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**Education**

PhD, Medical College of Georgia, 1997  
MSN, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1979  
BSN, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1976

**Publications or  
Presentations**

- Avery, G., Hamilton, B. K., Russell, C., Johnson, T., & Watkins, T. (2007). Building a community model to improve rural children's health. Annual Excellence in Nursing Research, Iota Theta. Poster Presentation.
- Avery, G., Hamilton, B. K., Russell, C., Johnson, T., & Watkins, T. (2006). Building a community model to improve rural children's health. American Public Health Association. Boston, MA. Poster Presentation.
- Hamilton, B. K. (2004). A book review of Group Leadership Skills, Journal of Community Health Nursing, 21(3), 201.
- Hamilton, B. K. (1999). Perceived professional risk of school nurses associated with delegation of nursing care responsibilities to unlicensed personnel. Poster Presentation at National Association of School Nurses Annual Convention, Providence, RI.
- Hamilton, B. K. (1999). Designing a school health assessment and intervention project. Poster Presentation at National Association of School Nurses Annual Convention, Providence, RI.

**Grants and  
Projects**

- Avery, G., Johnson, T., & Hamilton, B.K. Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Healthy Communities, HRSA, Rural Outreach Grant, \$375,000, 2009-2012.
- McCoy, C., Hamilton, B. K., & Spurlock, Amy. Creating a Diverse Nursing Workforce through Learning and Practice Communities.

**Honors, Awards,  
Boards,  
Certifications, and  
Professional  
Organizations**

HRSA, \$880,000, 2008-2011.

- Minix, W., Hamilton, B. K., Wise, L., & Cleveland, K. Case Management in Baccalaureate Education. Blue Cross-Blue Shield, \$30,000, 2008 and 2009.
- Hamilton, B. K. Computerized Simulators for Undergraduate Nursing Education. ADECA, \$115,000, 2006.
- Watkins, T., Hamilton, B. K., Avery, G., Johnson, T., & Russell, C. Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Phase II, Troy University, HRSA, Rural Outreach Grant, \$600,000, 2005-2008.

- Troy University Chancellor's Fellow, 2008
- Program Evaluator, National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 2003-present
- Chiron Mentor, Sigma Theta Tau International, 2005
- Editorial Board, Journal of Community Health Nursing, 2000-present
- Member, Institutional Review Board Southeast Alabama Medical Center, 2008-present

**Research Projects**

- Hamilton, B.K., Avery, G., Johnson, T., Dunn, C., & Bazzell, J. Evaluation of School Nurse Wellness Model in Promoting Health Behaviors in Elementary School Aged Children. A funded longitudinal, descriptive study for Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Healthy Families Project (\$375,000 federal funding), Union Springs, Alabama, 2009-2012.
- Hamilton, B.K., Avery, G., & Johnson, T. Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the CATCH Program on the Health Status of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Students in Pike and Bullock Counties. A funded longitudinal, quasi-experimental design study for Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Project—Phase II (\$600,000 federal funding), Troy and Union Springs, Alabama, 2005-2008.
- Hamilton, B. K. Health Risk Behaviors of High School Students in Pike County. Survey conducted for funded Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Project—Phase I, Troy, Alabama, 2002, 2003, 2004.
- Hamilton, B. K. Health Behaviors of Elementary and Middle School Students in Pike County. Survey of second, third, and fourth grade students conducted for funded Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Project—Phase I, Troy, Alabama, 2003, 2004.
- Hamilton, B.K. Perceived Professional Risk of School Nurses Associated with Delegation of Nursing Responsibilities to Unlicensed Personnel. Dissertation research, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, 1997.
- Taunton, R. L. , Andrews, J., Bates, M., Boyle, D., Campbell, L., Carr, B., Edenfield, S., Hamilton, B. K., Johnson, M., Sauter, M. A., Wallace, D. Evaluation of Hinshaw and Atwood's Organizational Job Satisfaction Scale. Replicated evaluation of psychometric properties of the Organizational Job Satisfaction Scale, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, 1994

**Clinical Focus**

Pediatric Nursing  
Administration