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Education

	Year
Doctor of Philosophy, (Nursing), Boston College, Newton, MA/USA	2020
Master of Science, (Nursing), Boston College, Newton, MA/USA	2012
Bachelor of Science, (Nursing, <i>Summa cum Laude</i>), Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH/USA	2007

Certification and Licensure

	Years
Massachusetts Registered Nurse	2007-
New Hampshire Registered Nurse	2023-
	2012-2017
Advanced Life Support Provider	2007-
Basic Life Support Provider	2003-
Caritas Coach (Watson Caring Science Institute)	2022

Academic Appointments

Title	Institution	City, State	Years
Director, BSN Program	Northeastern University	Boston, MA	2025 - Present
Associate Clinical Professor	Northeastern University	Boston, MA	2024 - Present
Assistant Professor	Merrimack College	North Andover, MA	2021- 2024
Assistant Professor	Endicott College	Beverly, MA	2019-2021
Clinical Faculty	Saint Anselm College	Manchester, NH	2012-2016

Clinical Appointments

Title	Institution	City, State	Years
Registered Nurse	Beth Israel Deaconess	Boston, MA	2022- Present
Medical/Surgical ICU	Medical Center		2007-2017

Honors and Awards

Poster Award MARILN Fall 2022 Conference	2022
Marlene Turkel Scholarship for the Advancement of Caring Science Research International Association for Human Caring	2018
Graduate Student Scholarship Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Tau-at-Large	2017

Grants: External

Past

Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Tau-at-Large Chapter

Title: Intensive Care Units Nurses Experience Caring for Patients Dying of COVID-19

Total: \$1,625

Role: Co-Investigator

Year Awarded: 2021

Sigma Theta Tau International, Epsilon Tau-at-Large Chapter

Title: Towards Addressing Spiritual and Existential Needs in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU): ICU Nurses' Experience of Watson's Theory of Human Caring Caritas Process Three: Cultivation of One's Own Spiritual Practice and Transpersonal Self, Going Beyond Ego-Self

Total: \$1,725

Role: Principal Investigator

Year Awarded: 2018

New Hampshire Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (NH-INBRE)

Title: Evaluation of Increasing Credit Hours in Pathopharmacology and Student Performance

Total: \$500

Role: Co-Investigator

Year Awarded: 2015

Grants: Internal

Past

Merrimack College, Faculty Development Grant

Title: Watson Caring Science Institute, Caritas Coach Education Program

Total: \$3,500

Year Awarded: 2022

Peer-Reviewed Articles

The asterisk (*) indicates the publication was data-based.

1. *McDonough, M., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & Seney, V. (2024). The dyad experience of nurse caring following fetal death. *International Journal for Human Caring*. doi: 10.1891/IJHC-2023-0031
2. *McDonough, M., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Lived experience of the dyad and their relationships following a fetal death: A hermeneutic phenomenological study. *Journal of Family Nursing*. doi: 10.1177/10748407231213085
3. *McDonough, M., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). "You're on a rollercoaster, just hold on:" The lived experience of the dyad following a fetal death. *Research and Theory for Nursing Practice*.
4. ***Leone-Sheehan, D.**, Flanagan, J. M., & Willis, D. G. (2023). Intensive care unit nurses' experience of Watson's theory of human caring caritas process three: Developing spiritual self to provide spiritual nursing care. *Advances in Nursing Science*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1097/ANS.0000000000000489
5. Willis, D. G., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2019). Spiritual knowing: Another pattern of knowing in the discipline. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 42(1), 58-68. doi: 10.1097/ANS.0000000000000236

6. *Preston, P., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & Keys, B. (2019). Nursing student perceptions of pharmacology education and safe medication administration: A qualitative research study. *Nurse Education Today*, 74, 76-81. doi: 10.1016/j.nedt.2018.12006
7. *Easton, S. D., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & O'Leary, P. (2016). "I will never know the person who I could have become"; Perceived changes in self-identity among adult survivors of clergy-perpetrated sexual abuse. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0886260516650966
8. *Willis, D. G., DeSanto-Madeya, S., Ross, R., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & Fawcett, J. (2015). Spiritual healing in the aftermath of childhood maltreatment: Translating men's lived experiences utilizing nursing conceptual models and theory. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 38(3), 162-174. doi: 10.1097/ANS.0000000000000075
9. *Easton, S. D., **Leone-Sheehan, D. M.**, Sophis, E. J., & Willis, D. G. (2015). "From that moment on my life changed": Turning points in healing process for men recovering from childhood sexual abuse. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 24(2), 152-173. doi: 10.1080/10538712.2015.997413
10. *Willis, D. G., Zuccherro, T. L., DeSanto-Madeya, S., Ross, R., **Leone, D.**, Kaubris, S., ... Easton, S. D. (2014). Dwelling in suffering: Barriers to men's healing from childhood maltreatment. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 35(8), 569-79. doi: 10.3109/01612840.2013.856972
11. *Baker, K., Barsamian, J., **Leone, D.**, Donovan, B. C., Williams, D., Carnevale, K., ... Banzett, R. (2013). Routine dyspnea assessment: Is it feasible to quantify patient dyspnea upon unit admission? *American Journal of Nursing*, 113(11), 42-9. doi: 10.1097/01.NAJ.0000437112.43059.a0

Books and Chapters

1. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (in press). Urinary elimination. In Lee, K., Braun, C., & Roberts, A. (Eds.), *Pathopharmacology for Nurses: An Integrated Approach* (1st ed.). Wolters Kluwer Health.
2. **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & McDonough, M. (in press). Gas exchange. In Lee, K., Braun, C., & Roberts, A. (Eds.), *Pathopharmacology for Nurses: An Integrated Approach* (1st ed.). Wolters Kluwer Health.
3. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2025). Jean Watson: Watson's philosophy and theory of transpersonal caring. In M. R. Alligood (Ed.), *Nursing theorists and their work* (11th ed.). Elsevier Mosby.
4. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Sacred sutras in the intensive care unit. In J. Watson & S. M. Reed (Eds.), *Modern sutras from nurses: Finding peace*. Lotus Library.
5. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2021). Jean Watson: Watson's philosophy and theory of transpersonal caring. In M. R. Alligood (Ed.), *Nursing theorists and their work* (10th ed.). Elsevier Mosby.
6. Willis, D. G., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2017). Jean Watson: Watson's philosophy and theory of transpersonal caring. In M. R. Alligood (Ed.), *Nursing theorists and their work* (9th ed.). Elsevier Mosby.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Abstracts

The asterisk (*) indicates the publication was data-based.

International

1. Milne, S., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & Cao, A. (2025). Caring for suicide loss survivors: A theoretical review of postventions. The 45th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; June 2025; Providence, RI.
2. *Parker, R., Hayes, M., Klatt, E. & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2025). Comfort chest interventions from the Center for Humanizing the ICU. The 45th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; June 2025; Providence, RI.
3. ***Leone-Sheehan, D.**, McDonough, M. R., & Kaelblein, A. E. (2024). ICU nurses' experience caring for patients dying from COVID-19: Knowledge to improve patient centered care. Paper presented at: Sigma 35th International Nursing Research Congress; July 2024; Singapore.

4. ***Leone-Sheehan, D.,** Willis, D. G., & Flanagan, J. M. (2024). Spiritual caring in the ICU: Barriers and Facilitators to the ICU nurse spiritual development. Paper presented at: The 45th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; June 2024; Boca Raton, FL.
5. ***Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Caring as a foundation for professional identity: An educational intervention. Paper presented at: The 44th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; Virtual Conference; June 2023.
6. ***McDonough, M. R., & Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). The dyad experience of nurse caring following fetal loss. Paper presented at: The 44th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; Virtual Conference; June 2023.
7. ***McDonough, M. R., & Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Relationship after loss: The experience of the dyad following fetal death. Paper presented at: The 16th International Family Nursing Conference; June 2023; Dublin, Ireland.
8. ***Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2020). Theory in Practice: ICU Nurses' Experience of Caritas Process Three. Paper presented at: The 41st Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; Virtual Conference; Fall 2020.
9. Willis, D. G., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2018). The importance of spiritual knowing in nursing in these social times. Paper presented at: The 39th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; May 2018; Minneapolis, MN.
10. ***Easton, S., Leone-Sheehan, D., & O'Leary, P. J.** (2016). "I will never know the person who I could have become"; Perceived Changes in Self-Identity among Adult Survivors of Clergy-Perpetrated Sexual Abuse. Paper presented at: International Family Violence Research Conference; July 2016; Portsmouth, NH.
11. ***Willis, D. G., DeSanto-Madaya, S., Ross, R., Leone-Sheehan, D., & Fawcett, J.** (2015). Spiritual healing: A humanly lived experience of wellbecoming. Session Podium Presentation at: The 36th Annual International Association for Human Caring (IAHC) Conference; May 2015; New Orleans, LA.
12. ***Banzett, R. B., Howell, M. D., O'Donnell, C. R., Lansing, R. W., Schwartzstein, R. W., Barsamian, J., Leone, D., Donovan, B., Williams, D., Carnevale, K., & Baker, K. M.** (2013). Dyspnea prevalence and risk of adverse event in a general hospital population. Poster presented at: American Thoracic Society International Conference; May 2013; Philadelphia, PA.

National

1. ***McDonough, M., & Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2025). Lived experience of the dyad following a fetal death: The grief journey. Summit for Perinatal Excellence 2025; June 2025; Bloomington, MN.
2. **Leone-Sheehan, D.,** Cronin, A., McMahon, A., Faulkner, C., McMahon, C., & Carnevale, J. (2025). Bridging the information gap: A Beacon unit example of excellence in communication. National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition (NTI); May 2025; New Orleans, LA.
3. **Leone-Sheehan, D.,** Cronin, A., McMahon, A., Jones, A., Faulkner, C., McMahon, C., & Carnevale, J. (2025). Authentic leadership to support staff satisfaction and retention: A Beacon unit example of excellence in leadership. National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition (NTI); May 2025; New Orleans, LA.
4. ***McDonough, M., & Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Lived experience of the dyad following a fetal death: The grief journey. Poster presented at: Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Convention; June 2023; New Orleans, LA.
5. ***Easton, S., Leone-Sheehan, D., O'Leary, P. J.** (2016). "Not Good Enough for Anything"; Understanding the Effects of Clergy Sexual Abuse on the Self-Identity of Survivors. Poster presented at: The 20th Annual Conference Anniversary Celebration of the Society for Social Work and Research; January 2016; Washington, DC.

Regional

1. Wocial, J., **Leone-Sheehan, D.,** & Salguero, R. (2024). Transformative Teaching: Using Active Learning to Foster AACN Competency Development. Poster presented at: 31st Annual Conference for Nurse Educators; June 2024; North Falmouth, MA.

2. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2022). Teaching Resilience through Reflective Practice. Poster presented at: MARILN Fall Conference; October 2022; Worcester, MA.
3. *McDonough, M. R., & **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2022). Improving the care of the dyad after fetal loss: A qualitative exploration of patient experiences. Poster presented at: ANA Massachusetts Spring Conference; March 2022; Sutton, MA.
4. *Preston-Safarz, P., **Leone-Sheehan, D.**, & Keys, B. (2016). The Impact of Pharmacology Education on Safe Medication Administration: Perceptions of Traditional Baccalaureate and RN-BSN Students. Poster presented at: The 24th Annual Conference for Nurse Educators; June 2016; North Falmouth, MA.
5. ***Leone, D.**, Easton, S., Sophis, E. J., & Willis, D. G. (2014). "From that Moment on my Life has Changed:" Turning Points in the Healing Process of Men Recovering from Childhood Sexual Abuse. Poster presented at: Eastern Research Nursing Society 26th Annual Scientific Sessions; April 2014; Philadelphia, PA.
6. ***Leone, D.**, Kaubris, S., & Willis, D. G. (2013). Personal Barriers in Adult Male Survivors' Experiences of Healing from Childhood Maltreatment. Electronic Poster presented at: Sigma Theta Tau International: Alpha Chi Chapter Research Symposium; April 2013; Boston, MA.

Invited Presentations

1. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2024). Compassionate Service. Presented as part of the Massachusetts Regional Caring Science Consortium Conference: "Nurses as Change Makers, Part 1: Four Essential Practices for Healing Self." April, 2023; Virtual Conference.
2. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2023). Co-Creating Caring Teaching-Learning Environments for Student Success. Presented as part of the Massachusetts Regional Caring Science Consortium Conference: "Caring Science in Action: Part 1- Developing Caring Relationships in Nursing Academic Settings." April, 2023; Virtual Conference.
3. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2022). Resiliency: Strategies for Sustaining Self. Presented at Beth Israel Deaconess Needham to three cohorts: New Graduate RNs, Experienced RNs, and Hospital Leadership, June and July 2022.
4. **Leone-Sheehan, D.** (2021). Mindfulness Practices as a Healing Modality. Presented as part of the Massachusetts Regional Caring Science Consortium Conference: "Flourishing in the Wake of COVID: Caring-Healing of Mind-Body-Spirit through Reflective Practice, Mindfulness, and Personal Alignment." April 2021; Virtual Conference.

Educational Activities

Courses Taught, Northeastern University	Years
NRSG3324 Advanced Assessment and Interventions	2025
NRSG5220 Research Methods and Application in Healthcare	2025
NRSG4605 Public Health Community Nursing, Simulation Lab	2025
NRSG2350 Pathopharmacology (Boston and Burlington)	2024-2025
Courses Taught, Merrimack College	Years
NUR4000 Critical Care Nursing	2022- 2024
NUR2600 Pathopharmacology I	2022
NUR3050 Pathopharmacology II	2021
Courses Taught, Endicott College	Years
BIO335 Pathophysiology	2020-2021
NU307 Nursing Pharmacology	2019-2021

NU321 Clinical Judgement	2020
NU211 Care of Adults	2020-2021
NU420 NCLEX Test Preparation	2020-2021
NU489 Senior Thesis I	2020

Courses Taught, Saint Anselm College

	Years
NU340 Critical Care Nursing	2015-2016
NU238 Pathopharmacology I	2013-2015
NU239 Pathopharmacology II	2013-2015

PhD Dissertation Advising

Committee Member: “The Impact of a Global Service-Learning Immersion Experience on the Efficacy of Caring and Professional Nurse Values Development Among Nursing Students in the US and Portugal: A Mixed Methods Study.” Kerry Richardson. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Nursing PhD.

Chair: “The Lived Experience of a Dyad After Experiencing a Fetal Death: A Hermeneutic Phenomenological Study.” Mary McDonough, Endicott College, Nursing PhD. Degree Awarded: May 2022.

Chair: “Hiding in Plain Sight: An Interpretive Descriptive Study of the Impact of Shame on Patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa.” Dorothy Sullivan, Endicott College, Nursing PhD. Degree Awarded: December 2021.

DNP Project Advising

Committee Member: Aqid Nasim. Northeastern University, Nursing DNP – Post-Master's.

Graduate Student Precepting

Spring 2024	Nursing Education Master’s Practicum, UMASS Amherst: Alexis Black
Fall 2023	Nursing Education Master’s Practicum, Rivier University: Lyndsay Gilliland
Fall/Spring 22/23	Nursing Education Master’s Practicum, Framingham State University: Julika Wocial
Summer 2022	DNP Research Practicum, Northeastern University: Amanda Reilly
Spring 2020	Nursing Education Master’s Practicum, Salem State University: Kathleen Bombino

Professional Memberships and Activities

Role	Organization	Years
Member	American Association of Critical Care Nurses	2022-
Member	Eastern Nurses Research Society (ENRS)	2022-
Executive Leadership Team	New England Regional Caring Science Consortium	2021-

Member	International Association for Human Caring (IAHC)	2015-
	Chair Education Committee	2024-
	Member Conference Planning Committee	2023-
	Board of Directors	2022-2025
	Co-Chair Communications and Marketing Committee	2022-2024
	Member Communications and Marketing Committee	2020-2024
Member	American Holistic Nursing Association	2020-2024
Member	National League for Nursing	2019-
Member	New England League for Nurse Educations (formally: MA/RI League for Nursing)	2020-
	Nominations Committee	2022-2025
Member	Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing	2006-
Member	Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Tau at-Large Chapter	2006-
Member	Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Chi Chapter	2012-
Member	Sigma Theta Tau, Chi Epsilon Chapter	2019-2022
	Leadership Succession Chair, Chi Epsilon Chapter	2020-2022
Member	Sigma Theta Tau, Gamma Epsilon Chapter	2025-
Member	Delta Epsilon Sigma Honors Society, Saint Anselm College	2006-

Professional Editor and Reviewer Activities

Guest Editor	<i>Critical Care Nursing Clinics</i> , Issue: Family Centered Critical Care	2024-
Book Reviewer	Zerwekh, J., & Garneau, A. (2021). <i>Mosby's Pharmacology Memory Notecards</i> (6 th ed.). Elsevier.	2022
Book Reviewer	Karch, A. M., (2019). <i>Focus on Nursing Pharmacology</i> (8 th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.	2021
Peer Reviewer	<i>International Journal for Human Caring</i>	2023-
Peer Reviewer	<i>Nursing and Health Sciences</i>	2020-
Peer Reviewer	<i>Research and Theory for Nursing Practice</i>	2019-

Institutional Service

(d) designates departmental committees, (c) designates college wide committees, (h) designates hospital-based committees

Role	Committee	Institution	Years
Member	Workload Taskforce (d)	Northeastern University	2025-

Co-Chair	Curriculum Committee (d)	Northeastern University	2025-
Member	Curriculum Committee (d)	Northeastern University	2024-
Member	Evaluation Committee (d)	Northeastern University	2024-
Member	Unit Council (h)	BIDMC	2023-
Member	Nursing Research and Innovation Council (h)	BIDMC	2023-2025
Member	Academic Integrity Board (c)	Merrimack College	2022-2024
Chair	Evaluation Committee (d)	Merrimack College	2023-2024
Member	Evaluation Committee (d)	Merrimack College	2021-2024
Member	Nursing Leadership Council (d)	Merrimack College	2021-2024
Member	Nursing Departmental Committee (d)	Merrimack College	2021-2024
Member	Institutional Review Board (IRB) (c)	Endicott College	2020-2021
Member	Evaluation Committee (d)	Endicott College	2020-2021
Member	Nursing Departmental Committee (d)	Endicott College	2019-2021
Member	Curriculum Committee (d)	Endicott College	2019-2021
Member	Academic Success and Standards Committee (d)	Endicott College	2019-2020
Member	Environmental Stewardship Committee (c)	Saint Anselm College	2015-2016
Member	Evaluation Committee (d)	Saint Anselm College	2014-2016
Advisor	Student Nurses Association (d)	Saint Anselm College	2014-2016
Member	Nursing Departmental Committee (d)	Saint Anselm College	2012-2016