



## **Kathleen Gettrust**

**Community Outreach Nursing Waukesha County  
Technical College**

Kathleen Gettrust is a Community Health Instructor for Waukesha County Technical College, where she plans, coordinates and teaches community education programs for health care personnel. She received her Masters of Science from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and her Bachelors of Science from Mount Senario College.

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**CAREER SUMMARY**

**A master's prepared advanced practice nurse with a rich background in a variety of health care settings. Personal strengths include natural and acquired leadership qualities, high motivation, and effective communication and writing skills.**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE PEWAUKEE, WI**

A vocational/technical college-serving students in Southeastern Wisconsin.

**Community Health Instructor**

**2000-present**

Plan, coordinate and teach community education programs for health care personnel. In addition, teach an 8-week refresher program for licensed nurses who have been out of practice.

**Consultant/Advisor**

**2005-2006**

Participated in fact finding transcultural nursing experience in Ecuador with faculty/students from several community colleges in the US. Developed program for our nursing students to travel to Ecuador.

**Nursing Instructor**

**1998-2000**

Taught in the Nursing Practice course. This is a course designed for fourth semester students with an emphasis on complex health problems and related issues of diversity, ethics, and the law. I also assisted students in a community based clinical experience.

**COLUMBIA/CARROLL COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**MILWAUKEE, WI**

A baccalaureate college of nursing that prepares liberally educated persons for the profession of nursing.

**Assistant Professor**

**1995-1998**

Assisted senior level nursing students to experience care for individuals, families and communities in a variety of health care settings- schools, occupational health, home health agencies, and public health department.

Provided senior level nursing students with opportunities to practice community health nursing within a camp environment, namely Concordia Language Villages, whose mission is to prepare young people for responsible citizenship in our global community.

Provided junior level nursing students with an understanding of the effects of selected physiological problems on adults and their families in acute care settings, and the relevant nursing interventions to address those problems. As such, I was responsible for the learning experiences of 15-20 students in a medical-surgical hospital environment.

In addition to my teaching responsibilities, I was actively involved in:

- Waukesha County Health Council- working with other community health representatives to develop/implement a Healthy Waukesha County 2000 Survey
- Recruitment of students to the nursing program
- Curriculum development-revising curriculum to reflect a stronger community focus
- Advising students

**WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE** **PEWAUKEE, WI**

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**Nursing Instructor** **1995-1998**

Taught courses within the Community Health Education Department

- Registered Nurse Update program- refresher course for licensed RN's
- Nursing Assistant Training program- NA program leading to state certification

**DELMAR PUBLISHERS** **ALBANY, NY** **1985-2001**

**A leading publisher of professional, technical and vocational educational materials.**

**Series Editor** **1991-2001**

Served as Series Editor for twelve (12) books in a series entitled *Plan of Care for Specialty Practice*

- Developed the prototype of how the series would look
- Found qualified nurses to author/edit the individual books
- Supervised the entire project

**Co-author of nursing reference book** **1985-1991**

Co-authored a nursing reference book entitled *Nursing Diagnosis in Clinical Practice: Guides for Care Planning*

Co-authored a nursing reference book entitled *Applied Nursing Diagnosis: Guides for Comprehensive Care*

**MIDWEST MEDICAL HOMECARE      MILWAUKEE, WI 1989-1993**

A leading private, proprietary, licensed and Medicare/Medicaid certified health care agency serving the nine geographic counties comprising Southeastern Wisconsin.

**Nurse Educator**

**1991-1993**

Responsible for the orientation, in-service, and continuing education of the nursing care staff.

- Performed an educational needs assessment
- Developed lesson plans, test materials and taught all curriculum
- Provided input for the evaluation of personnel
- Administered state mandated competency testing for nursing assistants

**Case Manager**

**1989-1991**

Responsible for planning and supervising the care for a specific caseload of homecare clients.

- Established home care client services: instructing, coordinating and supervising all health care personnel assigned to my caseload
- Obtained a working knowledge of third-party reimbursement guidelines
- Made supervisory visits to assure that plan of care was effective and followed
- Monitored client charts for accuracy and appropriateness of care

**WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE      PEWAUKEE, WI 1988**

A vocational/technical college serving students in Southeastern Wisconsin

**Instructor**

Developed and taught course content in the Allied Health Program.

**COLUMBIA HOSPITAL**

**MILWAUKEE, WI**

**1975-1985**

A 400-bed tertiary care facility providing care for residents in eastern Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties.

**Nurse Educator**

Responsible for the orientation, training, in-service, and continuing education of the professional and ancillary nursing personnel.

- Assisted in the orientation/training of all nursing personnel
- Provided weekly educational programs for nursing staff
- Developed an RN refresher program
- Developed and presented segments of an eight week physical assessment course
- Developed and implemented a nursing assistant training program
- Developed quality assurance outcome criteria for selected patient populations
- Developed various patient/family teaching programs
- Assisted home care coordinators with discharge planning of patients
- Appointed as nurse representative on physician/nurse Joint Practice Counsel

**LONG BEACH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL      LONG BEACH, NY 1970-1975**  
A 250-bed tertiary care facility serving residents on the south shore of Long Island.

**Clinical Director**

Supervised the nursing care of a 35-bed medical/surgical unit

- Ascertained budgetary requirements of unit
- Directed and facilitated quality assurance activities
- Coordinated patient care services
- Provided management/supervision/evaluation of nursing team
- Served as patient/family advocate

**FORT ATKINSON HOSPITAL      FORT ATKINSON, WI      1968-1970**  
A 150-bed community hospital serving residents of South Central Wisconsin

**Staff nurse**

Full-time staff nurse on a 30-bed medical/surgical and pediatric unit

**MERITER HOSPITAL      MADISON, WI      1967-1968**  
A 400-bed acute care facility serving the residents of Madison and surrounding areas.

**Charge nurse**

Full-time evening charge nurse position on a 48-bed urology unit

**EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Masters of Science (M.S.) Nursing      May, 1995  
Cumulative G.P.A.= 3.973

Mount Senario College

Bachelors of Science (B.S.) Nursing      May, 1982

Madison General School of Nursing

Diploma in Nursing      June, 1967

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS**

American Nurses Association

Wisconsin Nurses Association- Board Member

Sigma Theta Tau

**PRESENTATIONS**

Gettrust, KV, Radke, NA. Nurse Refresher Program: An Individualized Approach.  
National Council for Continuing Education and Training. October, 2006. Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin