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ONLINE PROFILES

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QUALIFICATIONS

- MSc in Health Sciences
- PGDip in Research Methods and Allied aspects
- BSc in Nursing (Sp)

TEACHING AREAS

- Geriatric nursing
- Epidemiology
- Pharmacology
- Gynecology and Obstetrics nursing
- Fundamentals of nursing
- Nursing skills practice
- Research Methodology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Gerontological Nursing, Nursing Education, Maternal and women health, Cancer care

AWARDS AND GRANT

- Young Educators Travel Award received from the FAOPS2019 & ADInstruments Teaching workshop, Kobe, Japan for the research study on 'Reasons for absenteeism from academic activities and clinical training among nursing undergraduates' in 2019.
- University Colours for Chess (2007), University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- Inter University colours for chess - SLUSA (Sri Lanka Universities of Sports Associations) (2007)

INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Participated as an Exchange teacher in the Student /Teacher Exchange Program conducted between Kristianstad University, Sweden and KDU. Involved in teaching at the Kristianstad University and attended for the clinical placements at the Hassleholm Hospital, primary health care units and Home-based care settings for the elderly in Sweden (October, 2019- 3 weeks).
- External examiner, Adult Nursing, practical examinations, BSc Nursing Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, 2017- 2018.
- External examiner Nursing Skills Practice Examination, BSc Nursing Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, 2018.
- Coordinator, Diploma in Naval Nursing Program conducted by Naval Nursing School Welisara, 2017-2018.
- Lecturer, Diploma in Naval Nursing Program, Welisara, 2016-2019.
- Engaging as a manuscript reviewer for the following international Journals
 - BMC medical education (since 2020)
 - African Health Sciences (since 2019)
 - African Educational Research (since 2019)
- Coordinator, Home Based Care for Elderly program, conducted by the Department of Health Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2012.
- Visiting academic, Home Based Care for Elderly program, conducted by the Department of Health Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2012
- Member of the Sri Lanka Nurses Association since 2012
- Member of the Graduate Nurses Foundation since 2011

- Member of the research committee of the Graduate Nurses Foundation, 2012
- Member of the Sri Lanka Association of Advancement of Science (SLAAS), since 2011
- Member of the National Science Foundation (NSF), since 2018

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse (Sri Lanka Nursing Council)
- Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (KDU, 2015)

REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Samarasinghe, K., Edberg, A-K., 2019, 'Loneliness among older people living in care homes in Sri Lanka', International Journal of Older People Nursing, Wiley Online Library, Vol. 14, e12253.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/opn.12253>
- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K. and Suresh, T.S., 2013, 'knowledge and attitudes towards Dysmenorrhoea among adolescent girls in an urban school in Sri Lanka', Journal of Nursing and Health sciences, Wiley Blackwell Publishers, Vol. 15(2), pp. 58-64
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1442-2018.2012.00736.x>
- Vidanage, D. and Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., 2018, 'A study on needle stick injuries and hepatitis B vaccination status among BSc Nursing undergraduates in General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka', Global Scientific Journal, Vol. 6(7), pp. 902-909
<http://www.globalscientificjournal.com/researchpaper/A-STUDY-ON-NEEDLE-STICK-INJURIES-AND-HEPATITIS-B-VACCINATION-STATUS.pdf>

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Wijesiri HSMSK, De Silva Weliange, SH, Wijeyaratne, CN, Wasalathanthri, S. 2020, 'Morbidity status and its association with activities of daily living among elderly living in informal caregiving settings in Colombo district', Sri Lanka Medical Association 133rd Anniversary International Medical Congress, 16th July, 2020.
- Wijesiri HSMSK, De Silva Weliange, SH, Wijeyaratne, CN, Wasalathanthri, S. 2020, Comparison of activity limitations among different age groups of elderly living in informal caregiving settings in Colombo district, Gerontology and Geriatrics Medicine, 2020, 5-6th December, 2020.

- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., and Samarasinghe, K. 2019, 'Perceptions towards health and caregiving among elderly with loneliness, living in aged-care homes'. The Journal of Physiological Sciences: Proceedings of the 9th Federation of the Asians and Oceanian Physiological societies congress, springer, Vol.69(1), pp.124.
- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., and Vidanage, D. 2019. 'Reasons for absenteeism from academic activities and clinical training among nursing undergraduates', Paper presented to 9th FAOPS congress, Japan, 27th March 2019.
- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., & Samarasinghe, K., 2018, 'Experiences of loneliness and coping methods used to alleviate loneliness among older people living in residential aged care facilities: A mixed method study', paper presented to 1st International Nursing Congress proceedings, University of Peradeniya, 6th April 2018.
- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Vidanage, D., 2017, 'Association of gender difference and study discipline with absenteeism from academic activities and clinical training among undergraduates of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences', paper presented to 10th International Research Conference, conference held at KDU, 3rd – 4th Aug 2017.
- Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Samarasinghe, K., 2017, 'Level of loneliness and its association with the socio-demographic factors among elderly living in elderly care homes', paper presented to 3rd Annual Academic Sessions in Sri Lanka Association of Geriatric Medicine, conference held at Galadari Hotel, 17th Nov 2017.
- Vidanage, D., Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., 2016, 'Prevalence of needle stick injuries among B.Sc. Nursing Undergraduates in General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University', paper presented to 9th International Research Conference, conference held at KDU, 8th – 9th Sep 2016.

Students' research publications

- HATM Wijesekara, BGH Sanjeewani, BADN Sandeepani, HA Samarasinghe, AWA Sathsarani, GRL Godamulla, HSMSK Wijesiri and Sudath SP Warnakulasuriya, Prevalence and association of overweight with major noncommunicable diseases among elderly people living in kesbewa secretariat division, Colombo, Sri Lanka, at the 13th International Research conference, KDU on 15th October 2020
- Madhuwanthi, T.G.M.I, Kumari, M.K.K., Vithanagama, K.N., Yashoda, U.G.G., Dissanayake, D.M.S.S, Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Balasuriya, A., 2018. Study of dysmenorrhea and self-managing

techniques among female factory workers in Piliyandala MOH area, Journal of Medical Association Sri Lanka. Vol.63(1), pp.111.

- Ranaweera, R.A.N.D., Dinesha, P.M.C., Weerasinghe, P.W.D.N., Pathirage, C.A.K., Senarathna, K.M.D.N., Ariyasena, G.A.G.M.S, Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Balawardane, K.A.S.J., 2018, 'Awareness regarding breast cancer risk factors: comparative study between breast cancer patients of Sri Lanka and Women attended clinics, Piliyandala MOH', paper presented to 1st International Nursing Congress proceedings, University of Peradeniya, 6th April 2018.
- Sandarenu KLKTD, Liyanage, LPGI, Jayaneththi, HPJH, Thilakarathna AGLN, Wijewardhana, RGMSD, Wijesiri HSMSK, Balasuriya, A, an abstract with oral presentation on attitudes towards elderly care among nursing undergraduates at KDU, Sri Lanka at the 1st International conference on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, 13th September 2019
- Sandarenu KLKTD, Liyanage, LPGI, Jayaneththi, HPJH, Thilakarathna AGLN, Wijewardhana, RGMSD, Wijesiri HSMSK, Balasuriya, A, an abstract with poster presentation on knowledge towards elderly care among nursing undergraduates at KDU, Sri Lanka at the 12th International Research conference, KDU on 12th September 2019
- Madhuwanthi, T.G.M.I, Kumari, M.K.K., Vithanagama, K.N., Yashoda, U.G.G., Dissanayake, D.M.S.S, Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Balasuriya, A., 2018, 'The association between dysmenorrhea and daily activities among female factory workers in Piliyandala MOH area, Sri Lanka', paper presented to 1st International Nursing Congress proceedings, University of Peradeniya, 6th April 2018.
- Prasad, A.P.G.C., Panditharathna, P.A.P.P., Karunathilake, R.A.C.J.K., Thilakarathne, T.M.U., Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Nandani de Silva, 2016, 'Knowledge Attitudes and Practices towards Childhood Immunization among Mothers Attending Child Welfare Clinics in Medical Officer of Health area, Ratmalana', paper presented to 10th International Research Conference, conference held at KDU, 3rd – 4th Aug, 2017
- Udayangi, R.A.D.S., Nilagarathna, T.R., Subasinghe, S.A.R.S., Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Balasuriya, A., 2017, Knowledge and attitudes of antenatal mothers regarding neonatal care in a selected Medical Officer of Health area', paper presented to 10th International Research Conference, conference held at KDU, 3rd – 4th Aug 2017
- Ranaweera, R.A.N.D., Dinesha, P.M.C., Weerasinghe, P.W.D.N., Pathirage, C.A.K., Senarathna, K.M.D.N., Ariyasena, G.A.G.M.S, Wijesiri, H.S.M.S.K., Balawardane, K.A.S.J., 2018, 'Awareness regarding early detection techniques of breast cancer and knowledge regarding signs and

symptoms of breast cancer: Comparative study between breast cancer patients of Apeksha hospital and women who attended clinics, Piliyandala MOH', paper presented to 11th International Research Conference, conference held at KDU, 13th – 14th September 2018.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Head of the Department, Nursing and Midwifery, FAHS, KDU March 2018 -March 2020.
- Academic Coordinator, Department of Nursing and Midwifery, FAHS, KDU, 2017-2018
- Member of the curriculum development and the curriculum revision committee, FAHS, KDU, 2020
- Student counselor, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KDU, (since 2018)
- Member and the Convener, Disciplinary Committee, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KDU (since 2018)
- Steering committee member of the Research Laboratory Development committee, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KDU, 2018-2020.
- Sub warden, at the Temporary Residential Facilities, The Open University of Sri Lanka, 2011-2013