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# Education

**Ph.D.** University of Connecticut, Nursing September 2020 - Expected May 2024

Committee: Natalie Shook (chair), Angela Starkweather, and Gee Su Yang (associate advisors). GPA 4.013

Graduate Certificate – Pain Management (May 2023)

Graduate Certificate – Health Professions Education (August 2022)

**M.S.** University of Connecticut, Nursing, GPA 4.015 May 2023

**B.S.** University of Rhode Island, Nursing, GPA 3.73 May 2019

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Minor in Thanatology (Loss, Death, Grief, Bereavement), Honors Program

# Honors and Awards

**Fellow** 2023-2024

Center for Nursing Philosophy, University of California Irvine, $1,500

“Critical Hermeneutics and the Interrogation of Power Imbalances Resulting from the Nursing Lexicon” will combine ordinary language philosophy, Critical Theory, and hermeneutics to closely examine nurses’ word choice to expose the underlying power structures reinforced (or, preferably, disrupted) by the dynamic nursing lexicon.

**Summer Doctoral Dissertation Award** 2023

University of Connecticut, Graduate School, $2,000

Awarded for dissertation study #3, Pain in a Gender Diverse Sample (IRB H22-0181)

**Trainee Grant** 2022

Center for Advancement in Pain Management, $1,500

Awarded for dissertation study #3, Pain in a Gender Diverse Sample (IRB H22-0181)

**Oncology Nurses’ Foundation Doctoral Academic Scholarship** 2022

Oncology Nurses’ Foundation, $7,500

Awarded for scholarly excellence and a strong commitment to oncology nursing

**Inaugural Jean Watson Award – Oncology Recipient** 2020

Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital

**University Academic Excellence Award – College of Nursing** 2019

University of Rhode Island

**College of Nursing Commencement Speaker** 2019

University of Rhode Island

**Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing** 2018, 2021

# Publications

## Published Manuscripts

**Graziano, T.A. (2023)** “A meta-ethnography on chest dysphoria and liberating solutions in transmasculine individuals” Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing, 52(5), 350-363. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jogn.2023.05.111>

## Manuscripts Under Review

Fitzgerald, H.,\* **Graziano, T. A.**,\* Ortiz, J., Owen, C. K., & Shook, J. “Internalized phobia, community connectedness, and outness: Mental health risk and protective factors in LGBTQ individuals” Submitted to Nursing Research.

Wu, W., Graziano, T., Salner, A., Chen, M. H., Judge, M., Cong, X., Xu, W. “Acceptability, effectiveness, and roles of mhealth applications in supporting cancer pain self-management: An integrative review” Submitted to JMIR mHealth and uHealth.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

**Graziano, T. A., &** Shook, N. J.“Cumulative Effects of Intersectionality on Depression and Anxiety Among Sexual and Gender Minorities.”

**Graziano, T. A.** & Shook, N. J.“Pain is Gendered: A systematic review with meta-analysis of pain differences across genders.”

**Graziano, T. A. &** Shook, N. J.“Understanding pain sensitivity in a gender-diverse sample.”

**Graziano, T. A.,** Brown, K.\*\*, & Shook, N. J. “A Comparison of Pain Reporting by Cisgender, Transgender, and Nonbinary Patients in Relation to Clinician’s Sex.”

Yang, GS., Li, A., **Graziano, T. A.,** Byon, H. D., Shook, N., Starkweather, A., & Cong, X. “Association of Social Determinants of Health and COVID-19-related Behaviors with Cervical Cancer Screening in Hispanic Women Using the NIH All of Us Research Program”

Yang, GS., Hedge, U., Meegan, T., **Graziano, T. A.**, Starkweather, A. R., Redeker, N., Cong, x. Immunotherapy and psychoneurological symptoms among cancer survivors: A systematic review.

\*Co-first authors; \*\*Undergraduate Mentee

# Presentations

Yang, G. S., **Graziano, T. A.,** Li, A., Starkweather, A. R., Lynch Kelly, D., Lyon, D. (2023, September). The influence of race on differences in psychoneurological symptoms among early-stage breast cancer survivors [Poster presentation]. 2023 Advanced Methods Conference, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS).

**Graziano, T. A.** (2023, April). A meta-ethnography on chest dysphoria and liberating solutions in transmasculine individuals [Poster presentation]. 2023 INK Conference, UConn School of Nursing.

Yang, G. S., Li, A., **Graziano, T.,** Starkweather, A. R., & Cong, X. (2023, April). Association of social determinants of health and COVID-19-related behaviors with cervical cancer screening in Hispanic women [Poster presentation]. 48th Oncology Nursing Society Congress, San Antonio, TX.

**Graziano, T. A.** (2023, April). Pain in a Gender-Diverse Sample Protocol [Poster presentation]. CAMP Trainee Data Blitz, UConn School of Nursing, Storrs, CT.

**Graziano, T. A.** (2022, April). Oncology Nurses’ Experience Caring for Transgender Hospice Patients [Poster presentation]. 43rd Annual Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, St. Louis, MO.

**Graziano, T. A.,** Wrye, S., Kardas, A.(2022, July). “Not Less, Just Different: Fostering an Appreciation for Comfort Care,” Yale-New Haven Hospital Vizient Nurse Residence Conference. New Haven, CT.

**Graziano, T. A.** (2019, April). Fostering Meaning-Making in Grieving Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [Poster presentation]. Annual Honors Program Conference, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**Graziano, T. A.** (2019, April). Improving TOB 1 and 2 Measures on Inpatient Psychiatric Units at Rhode Island Hospital [Poster presentation]. Annual Nursing Leadership Presentations, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**Graziano, T. A.** (2019, April). Fostering Meaning-Making in Grieving Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [Poster presentation]. Honors Thesis Conference, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

# Teaching Experience

**McNair Scholars Program Mentor,** University of Connecticut June-July 2023

* Mentor a prestigious McNair Scholar who is a first-generation, racial or ethnic minority undergraduate student.
* Students are to develop skills in research methodology, data analysis, writing, and presentation during their apprenticeship
* My mentee was a first-generation, Black woman who aided in data collection for Dissertation study #3. Her project for completing her apprenticeship examined differences in pain-reporting behaviors between cisgender men and women, transgender men, and nonbinary individuals. She presented a poster presentation in July 2023.

**Guest Lecturer,** UConn School of Nursing October 2022

* NURS 2100W Fostering a Culture of Health through Health Equity and Interprofessional Collaboration
* Health disparities faced by sexual and gender minorities to an interdisciplinary group of undergraduate students

**Nurse Preceptor**, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital Jan 2020-Present

* Act as a primary and secondary preceptor for new graduate nurses orienting to hematology-oncology and stem cell transplant unit and nursing students
* Act as a preceptor for new chemotherapy nurses
* Act as a preceptor for new cellular therapy (hematopoietic stem cells [HSCT], chimeric antigen receptor T-cell [CAR-T]) nurses
* Act as a primary and secondary preceptor for new oncology infusion nurses in malignant hematology and stem cell transplant clinic

**Disaster liaison**, Smilow Cancer Hospital, Hematology Units – Volunteer Jan 2020-Present

* Train staff and run practice disaster simulations on inpatient and outpatient hematology units to ensure staff are prepared in a mass casualty, environmental, structural, or man-made disaster.

**Charge Nurse,** Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital Jan 2020-Present

* Intermittently act as charge nurse, acting as a resource for staff nurses, patients, families, and interdisciplinary staff
* Create appropriate patient assignments for nursing staff in both inpatient and outpatient settings
* Coordinate care with interdisciplinary staff to ensure patient care is not overlooked

**Educational Session**, “Fostering Meaning-Making in Grieving Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,” Sunshine Village Program – Chicopee MA, December 2018. Sole presenter.

# Work Experience

**Staff Nurse I**, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital July 2019-Present

New Haven, CT – Hematology-Oncology and Stem Cell Transplant

* Registered Nurse in infusion for malignant hematology, oncology, & stem cell transplant patients – both in inpatient and outpatient settings
* Educate patients and administer medications, chemotherapy, bio/immunotherapy, and cellular therapy infusions as appropriate
* Draw and collect patient labs, assess the need for/and transfuse blood products or other infusion therapy plans (including chemotherapy) as appropriate
* Collaborate with an interdisciplinary team to promote patient and family wellness in an oncology setting
* Act as charge nurse as assigned, acting as a resource to staff, patients, and family
* Precept new graduate nurses or nurses new to my assigned units. Training included physical assessments, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, cellular therapies (CAR-T, stem cell transplant), and biological therapies.
* Precept pre-licensure nursing students associated with Quinnipiac University, University of Connecticut, Fairfield University, Central Connecticut University, and Yale University when assigned to my units. Students were in Med/Surg or oncology clinicals.

**Registered Nurse Case Manager**, The Connecticut Hospice Feb 2022-July 2022

Branford, CT – Home Health Department

* Oversee the care of hospice patients through their death trajectory, ensuring their needs for home health aides, social work, physical/occupational therapy, art/music therapy, and spiritual support are provided
* Coordinate with the interdisciplinary team to ensure the patient and family are receiving sufficient support and distressing symptoms are well managed using pharmacological and nonpharmacological methods
* Precept pre-licensure nursing students associated with Quinnipiac University in their community health clinical.

# Professional Training

**Registered Nurse**, State of Connecticut, License Number: 161337, June 2019-Present, Expires August 31, 2024

**Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN)** Oncology Nursing Certification Cooperation, August 2021-December 2025

**Certified Thanatologist** Association for Death Education and Counseling, December 2020-December 2023

**ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy Immunotherapy Certificate Course** Oncology Nursing Society, October 2022, ONS ID# 746216

**BLS Certification**, American Heart Association, March 2020-February 2024

**Vizient Nurse Residency Program**, Yale-New Haven Hospital, July 2019-July, 2020

**Cellular Therapy Training**, Staff Nurse, Smilow Cancer Hospital, November 2019-Present

* Trained to administer stem cell, bone marrow, and CAR-T cell infusions.
  + CAR-T products include: Yescarta, Kymriah, Abecma, Carvykti, and Breyanzi

**Chemotherapy Administration**, Staff Nurse, Smilow Cancer Hospital, January 2020-Present

**End-of-Life Care Baccalaureate Student Certification**, May 2018, End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

# Professional Affiliations

International Association for the Study of Pain, 2022-Present

Hospice and Palliative Nurses’ Society, 2022-Present

US Association for the Study of Pain, 2021-Present

Oncology Nurse Society, 2020-Present

Association for Death Education and Counseling, 2019-Present

Eastern Nursing Research Society, 2018-Present

Sigma Theta Tau International, 2018-Present

# References

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