

DONNA RUSSO, R.N., M.S.N., CCRN, CNE
Biographical Sketch

Ms. Russo gained her Master's of Science Degree in Nursing focusing on the Clinical Nurse Specialist role in Critical Care and Trauma from Thomas Jefferson University College of Health Professions. Ms. Russo has been a nursing instructor for Aria Health School of Nursing (AHSN) for Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing since 1989. During her time at AHSN, she has performed as a: Nursing Instructor for Senior Seminar, Capstone Student Faculty Mentor, Chairperson of the Faculty Development Committee (2005 to present), Member of Curriculum Subcommittee of the Evaluation Committee (2010 to Spring 2014), Member of Faculty Subcommittee (Spring 2014 to present, Member of Recruitment, Admissions and Promotions (RAP) (2010 to present), Member of Grievance Committee (2012 to present) and Member of Staff Education Committee (CSI) of ARIA Health. Prior experiences within AHSN include: Course Coordinator and Nursing Instructor for both Oncology Nursing and Advanced Physical Assessment, Clinical Instructor for first and second level students, Faculty Advisor for Student Government Association (1990 to 2008) and Judiciary Committee Chairperson (2002 – 2008).

Ms. Russo started her career as a Staff Nurse at Northeastern Hospital. She then continued at Frankford Hospital first as a Staff Nurse and then as an Assistant Head Nurse on a Medical-Surgical Unit before transferring to a position in the Intensive Care Unit. Ms. Russo has also served as a General Nurse Educator and Critical Care Nurse Educator in Staff Development. She is certified in: Basic Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, CCRN – 1987 to present, Critical Care and Trauma Certification through Frankford Hospital and Certified Nurse Educator – 2009 to present.

Professional activities include Reviewer and Contributor to many academic publications since 2007. The most recent include:

Silvestri, L. (2016). HESI/Saunders Online Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination, 2nd Edition. St. Louis, MO. Elsevier Saunders (contributor)

Silvestri, L. (2016). Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-PN® Examination, (6th ed.) St. Louis, MO.: Elsevier Saunders (contributor)

LeMone, P., Burke, K., Bauldoff, G. & Gubrud, P. (2015). Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical Reasoning in Patient Care 6th ed., Boston (Contributor – End of Unit Feature)

Silvestri, L.A. (2014). Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination (6th ed.). St. Louis, Missouri (contributor)

Silvestri, L. A. & Silvestri, A. Saunders 2014 – 2015 Strategies for Test Success. (3rd ed.). St. Louis, Missouri. (special contributor)

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