

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Kathleen Hirthler, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC**

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**Professional Education**

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June, 2015	Chamberlain University Nursing Informatics-Post Graduate Certificate
August, 2010	Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA Doctor of Nursing Practice
May, 2000	College Misericordia, Dallas, PA Master of Science in Nursing; Family Nurse Practitioner
June, 1985	College Misericordia, Dallas, PA Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Professional Experience as a Nurse Practitioner**

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- August, 2010-Present**      **Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA**  
**Passan School of Nursing, College of Health and Education**
- Chair, Founding, PSON Graduate Nursing, 6/2015 to 6/2022
  - Interim Director of Graduate Nursing, 9/2014 to 6/2015
  - Associate Professor, 08/2016 to present
  - Assistant Professor, DNP Program-9/2010 to 8/2016
- Received the Wilkes University President's Award for Excellence- Innovation; August, 2018.
  - Serve as an on-site evaluator for The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
  - As Director and Chair provided oversight to graduate nursing program operations in collaboration with a team of faculty and staff for the PhD, MS-DNP, MSN, RN to MSN, and Post Graduate/APRN Certificate programs.
  - Teach, advise, and assess program outcomes in the distance education MS-DNP, MSN, and Post graduate/APRN certificate programs.
  - Provide service to Professional, University, Passan School of Nursing Committees:
    - **Professional Committees**
    - NONPF Finance, Capital, Development, and Marketing Committee June 2023 to present
    - PCNP state Committee for full practice authority in PA 2023-2024
    - **Current University Committees**
    - Facilities Planning
    - Intellectual Property Committee
    - Faculty Affairs Council (FAC)
    - Research and Scholarship Committee
    - Institutional Review Board Committee (IRB)
    - **Passan School of Nursing; Current College of Health and Education;**
    - Standards Committee (Chair); oversee Bylaws and CCNE standards for programs
    - School of Nursing Graduate Committee

- Graduate Curriculum Committee
- Graduate Student Affairs Committee

- November, 2008-Present**      **Volunteers in Medicine, Luzerne County, PA**  
**Nurse Practitioner and Board of Directors, Vice President**
- Provide direct patient care to working uninsured
  - Served as Assistant Medical Director from 2007 until 2020.
  - Board of Directors; VP February, 2018 to present; Board Committee membership: Strategic Planning and New Member Recruitment; past service as Chair, Medical Affairs Committee
  - Collaborated on a grant for \$150,000 to embark on becoming nationally certified as a Patient Centered Medical Home® becoming only 1 of 8 free clinics in the nation.
  - Awarded a grant for \$185,000 in collaboration with Volunteers in Medicine's Executive Director to integrate a new electronic health record (EHR)
- March, 2011- November, 2012**      **Hospice Community Care, Kingston, PA**
- November, 2007-June, 2011**      **Geisinger Medical Group, South Wilkes-Barre**  
Internal Medicine NP Practice
- May, 2000-November, 2007**      **Gerald Maloney, DO**  
Private Practice NP
- July, 1997-July, 2004**      **Mercy Health Partners, Wilkes Barre, PA**  
Educational Coordinator
- May, 2000-2004**      **Mercy Health Partners; Healthy Beginnings Plus Prenatal**  
Program Nurse Practitioner, per diem

### **Awards**

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- June, 2024      2023 AANP State Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice in PA
- February, 2023      Volunteers in Medicine Health Care Provider Award
- March, 2019      Rosa Parks Award  
E.L. Meyers Speech and Debate Team Annual Martin Luther King  
Tournament Award
- August, 2018      President's Award for Excellence-Innovation  
Wilkes University
- May, 2012      Mary Bevivino Award for Community Service  
The Luzerne Foundation  
Luzerne County, PA  
Co-Recipient with my husband

### **Professional Organizations**

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- 2005-Present      American Association of Nurse Practitioners

2000-Present	PA Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP)
2000-Present	Nurse Practitioners of Northeastern PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Representative to PCNP 2011-2016</li> </ul>
1985-Present	Sigma Theta Tau International
2013-2015	American Health Information Management Association
2010-present	NONPF

### **Professional Leadership Activities**

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June, 2011 to present	The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE); on-site evaluator
February, 2015- present	NONPF Abstract reviewer for annual conferences
April, 2019 to present	Grant reviewer HRSA
October, 2012 to present	Grant reviewer PA Department of Health
September, 2020 to December, 2022	Shadow Health®; content advisor
September, 2016	AACN reviewer for Best Student Scholarly Project and Dissertation
May, 2013	Commencement address. Wilkes Barre Area Career and Technical Center Practical Nursing Program.

### **Certifications and Licensure**

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1985-Present	PA Registered Nurse
October, 2000-present	American Nurses Credentialing Center--Family Nurse Practitioner certification
May, 2000-present	PA Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner

### **Professional and Community Activities**

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January 2019 to present	Cancer Wellness Center of NEPA; Executive Board, Secretary, Board Member; Marketing Committee; collaboration and securing funding for new food program for clients and families; lead medical advisor during COVID-19.
January 2016-January 2019	CASA of Luzerne County; Board Member-Vice President
January, 1997-January, 2000	Catholic Youth Center Board of Directors, Wilkes-Barre