine, USF Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.

Optimizing 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron's Interoperability via an Innovative Training Platform: **Parda-Watters, S. M: 2015**, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Airlift/Tanker Association Convention & Technology Exposition & Air Mobility Command A/TA Symposium, Orlando, FL

Developing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for Application to a Cognitive Model: **Parda-Watters, S. M.**, Jastrzembski, T., McCord, J., Boegli, S., Dreher, Terry, S., Conger, J., Pio, B: **2013** TriHealth Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

## PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Optimizing 18th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron's Interoperability via an Innovative Training Platform. **Parda-Watters, S. M: 2015** International Military Airlift Conference, London, Asia Pacific Military Health Exchange, Da Nang, Vietnam.

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## PRACTICE ACTIVITIES/INNOVATIONS

Future Flight Nurse (FFN) Undergraduate Student Organization  
University of South Florida  
Faculty Advisor

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## SERVICE

### ***University of South Florida***

2023 – 2024 DAISY Award Program and Academic Research Collaborative, College of Nursing

### ***University of South Florida***

2023 – 2024 Member, Interprofessional Education Practice Working Group, College of Nursing and Medicine

### ***University of South Florida***

2023 – 2024 Voting Member, Faculty Awards Committee, College of Nursing

### ***University of South Florida***

2023 – 2024 Member, Baccalaureate Curriculum Committee, College of Nursing

### ***University of South Florida***

2023 – 2024 Member, Baccalaureate Admissions and Progression Committee, College of Nursing

### ***Community:***

2024 -2026

Hillsborough County Veterans Advisory Board, **Secretary/ Appointee to Commissioner**, District 1, Tampa, FL

2024 - Present

I Serve 2: Building Capacity for PCOR/CER on Mental Health in Military-Connected Children, **State Ambassador (FL)**

2022 – 2023

Military Women of the Nation, Military Women of Tampa Bay #55, **Secretary**, Tampa, FL

2020 to Present

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), **Mentor**, Tampa, FL

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Florida Nurses Association

Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses (AMSN)

Service-Academics-Leadership-Unity-Tribute-Excellence (SALUTE) Military Honors Society Sigma Theta Tau International & Zeta Phi Eta Honor Societies - Ohio & Pennsylvania Chapters National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist (NACNS)

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### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

#### **2024 – 2026**

Hillsborough County Veterans Advisory Board, Appointee to Commissioner, District 1, Tampa, FL

#### **2024 - Present**

Wreaths Across America, Coordinator, Military Order Of The World Wars, Veterans Memorial Park, Brandon, FL

#### **2023**

Wreaths Across America, Coordinator, Military Women of Tampa Bay #55, Veterans Memorial Park, Brandon, FL

#### **2022 – 2023**

Military Women Across the Nation, Military Women Tampa Bay #55, Secretary, Tampa, FL

#### **2020 to present**

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), **Mentor**, Tampa, FL