

Curriculum Vitae

Birgit Heckemann, RN, PhD

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Educational Background

- 2011-18 PhD Nursing Science
Maastricht University, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Supervisors: Prof Dr JMGA Schols, A/Prof Dr RJG Halfens (both Maastricht University), Prof Dr S Hahn (Bern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland)
Thesis: [Patient and Visitor Aggression in General Hospitals. An analysis of strategies at staff, team and management level](#)
- 2007-10 MSc Research Methods (Grade: Distinction)
Thames Valley University (now: University of West London), London, UK
Project: Connecting Emotional Intelligence to leadership and conflict resolution: a qualitative descriptive content analysis of current nursing literature.
- 2003-07 BSc (Hons) Professional Practice (Grade: 2:1)
Project:
Thames Valley University (now: University of West London), London, UK
- 1999 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
Oxford House College, London, UK
- 1992-95 Allgemeine Hochschulreife [*Certificate of Secondary Education*]
Overberg-Kolleg, Münster, Germany
- 1987-90 Certificate in Adult Nursing
Staatlich anerkannte Krankenpflegeschule St.-Josefs-Krankenhaus [*State Accredited School of Nursing St. Josefs' Hospital*], Salzkotten, Germany

Professional appointments

- 2019- date *Postdoctoral Researcher*
Project: A person-centred Care pathway for patients with pituitary gland tumours (Design and management of several mixed-methods study investigating person-centred care documentation)
Gothenburg University, Center for Person-Centred Care
- 2016-date *Research Associate in academic and commercial research*
Bern University of Applied Sciences, Bern, Switzerland
Department of Health Professions, Division of Nursing
Project: PERoPA (International project coordination and planning, data management, analysis, dissemination, supervision of junior research personnel)
- 2013-15 University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
The Gothenburg Centre for Person-Centred Care Research,
Project: Care4 ourselves
- 2012-12 REGISTRAT MAPI, Lyon, France
Epidemiological Research Assistant
(Co-ordination of observational epidemiological studies)
- 2011-13 Bern University of Applied Sciences, Bern, Switzerland
Health Division Applied Research & Development in Nursing
(Qualitative data analysis and reporting)
- 2003-09 *Clinical nursing*
Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Ascot, United

	Kingdom Day / Short Stay Surgery, Surgical Pre-Assessment Clinic Roles: Sister (2006-09), Senior Staff Nurse (2005-06), Staff Nurse (2003-05) (Patient care, care planning, management of department, development of care processes and ensuring quality of care, liaising with multi-professional team)
1990-92	Universitätsklinikum [<i>University Hospital</i>], Münster, Germany Neurosurgery and Maxillo-facial surgery Role: Staff Nurse (care planning and provision, multi-professional working)
	<i>Other</i>
1999-2000	Ealing Tertiary College, London, UK English language teaching to asylum seekers and refugees
1986-87	Caritasverband Voluntary Community Service, Warstein, Germany

Gap periods

Due to my husband's career our family moved several times, four of these relocations were international. When I was not working professionally, I mainly managed these relocations. I felt it was important to prioritize my children's needs and wellbeing during these times of great change. I believe that dealing with all aspects of international relocations has made me a more generous and kind person, but it also fostered my networking and communication skills, my ability to adapt to complex situations, and to take decisions when under pressure.

Professional engagement

2018	The 4 th Sigma postgraduate virtual conference at Tau Omega Chapter at Gothenburg University, Sweden on November 21, 2018. Member of the Organizing Committee, member of the Scientific committee
2017-18	STTI 4th Biennial European Conference, Cambridge, UK. Member of the Scientific Committee
2017	The 3 rd STTI postgraduate student virtual scholarly event hosted by Tau Omega Chapter at Gothenburg University, Sweden on November 15, 2017. Member of the Organizing Committee, member of the Scientific committee
2016	The 16th EDCNS, Bern, Switzerland. Member of the Organizing Committee, Session Chair (poster and oral presentations)

Memberships

Since 2018	Member of The European Violence in Psychiatry Research Group (EViPRG)
Since 2018	Member of The International Philosophy of Nursing Society (IPONS)
Since 2014	Member of Sigma International and board member of local Tau Omega Chapter Chapter Vice president: from 2019 Chapter secretary: 2018-2019
Since 2013	Member of EANS (European Academy of Nursing Science) (student member 2013-2017, full member since 2018)

Grants

2016	30 000 Swiss Francs (co-applicant): Schweizer Berufsverband der Pflegefachfrauen und Pflegefachmänner [<i>Swiss Nursing Association</i>], Switzerland 54 000 Swiss Francs (co-applicant): Stiftung Lindenhof [<i>Lindenhof Foundation</i>], Switzerland
2015-16	5000 \$ (sole applicant): Sigma Theta Tau International Small Grant

Awards and honours

2017	Chris Abderhalden Award for Young Researchers in the Field
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of Aggression in Healthcare 2017, the 10th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry Dublin, Ireland.

2006 International Nurses Day Achievement Award. "Ensuring patients are central to what we do". Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Trust, Ascot, UK

Journal peer review

Since

2018 Journal of Clinical Nursing, Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy
2016 BMJ Open, Advances in Nursing, Journal of Nursing Management
2015 Journal für Qualitative Forschung in Pflege und Gesundheitswissenschaften (QUPUG) [*Journal for Qualitative Research in Caring and Health Sciences*]
2014 European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing

Languages

German (native); English (full professional competency); French (limited working proficiency)
Swedish (Gymnasiebetyg 2016)