

## Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Melissa L. Desroches, PhD, RN, CNE

**Title:** Assistant Professor  
Community Nursing, College of Nursing and  
Health Sciences, University of Massachusetts  
Dartmouth

### Higher Education

#### A. Degrees

2019	PhD, Nursing, GPA 4.0	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth North Dartmouth, Massachusetts
2018	Graduate Certificate in Disability and Health Policy	Moakley Center for Public Management Suffolk University, Boston, MA
2017	MSN, Nursing	Nursing Education, GPA 4.0 University of Massachusetts Dartmouth North Dartmouth, Massachusetts
2002	BS, Nursing	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

### Experience

#### A. Teaching

9/2020 to present	Assistant Professor: College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Community Nursing Department, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA
9/2019 to 9/2020	Adjunct Part-time Lecturer University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

North Dartmouth, MA 02747

- 8/2018 to 5/2019      Instructor: Brockton Hospital School of Nursing  
Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital, Brockton, MA.
- 8/16 to 8/17          Instructor: Massachusetts Medication Administration Protocol  
Cooperative Productions, North Dighton, MA.
- 4/15:                    Guest Lecturer: Health and Wellness for People with Disabilities,  
Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA.

**B. Other**

- 9/2019 to 9/2020      Post-doctoral Research Fellow  
Clinical and Translational Science Institute  
Tufts University  
Boston, MA 02111
- 4/14 to 12/18          Day Habilitation Program Registered Nurse  
Cooperative Productions, North Dighton, MA.
- 6/08 to 4/14           Perioperative Staff Nurse  
Hawthorn Ambulatory Services, North Dartmouth, MA
- 7/06 to 5/08           Staff Nurse, Intensive Care and Surgical Intensive Care  
St. Luke's Hospital, Southcoast Hospitals Group, New  
Bedford, MA.
- 6/04 to 7/06           Nurse Intern, Medical-Surgical & Critical Care  
St. Luke's Hospital, Southcoast Hospitals Group, New Bedford,  
MA
- 6/01-6/04              Certified Nursing Assistant  
Island Terrace Nursing Home, Lakeville, MA

**C. Courses Taught at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

- Fall 2019                NUR 214 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing (3 credits)

Spring 2020	NUR 330 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)
Fall 2020	NUR 214 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing (3 credits)
	NUR 330 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)
Spring 2021	NUR 102 Concepts of the Professional Nursing Role, Honors section (3 credits)
	NUR 330 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)
Fall 2021	NUR 211 Concepts of Lifespan and Development (3 credits)
	NUR 330 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)

#### **D. Courses Taught at Brockton Hospital School of Nursing**

1/2019 to 5/2019	Pharmacology for Nurses I, 1 credit
1/2019 to 5/2019	Community Mental Health clinical, 240 clinical hours
8/2018 to 12/2018	Adult Health clinical, 240 clinical/lab hours

#### **E. Courses Developed at Brockton Hospital School of Nursing**

11/2018 to 1/2019	Community Mental Health clinical
	Developed community mental health didactic content and clinical rotation focused on mental health and wellness, disability, community, and critical consciousness

#### **Academic and Professional Honors**

2021-2022	Awarded Golisano Institute of Developmental Disability Nursing Fellowship, Golisano Institute of Developmental Disability Nursing, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY
2019-2020	Awarded TL1 Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute
2017-2018	Awarded Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Fellowship, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

2014-2018	Awarded Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
2006	Graduating Senior with Highest GPA award, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Theta Kappa chapter
2006	Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Bachelors of Science in Nursing
2005	Marie M. Howard scholarship recipient
2005	Inducted in Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing
2002-2006	Presidential Scholarship recipient, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

### **Scholarly and Professional Activities**

#### **Publications:**

##### **Peer-reviewed journal articles:**

Desroches, M. L., Sethares, K., Curtin, C., & Chung, J. (2019). Nurses' attitudes and emotions toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: Results of a cross-sectional, correlational predictive research study. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities, 00*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jar.12645>

Desroches, M. L. (2019). Nurses' attitudes, beliefs, and emotions toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: An integrative review. *Nursing Forum, 55*, 211-222. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nuf.12418>

Desroches, M. L. (2020). Facebook recruitment of nurses as research participants: Methodological considerations. *Applied Nursing Research, 54*, 54:151282. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apnr.2020.151282>.

Desroches, M. L., Ailey, S.H., Fisher, K., & Stych, J. (2021). Impact of COVID-19: Nursing challenges to meeting the care needs of people with developmental disabilities. *Disability and Health, 14*, 101015. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2020.101015>

Desroches, M. L., Fisher, K., Ailey, S., & Stych, J. (in press). "We were absolutely in the dark": Manifest content analysis of developmental disability nurses' experiences during the early COVID-19 pandemic." *Global Qualitative Nursing Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/23333936211051705>

Desroches, M.L., Howie, V.A., Wilson, N.J., Lewis, P. (in press). Nurses' attitudes and emotions toward caring for adults with intellectual disability: an international replication study. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, .

## **Unpublished Work**

### **A. Accepted peer reviewed journal articles**

### **B. Works Submitted to peer reviewed journals**

Desroches, M.L., Fisher, K., Ailey, S., & Stych, J. Supporting the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities one year into the COVID-19 pandemic: An international, mixed methods study of nurses' perspectives. Submitted to *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*.

### **C. Works in progress**

Desroches, M.L., Fisher, K., Ailey, S., & Stych, J., McMillan, S., Horan, P., Marsden, D., Trip, H., & Wilson, N. Nurses' perspectives of supporting people with developmental disabilities with telehealth and grief during the COVID-19 pandemic. Submission planned to the *Journal of Mental Health Research in Intellectual Disabilities*.

Desroches, M. L., Ailey, S., & Schwartz, C. A scoping review of interventions to improve acute and transitional care of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Submission planned to *Disability and Health* journal.

Desroches, M. L., & Tyo, M. B. Identifying factors promoting the resilience of direct support professionals of adults with developmental disabilities: A qualitative descriptive study. Submission planned to *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*.

## **Published Abstracts:**

Desroches, M. L. (April 2019). Nurses' attitudes and emotions toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: An integrative review. Poster presented at the Eastern Nursing Research Society annual meeting, Providence, RI.

Desroches, M. (March 2020). Facebook Recruitment of Nurses for Online Survey Research: Methodological Considerations and Sample Representativeness. Paper presentation at the Eastern Nursing Research Society Annual Scientific Sessions, March 23, 2020. Boston, MA.

Desroches, M. (July 2020). Are nurses' attitudes toward caring for hospitalized adults with intellectual disabilities associated with nurse and nursing unit characteristics? *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 4(s1), 57.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/cts.2020.202>

## Conference presentations

### A. Works presented:

Desroches, M.L., Ailey, S.A., Fisher, K., & Stych, J. Challenges to Nursing Care for People with Developmental Disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Paper presentation. *American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry 2021 Virtual Conference*, June 4-6, 2021.

Desroches, M.L. Your voice represented: Results of the DDNA COVID-19 studies. Poster presentation. *Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association Annual Conference*, May 15-18, 2021. (virtual)

Desroches, M.L. (April 2021). Caring for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: An Australian Replication Study. Poster presentation, Sigma Theta Tau Theta Kappa chapter Spring program, April 8, 2021 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. (March 2021). Applying Research Findings in Diverse Populations and Settings: The Role of the Replication Study. Workshop presentation at the Virtual 33d ENRS Scientific Sessions, March 25, 2021 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L., Ailey, S., Fisher, K., & Stych, J. Addressing COVID-19 Healthcare Inequities Faced by People with Developmental Disabilities. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Nursing's Transforming Health, Driving Policy conference. Oct. 29- 31, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L., Ailey, S., Fisher, K., & Stych, J. A mixed methods approach to understanding COVID-19 health disparities in people with developmental disabilities. Paper presentation at the American Public Health Association annual meeting. October 24, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Medical Surgical Nursing Care of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities (MSNCAID) Research Study. Poster presentation at the Alliance for Disability in Health Care annual meeting. June 4, 2020 (virtual).

Nurses' Attitudes and Emotions Toward Caring for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: An Integrative Review. Poster presentation. Poster presentation at the Eastern Nursing Research Society Annual Scientific Sessions, April 3-5, 2019. Providence, RI.

Fostering Critical Self-Awareness of Intellectual Disability Bias in Nurses: An Innovative Pedagogical Strategy. Poster presentation. Developmental Disabilities Nurses' Association. March 2018.

Improving Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Development of the Attitude to Action Model. Poster presentation. American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. June 2017.

Improving Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities: Development of the Attitude to Action Model. Poster presentation. New England Doctoral Students Conference. March 2017.

Freirean Nursing Education: A Second Look. Poster presentation. Sister Madeleine Clement Vaillot Scholarship Day. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. April 2016

Health and Wellness for People with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Poster presentation. Sister Madeline Clement Vaillot Scholarship Day. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, April 2015

Chapters of Being. Sister Madeleine Clement Vaillot Scholarship Day. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, April 2005

### **B. Invited presentations:**

Desroches, M. L. Issues and insights in developmental disability nursing: US and international perspectives. Kingston University and St. George's University of London summer elective global health course for BSc and Master's students, September 9, 2021 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Community Engagement and Health Equity: A Disability Lens. *University of Massachusetts Summit on Data-Driven and Technology-Informed Precision Health*, February 10, 2021 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. 2020 Vision: Time to Expand Our Lens. 31st Annual National Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia (PANDDA) Conference, November 23, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Critical illness and end of life decision making: Advocating for people with developmental disabilities. MA Department of Developmental Services Southeast Regional Training meeting, June 24, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Protecting Ourselves, Protecting Others: Caring for Someone with COVID-19 in their Home. ProjectSEARCH and HealthMatters Program Webinar Series, June 13, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Health Matters in Our Homes: Protecting Ourselves, Protecting Others. Part 1. 2020 ProjectSEARCH and HealthMatters Program Webinar Series, June 2, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Thriving During Trying Times: Choosing Positivity Daily. New Mexico Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division annual nurses' week celebration, May 13, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. COVID-19: Know Your Rights and Prepare. MA Department of Developmental Services Southeast Regional Training Meeting, May 6, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. COVID-19: Know Your Rights and Prepare. ProjectSEARCH & Health Matters Program Webinar Series, April 21, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Mental Health and Transition to Employment for People with I/DD. 2019-2020 Project SEARCH and HealthMatters Program Webinar Series: Employment, Health, and Wellness. April 14, 2020 (virtual).

Desroches, M.L. Nurses' Attitudes and Emotions Toward Caring for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: Results of a Cross-Sectional, Correlational, Predictive Research Study. Oral presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau Theta Kappa chapter Spring program, April 10, 2019. North Dartmouth, MA.

Ailey, S., Desroches, M., & Stych, J. (June 2019). Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing Research, Quality Improvement, and Publication. Paper presentation at the Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association Annual Conference, June 7-10, 2019. New Orleans, LA.

Desroches, M. (June 2019). Nurses' attitudes toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: What do we know? What do we do? Oral presentation at the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services regional training meeting, June 26, 2019. Brockton, MA.

Desroches, M. (October 2019). Nurses' attitudes toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: What do we know? What do we do? Oral presentation at the Department of Developmental Services regional training meeting, October 16, 2019. New Bedford, MA.

Desroches, M. (October 2019). Nurses' attitudes toward caring for adults with intellectual disabilities: What do we know? What do we do? Oral presentation at the Department of Developmental Services regional training meeting, October 16, 2019. Fall River, MA.

### **C. Works Accepted for Presentation, events cancelled due to COVID-19**

Desroches, M. (April 2020). Are nurses' attitudes toward caring for hospitalized adults with intellectual disabilities associated with nurse and nursing unit characteristics? Poster presentation at the Association of Clinical and Translational Science 2020 Conference, April 16, 2020. Washington, DC.



Desroches, M. (March 2020). Facebook Recruitment of Nurses for Online Survey Research: Methodological Considerations and Sample Representativeness. Paper presentation at the Eastern Nursing Research Society Annual Scientific Sessions, March 23, 2020. Boston, MA.

### **Grants Awarded**

Desroches, M.L., Brown Tyo, M., & Xiang, Z. (2021). Identifying Factors that Promote Resilience of Direct Support Professionals during COVID-19 for Intervention Development. \$16, 575. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Internal Seed Funding.

Desroches, M.L. (Aug 2020). "Medical Surgical Nursing Care of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Study" \$5,000. Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses.

Desroches, M.L. (Mar 2018). "Nurses' Attitudes and Emotions Toward Caring for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities: A Cross-Sectional Exploratory, Correlational Research Study." \$699. Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Kappa chapter funding.

Desroches, M.L. (March 2020). "Medical Surgical Nursing of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Study." \$750. Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Kappa chapter funding.

Desroches, M.L. (May 2020). "Medical Surgical Nursing of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Study." \$750. Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education.

### **Other professional activities**

Ad hoc peer reviewer:

**BMJ Open**

**Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology**

**Disability and Health Journal**

**Global Qualitative Nursing Research**

**International Journal in Developmental Disabilities**

**Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disability**

**Journal of Intellectual Disability**

**SAGE Open Nursing**

6/2020- present, Board Member, Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education

9/2019 - present, Board Member, Theta Kappa chapter, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing

2018, 2019, 2020 Invited Abstract Reviewer, Eastern Nursing Research Society

6/2018 - present Founding Member and Chair, Research Group, Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association

6/2017 - 6/2018- Secretary, Health and Wellness Interest Network, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Certified as a Medication Administration Protocol trainer 2017-2018

Certified Nurse Educator, June 2018

### **Membership in professional societies**

Member, Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses, 2019-present

Member, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 2017– 2019

Member, American Nurses Association, 2017–present

Member, American Nurses Association Massachusetts, 2017–present

Member, Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association, 2017–present

Member, Eastern Nursing Research Society, 2015 – present

Member, National League for Nursing, 2018- 2020

Member, American Holistic Nurses Association 2014-2015

Member, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nurses, Theta Kappa Chapter, inducted 2002