

# Jessica Barr

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY & SKILLS

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Enthusiastic Registered Nurse with over 7 years of experience managing both common and complex medical conditions in patients of all ages. Dedicated to education with proficiency in classroom and clinical settings, as well as extensive experience educating patients and families.

- Disease prevention and intervention proficient
  - Acute Care background
  - Patient assessment and intervention expertise
  - Student-focused educator
  - Strong clinical judgment and problem resolution
  - High level of autonomy
  - Venipuncture/blood draw expertise
  - EMR proficient
  - Speak, read, and write Spanish
  - Basic American Sign Language
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## EDUCATION

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**Master of Science:** Nursing, Dec. 2016  
**University of Texas** – Austin, TX

- GPA: 4.0
- Emphasis in Child Health: Teaching
- Recipient of Kathryn Gurley Scholarship Endowment

**Bachelor of Science:** Nursing, Dec. 2010  
**University of Alabama** – Tuscaloosa, AL

- GPA: 3.7
  - Honors College Graduate
  - Dean's List (8 semesters)
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Clinical Instructor

**University of Texas, School of Nursing** – Austin, TX – Jan. 2017 to current

**Texas State University, St. David's School of Nursing** – Round Rock, TX – Aug. 2017 to current

- Supervise care provided by students throughout clinical rotations
- Educate students on proper nursing skill technique and patient safety
- Coordinate with clinicians to create student/patient assignments
- Instruct students on performance of job duties at various clinical sites
- Evaluate students' clinical skills, performance, and bedside manner
- Develop, review, and edit course syllabus, schedule, and other online aspects of each course
- Maintain office hours and open lines of communication with students via telephone and email

**Infusion Nurse Specialist**, Aug. 2015 to Current

**Accredo Specialty Pharmacy** – Austin/San Antonio, TX

- Administer infusions and provide patient care in the home, hospital, or doctor's office
- Train patients to administer treatments and to recognize and respond to adverse reactions
- Coordinate with pharmacists to address drug management and changes in patient condition
- Document all communication with patients, plan of treatment, assessments, treatments, patient responses and reactions, status of disease process, and training activities
- Complete training for new and specialty infusion therapies

**Clinical Teaching Assistant**, Aug. 2016 to Dec. 2016

**University of Texas, School of Nursing** – Austin, TX

**Texas State University, School of Nursing** – Round Rock, TX

- Supervised care provided by students throughout clinical rotations
- Instructed students on performance of job duties in the clinical setting
- Provided feedback to students and instructors regarding student performance

**Pulmonary Hypertension Coordinator, Aug. 2012 to June 2015**

**University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas, TX**

- Collaborated with mid-levels and physicians to provide care to 500 patients and their family members in an outpatient specialty clinic
- Educated patients and family members about pulmonary hypertension, medications, dietary guidelines, blood pressure monitoring, sleep hygiene and exercise/pulmonary rehab
- Performed blood draws and assessed lab, procedure, and imaging results
- Completed documentation for patients, such as oxygen orders and medical necessity, FMLA, disability and insurance
- Attended local patient support group meetings as a medical resource and clinical representative
- Responsible for on-call rotation after hours and on weekends for patient emergencies for clinic that serves a total of 1,500 patients

**Staff Nurse-Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, July 2011 to July 2012**

**Medical Center of Lewisville – Lewisville, TX**

- Cared for infants with varying levels of acuity
- Developed patients' plans of care with the multidisciplinary team
- Taught parents their role in the infant's plan of care and development
- Attended deliveries, assessed the infants, and provided newborn care in the delivery room  
Admitted the infants to the NICU when necessary
- Performed and/or assisted with blood transfusions, OT feeding assessments, blood draws, code situations, and placement and maintenance of PICC lines, umbilical lines, chest tubes, and PIVs
- Completed continuing education including breastfeeding, skin to skin care, phototherapy, central line maintenance, chest tube care, developmental positioning, and respiratory support

**Nurse Extern-Transitional Care and Neurology Rehabilitation Unit, May 2010 to July 2010**

**Cook Children's Medical Center – Fort Worth, TX**

- Provided nursing care to patients ranging from 2 months to 15 years of age
- Educated patients' family members about ongoing and post-discharge care

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**SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH**

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- Towards Solving the Problem of Substance Misuse and Addiction among the Youth and Emerging Adults. University of Texas at Austin, Pop-Up Institute. (2018). Roles: Round Table Discussion event coordinator and Wellness Committee member.
- Alcohol and Sexual Consent. University of Texas at Austin, Center for Health Communication. (2018). Role: Affiliate Faculty.
- Nursing Innovation Grant Program: Building Simulation and Skills Lab Capacity (2017-2018). \$200,000. Principal Investigator: L. Goldstein. Role: Simulation Developer.
- UT Austin/Portugal International Collaboratory for Emerging Technologies, CoLab (Strover, PI) (2015-2017). "Improving Prenatal Health Communication: Engaging Men via e-Health." \$40,000. Principal Investigator: M. Mackert. Role: Graduate Research Assistant.
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention/Research Triangle Institute (2016). "Tips from Former Smokers YouTube Comment Sentiment and Summary Analysis." \$165,467. Principal Investigator: M. Mackert. Role: Graduate Research Assistant.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Barr, J.L., Conners, A., & Cowart, C. (2017). Exploring organ donation with families of pediatric patients. *American Nurse Today*, 12 (10).

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## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Texas Board of Nursing, Registered Nurse, License No. 797242, Feb 2011 - present
- Inclusive Classrooms Leadership, 2016
- Basic Life Support, April 2018 – April 2020
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support, August 2018 – August 2020
- Continuing Medical Education Cultural Competent Nursing Care, 2009

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## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

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- University of Texas Student Conduct Board hearing officer (2018-2020 appointment)
- University of Texas Nursing Student Association co-mentor (2017 to current)
- University of Texas School of Nursing Scholarship Committee member (2017 to current)
- Conference RN-Hermansky Pudlak Syndrome Network (2010 to current)
- University of Texas, Family, Public Health, and Leadership Division Sunshine Committee Co-Chair (2017 to 2018)
- Care Van vaccine administration-Blue Cross Blue Shield (2015 to 2017)
- Rapid Response Team-UT Southwestern Medical Center (2012 to 2015)
- Unit Based Council Member/Chair-UT Southwestern Medical Center (2013 to 2015)
- Fundraiser committee team leader-ZebraPHest for Pulmonary Hypertension (2013 to 2015)
- Unit Practice Council Member-Medical Center of Lewisville (2012)
- Nursing Academic Honor Council Chief Justice Elect/Chief Justice (2008 to 2010)
- Conference Day Care Coordinator-National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation-Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter (2009)
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Secretary-Baylor All Saints (2008)
- Kids' Camp Nurse Assistant-National Organization of Albinism and Hypopigmentation (2007)