

Tina D. McDyess

Areas of Expertise

Psychiatric-Mental Health, Medical-Surgical, Spirituality, Alcohol/Drug Detoxification

Teaching Focus

Psychiatric-Mental Health, Medical-Surgical, Spirituality, Leadership/Management, Professional Growth and Empowerment

Additional Information

Dr. Tina McDyess is a founding faculty member of the Belhaven University School of Nursing. She is currently a tenured associate professor and the Director of the Pre-licensure BSN Program. She has 12 years of faculty experience and 16 years of nursing experience. She has assumed several leadership positions and committee appointments during her time as faculty. In 2018, she obtained both her PhD in nursing leadership and ThD (doctorate of theology). She is an ordained elder and youth minister in the Church of God. She affectionately embraces the opportunity to integrate her love for teaching and Christian worldview.

Scholarly Contributions and Professional Publications

McDyess, T. (2018). *An Investigation of the Impact of Family Dynamics on Obesity among African American Adolescent Girls* (10784869) [Doctoral dissertation, The University of Southern Mississippi]. ProQuest Dissertations Publishing.

Loustalot, F., Wyatt, S., Boss, B., May, W. & McDyess, T. (2006). Psychometric examination of the Daily Spiritual Experiences Scale. *Journal of Cultural Diversity* 13(3); 162-167.

“Igniting the Leader Within” at the Nursing Leadership Institute at MS Nurses Foundation 2019

“Mind and Body: Making the Connection” at the Summit on the Church, Health, and Mental Health at Belhaven University October 2016

“Identifying and Understanding the Underlying Causes of Childhood Obesity Disparity and Inequality Trends Among African-American Girls and Mexican-American Boys” at The University of Southern Mississippi/University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Symposium 2012