

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to our new faculty and staff who recently joined the School of Nursing



Courtney Albers, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC
Assistant Professor, Term

Courtney, a recent graduate of our DNP program joined the faculty of the School of Nursing in January 2023. During her time as a student, Courtney served Student Advisory Council and won numerous community service awards. Courtney will be teaching primarily in psychiatric/mental health as President of the Doctoral courses and will be working as a nurse practitioner at Seven Counties and the Kentucky Racing Health Services Center.



Ashley Durham, MSN-Ed, BSN
Instructor, Term

Ashley Durham joined UofL School of Nursing in 2019 as a part-time clinical instructor. Her experience is in acute and community-based pediatric nursing. In 2021, Ashley expanded her role within the SON as a Cardinal Confidence Coach. In December 2022, Ashley completed her MSN-Ed degree through Northern Kentucky University and joined full-time in January 2023. She continues her role as a Confidence Coach to support Louisville and Owensboro students but has expanded to teach Child Health Nursing and Strategies for Nursing Student Success.



Brett Kendon, CRNA, DNP, CHSE-A
Associate Professor, Term

Dr. Brett Kendon joins the University of Louisville SON as an Associate Clinical Professor with the Nurse Anesthesia Program as a didactic instructor and simulation specialist. Originally from New Zealand, he migrated to the U.S. in 1992 to pursue his career. Dr. Kendon has actively contributed to the advancement of simulation education in nurse anesthesia. He has also played a leadership role in promoting simulation education within the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). In conjunction with other educators, he has progressed healthcare simulation education through the

AANA simulation community, and in 2018 established and for 2 years chaired the initial AANA Simulation Sub-Committee to the Education Committee.



Soukaina Tarraf Steiner
Administrative Specialist

Soukaina Tarraf Steiner is a recent hire as an Administrative Specialist at the University of Louisville School of Nursing. She served three years with the Peace Corps Morocco as a Language and Culture Facilitator and at the U.S. Embassy in Morocco with a State Department program designated for Women's Leadership and Empowerment in the Middle East. In 2019, Ms. Tarraf Steiner was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship as an FLTA. She earned her master's degree in Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies at the University of Louisville. During her time at UofL, she has worked with the Women's Center as a Program Liaison, as an Events Coordinator at the SAC, and at the Admissions Office as a Communications Specialist. Ms. Tarraf Steiner is multilingual and very active in her community. She also loves to travel, dance, and spend quality time with her family and friends.



Mark Stewart
Patient Simulation Specialist

Mark Stewart is the new Patient Simulation Specialist for the Clinical Simulation Center at the School of Nursing. He was previously the Patient Simulation Specialist for the School of Medicine since 2018. He graduated from UofL with a B.S. in Exercise Science in 2015. Other work experience includes Frazier Institute Spinal Cord Injury Research Assistant and Rehabilitation Tech, and CrossFit Coach. Mark and his wife Kiya live in Indiana with their two rescue dogs, Bindi and Rusty. His hobbies include exercise, video games, woodworking, and much more. If you have any questions about houseplants, good gluten-free recipes, or DIY projects just stop by and ask him.