



Biographical Information – Linda Beuscher, PhD, GNP, BC

Linda Beuscher, PhD, GNP, BC is an assistant professor with a joint appointment at the Vanderbilt Center for Quality Aging and Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Dr. Beuscher has a rich geriatric background with 12 years experience as a board certified gerontological nurse practitioner. Prior to her appointment at Vanderbilt she worked at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Institute of Aging in the Senior Health Clinic and Long Term Care Division of Geriatric Medicine (2002-2007). She also worked at Mother Frances Health System Long Term Care Department in Tyler, Texas (1997-2002).

Dr. Beuscher, a new postdoctoral faculty, is a recipient of the prestigious Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity Scholarship program, which nationally acknowledged her expertise as a geriatric nurse leader and her potential as a researcher. Her research focuses on improving the quality of life for people with Alzheimer's. She conducted a qualitative study to understand the lived experience of individuals with early stage Alzheimer's disease. She also conducted a pilot study of family caregivers' experience in NH placement of their loved one. Currently Dr. Beuscher is the program manager for Dr. Schnelle's fecal incontinence in nursing home study.

Dr. Beuscher has presented her research nationally, regionally, as well as locally. She is a member of Gerontological Society of America, Southern Nursing Research Society, National Conference of Gerontological Nurses, and Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. Her publications are in Research in Gerontological Nursing Journal, Western Journal of Nursing Research, and Journal of Clinical Nursing.