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Education

- Nurse education, Rovaniemi, Finland, 1966
- Registered nurse in Sweden, 1971
- Specialized training in surgery, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1973
- Organization and Administration of Health Services, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1977-1980
- Nursing Science, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1985
- PhD in Nursing Science, Faculty of Medicine, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1994
- Thesis entitled "Caring for Patients with Dementia Disease"
- Advanced Nursing Studies diploma, Uppsala University, Sweden, 1987-89.

Work Experience

- Assistent**, Socialservice, Uppsala, Sweden, 1973-1975.
- Nursing Director** at Alzheimer Clinic, Uppsala Univ. Hospital, Sweden, 1982-1987.
- Project Secretary** for the Geriatric Project, Stockholm, Sweden, 1993-1995.
- Senior lecturer** at Department of Nursing, Lund University, Sweden, 1998-2001.
- Postdoc (visiting researcher)** at NYC, New York, USA 1996
- Professor** in Caring Science, University of Turku, Finland, 2000-2002
- Professor** in Nursing at Dept. Of Neurobiology, Lund University, Sweden, 2004-present

Scientific Board

- Swedish Nurses' Association Council, 1996-1999.
- Alzheimer's Disease International Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 1996.
- Gerontological Care Conference, Paris, France, 2003.

Scientific publications: 65 original articles published or accepted and submitted for publication in scientific journals.

Language proficiency

Finnish – native
Swedish – fluent
English – good
Norwegian – basic

Strengths and interests

I am very interested in geriatrics and dementia from a research point of view, and for my doctoral thesis I examined care for elderly patients with different levels of dementia. For my post-doc, I was looking more closely at interaction between dementia patients and their caretakers. In my research work, as well as in practice, I aspire to advance the quality of life among the elderly. I have published several articles on elderly care, and would like to continue working with the elderly. In the future, I hope to write a book on the topic of elderly care based on all my research data and practical experience.