

Biography

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Dr. Crystal Hansen is Deputy Director of the Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Program.

Dr. Hansen has over 11 years of experience with the U.S. Army as Active Duty. She received her commission in the Army in 2004 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) while completing her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the Radford University in Radford, Virginia.

Dr. Hansen continued her education and completed a Master of Science in Nursing from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 2012. She became an Adult Acute/Critical Care Board Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in 2013. Dr. Hansen later went on to complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2015 from the University of Alabama evaluating best practices in endoscope storage time following high-level disinfection. Other scholarly interest for Dr. Hansen include utilization of the CNS within the Surgical Services Product Line, standardization of surgical wound classification, evidence-based mock code training for surgical staff, and evaluation of ophthalmic surgical preps for iodine-allergic patients.

Dr. Hansen has served in various locations as an Army Nurse to include Medical/Surgical staff nurse on the General Surgery Ward and Surgical Admissions Center at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI; Operating Room Staff Nurse to include Ophthalmology and Plastics/Reconstruction Surgical Service Head Nurse and the 68D Phase II Clinical Preceptor at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC; Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist, Head Nurse/CNOIC Operating Room/ Operative Services Director for the Surgical Services Service Line (3SL) at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas. She is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom having served as the Head Nurse of the Operating Room for the Americans, British, and Danish, at Camp Bastion with the 14th and 28th Combat Support Hospital located in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Dr. Hansen honors and awards include the Meritorious Service Medals (2), Army Commendation Medals (2) and Army Achievement Medals (4). She has received the USUSH Board of Regents Award 2012, Federal Nursing Service Chiefs Award, Military Officers Association of America Outstanding Student Award, Distinguished Academic Performance Award, and 2012 Dean's Award for Poster Presentation from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.