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#### Work experience

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1. **Vice dean for internationalization, cooperation and sustainability** Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2029.
2. **Full Professor** at the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg associated with a position as specialist nurse at the Pediatric Heart Center Queen Silvia Children's hospital Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – to present day.
3. **Section manager (deputy)** at Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. March 2022 – Feb 2024.
4. **Senior lecturer** at Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg associated with a position as specialist nurse at the Pediatric Heart Center Queen Silvia Children's hospital March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.
5. **Assistant university lecturer** at the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg university. March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 – Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
6. **Senior lecturer** at the Institute of Health Sciences, University West, Trollhättan. 2012 March 12<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2014.
7. **Specialist nurse**, Pediatric Heart Center Queen Silvia Children's hospital, Sahlgrenska university hospital Gothenburg. 16th June 1998 – to present day.

#### Qualifications/titles

1. **Honorary professor** at the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Cape Town, South Africa from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2029.
2. **Associate professor**, Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University. Sweden. April – 2018
3. **Senior consultant nurse**, Pediatric Heart Centre Queen Silvia Children's hospital, Sahlgrenska university hospital, Gothenburg. December 2021
4. **PhD in Medicine** October 2011. Institute of Clinical Sciences, Pediatrics Department, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg university, Gothenburg. Title of thesis: Screening for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy in Asymptomatic Children and Adolescents. Psychosocial consequences and impact on quality of life and physical activity. ISBN/ISSN 978-91-628-8340-9. <http://hdl.handle.net/2077/27855>

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5. **Specialist nursing degree** in healthcare for children and youths, June 2004. Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Gothenburg university.
6. **Nursing degree**, June 1998, University of Borås.

### SCIENTIFIC MERITS

- Publications (n=47)
- Conference contributions – accepted abstracts (n=71)
- Conference contributions- invited speaker and other presentations (n=51)
- Popular science publications/interviews (n=21)

### Postdoctoral stays

1. KU Leuven Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Centre for Health Services and Nursing Research, Belgium. May 2014.
2. KU Leuven Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Centre for Health Services and Nursing Research, Belgium. Nov 2014.
3. Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and University of Cape town, South Africa. Nov-Dec 2016.

### Research stays

1. KU Leuven Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Centre for Health Services and Nursing Research, Belgium. June 2017.
2. KU Leuven Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Centre for Health Services and Nursing Research, Belgium. July 2018.
3. Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital and University of Cape town, South Africa. Nov 2018.

**Research grants received as main applicant - SEK 11 146 000** (Swedish Research Council, Swedish heart and lung foundation etc)

**Received research grants as co-applicant - SEK 61 450 000** (Swedish Research Council, FORTE, Swedish heart and lung foundation etc)

### SCIENTIFIC COUNCILS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

1. Member of the Swedish Research Council's Committee for Clinical Therapy Research 2024-2026
2. Member of the Swedish Children Heart Fund. Reviews grant applications. 2023 – ongoing
3. Member of the review committee in the Swedish state under the agreement between the Swedish government and the county councils, the ALF-agreement in Västra Götalandsregionen 2024.
4. Member of review board for Associated professors. Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. 2023-03-01- ongoing
5. Reviewing for Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen – FWO) 2024.

Abstract reviewing (20 conferences 2017-2025)

### MAIN SUPERVISOR

1. Amani Salim Salim, RN. PhD-student at the Doctorate of Philosophy Program in Public Health, Al-Quds university, Abu Dis, Palestine. Title of thesis: Preterm Birth Among Palestinian Mothers: Incidence, Predictors, Risk Factors, and Experiences. 2024-2030
2. Malin Espelund RN, MSc. PhD student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title: Enhancing Continuity Of Care In Transitioning Youth With Chronic Conditions: A Multifaceted Approach. 2024- 2031.
3. Helena Roos RN, MSc. PhD student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title: Empowering Families: Pediatric Basic Life-Support Training For Families To Children With Heart Disease And Increased Risk Of Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest. 2024- 2029.
4. Sandra Skogby RN, MSc. PhD student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title: Resolving the role of healthcare system factors for care gaps in adolescents with complex chronic conditions: An international, multilevel study. The Adole7C-project (AdolesCents reCeiving Continuous Care for Childhood-onset Chronic Conditions). 2017- Dec 2022. Thesis defense 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022.
5. Markus Saarijärvi RN, MSc. PhD student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title: Process of care and economic evaluation of a transition program to empower adolescents with chronic conditions in the transition to adulthood. The STEPSTONES-CHD project. 2017- Feb 2022. Thesis defense 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.
6. Mariela Acuna Mora RN, MSc. PhD student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, Gothenburg university. Thesis title: Patient empowerment during transition to adulthood in young persons with chronic conditions: STEPSTONES- CHD project. Thesis defense, 15 Jan 2021. <http://hdl.handle.net/2077/65151>

### CO-SUPERVISOR

7. Elin Friberg, RN. PhD-student at the Faculty of Medicine, Lund university.
8. Anna Hjort RN, MSc. PhD-student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University. Title: Utveckling av stödintervention för personer med epilepsi inom öppenvård på neurologiska specialistkliniker personer med epilepsi inom öppenvård på neurologiska specialistkliniker. 2024-2031.
9. Emma Ramsay Milford. Psychologist. PhD-student at the Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg. Thesis Title: Evaluating the feasibility and preliminary outcomes of implementing the Aim to Decrease Anxiety and Pain Treatment (ADAPT) for children with functional abdominal pain disorders (FAPD) in Swedish Paediatric Outpatient Clinics (POC) in the Gothenburg region. 2022-2030.
10. Elisabet Bergenmar Ivarsson. Psychologist. PhD-student at the Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg. Thesis title: På Väg-Upplevelse och effekt av digital gruppbehandling för ungdomar med kronisk sjukdom och deras föräldrar. 2021-2029.
11. Mikaela Hällström. MD. PhD-student at the Institute of health and care sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title: Comparative effectiveness and experience of transitional care models for adolescents with Type 1 diabetes in the transition to adulthood: The Stepstones-Diab project. 2019-2024.
12. Kawther Atallah Elissa RN, MScN Al-Quds University, Jerusalem and PhD student at the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University. Thesis title “Children with chronic diseases and their families living in the West Bank”. 2014 - 2019. Thesis defence, 19-04-27. <http://hdl.handle.net/2077/58500>
13. Åsa Burström MScN RN, PhD student at Karolinska Institute, Stockholm. Thesis title: “Transition from Child Health Care to Adult Health Care for adolescents born with

Congenital Heart Disease – A multicenter study”. Thesis defence 18-03-09  
<http://hdl.handle.net/10616/46190>

## **PROJECT LEADERSHIP**

For more information see: [Health care transition research group | University of Gothenburg \(gu.se\)](#)

### **Research experience from other research groups**

I collaborate with a research group from KU Leuven, led by Professor Philip Moons in Belgium and with the University of Cape town, South Africa, led by Professor Liesl Zulcke. I have been on research stays at both universities.

### **Grading and assessment committee assignments on research level (n=32)**

## **PEDAGOGIC MERITS**

### **Course Examiner:**

- Congenital heart disease in children/adolescents (Second cycle, 7.5 credits, Spring 2025)
- Qualitative methods in Health Science I (Third cycle, 3 credits, 2024-ongoing)
- Complex care situations (First cycle, 7.5 credits, nursing program, 2018-ongoing)

### **Course Leader:**

- Introduction to research theory and design (Third cycle, 5 credits, 2023-ongoing, shared)
- Care during transition from pediatric to adult care (Second cycle, 7.5 credits, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)
- Congenital heart disease in children/adolescents (Second cycle, 7.5 credits, 2016-2023)
- Advanced nursing care for congenital heart disease in children/adolescents (Second cycle, 7.5 credits, 2019-2020)
- Complex care situations (First cycle, 7.5 credits, Term 5, 2014-2017)

### **Teaching:**

- Research seminars in Caring Science (Third cycle, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Pediatric nursing program, advanced evaluation in pediatric care (First cycle, 2015-2022)
- Pediatric care, complex care situations (First cycle, 2015-2022)
- Nursing program, healthcare for children/adolescents (First cycle, 2015-2018)
- Nursing program, advanced care for children/adolescents and families (First cycle, 2015-2018)
- Nursing program, introduction to nursing (First cycle, 2014-2015)

## **INTERNATIONALIZATION**

Responsible for developing the internationalization of the course, Complex care situations (7.5 credits) on the nursing program. From the spring of 2019, the course is held in English when needed. Incoming international students took this course in spring 2018, spring 2019, autumn 2019, spring 2020.

### **Recognition and prize for internationalization - 2021**

EUTOPIA. Our learning unit, the course Nursing Care in Complex Care Situations, was selected and unanimously approved on Wednesday 24th of November, 2021 by the EUTOPIA WP2 Educational Board. This implies the recognition of best practice and potential by the academic authorities in the home universities of the EUTOPIA alliance. Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska academy, University of Gothenburg. <https://eutopia-university.eu/>

**2019-** The course *Nursing in Complex Situations* at Sahlgrenska Academy, Gothenburg University, received Sweden's medical faculty prize for internationalization of higher education. A concept was developed to integrate incoming exchange students with Swedish nursing students, creating a global classroom. This interaction offers exchange students valuable collaboration opportunities, while Swedish students gain international perspectives, even if they do not participate in exchanges themselves.

**Teaching at Al Quds University, Abu Dis, Palestine Spring term 2015 and fall term 2018** via Linneus-Palme.

**Academic contact tutor** for international exchange students participating in clinical training 2014-2016

**International research collaboration** with the research group at KU Leuven, Belgium. Professor Philip Moons and with the University of Cape town. Professor Liesl Zulcke. Ongoing 2016-2022.

### **Commissions by Queen Silvia Children's Hospital**

#### **1. Clinical work on Children's Heart Centre**

Lead regular nursing rounds for nurses and pediatric nurses on the ward. Conduct clinical work as a **specialist nurse on the same unit.**

#### **2. Pediatric introduction year for newly graduated nurses**

Involved in the pediatric introduction course which is a specialist clinical training year for newly graduated nurses at the Sahlgrenska university hospital.

### **Teaching materials**

1. Textbook (Chapter). Title of textbook: *Omvårdnad av barn och unga*. Katarina Patriksson & Helena Wigert (editors). Plan utgivning 2023. Chapter: *Omvårdnad av barn och ungdomar med hjärtsjukdomar*. Åsa Burström & **Ewa-Lena Bratt**. ISBN: 9789144156057. Studentlitteratur
2. Textbook (Chapter): Title of textbook: *Omvårdnad av barn och unga (arbetstitel)*. Katarina Patriksson & Helena Wigert (editors). Plan utgivning 2023. Chapter: *Övergången från barn- till vuxensjukvård för unga med långvariga sjukdomstillstånd*. **Ewa-Lena Bratt** & Carina Sparud Lundin. Åsa Burström & **Ewa-Lena Bratt**. ISBN: 9789144156057. Studentlitteratur
3. Textbook (Chapter): *Pediatrik omvårdnad*. Inger Kristensson Hallström & Mariette Derwig (editor). Chapter 15. *Övergångar inom hälso- och sjukvård för barn och ungdomar*. Carina Sparud Lundin, Ewa-Lena Bratt, Charlotte Castor. ISBN 9789147146017. Liber
4. Textbook: *Övergångar i hälso- och sjukvård – ett livslöppsperspektiv och organisatoriska aspekter*. Carina Sparud Lundin & **Ewa Lena Bratt** (editor.) 2021. Studentlitteratur. Lund. ISBN 978-91-44-13885-5.
5. Textbook (Chapter): *Personcentrering inom hälso- och sjukvård. Från filosofi till praktik*. Inger Ekman (editor) 2020. 2:a upplagan. Chapter 8 *Personcentrerad vård inom hälso och sjukvård för barn och ungdomar*. **Ewa-Lena Bratt** och Stefan Nilsson. Liber. Stockholm. ISBN 978-91-47-12967-6.
6. Textbook (Chapter): *Adult Healthcare Services for Adolescents and Young Adults with Long-term Conditions. An international Perspective on Nurses roles and Interventions*. Cecily L Betz, Imelda T Coyne. (editors). 2019. Chapter 2. *Empowering young persons during the transition to adulthood*. Mariela Acuna Mora, Carina Sparud-Lundin, **Ewa-Lena Bratt**, Philip Moons.

See project management description of three projects.

### **Other leadership experiences**

#### *Assigned by the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Gothenburg University*

1. Director of studies – research school SHIFT CARE. 23-02-02 – ongoing.  
<https://www.gu.se/vardvetenskap-halsa/var-forskarutbildning/shift-care>
2. Deputy Head of section "Långvariga tillstånd" at institute of health and care sciences, university of Gothenburg. 2022-03-01- 2024-01-30.
3. Research group leader for the health care transition research group at institute of health and care sciences, university of Gothenburg. <https://caresci.gu.se/english/research/research-groups-/health-care-transition-research-group>
4. Member of the research committee (FOS) at institute of health and care sciences, university of Gothenburg. The committee advises Head of Department and provides a forum for dialogue and discussion about the institute's research. 2018-04-01 - ongoing
5. Member of the committee for postgraduate studies (FUS) at institute of health and care sciences, university of Gothenburg. The committee deals with issues concerning the institute's postgraduate projects and courses. 2021-03-01 to 24-06-30.
6. Member of the Research Education Committee (FUK) at the Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. The committee prepares, among other things, the Sahlgrenska Academy's range of courses at doctoral level. 2021-03-01 to 24-06-30.

#### *Assigned by Queen Silvia Children's hospital, Östra sjukhuset.*

1. Member of FoU research committee, area 1, Sahlgrenska university hospital, Gothenburg.
2. Member of steering committee, department of Pediatric Cardiology, The Queen Silvia Children's hospital, Gothenburg.
3. Member of the planning board for the new children's hospital in Gothenburg 2012-2015.

### **Membership of national and international networks relevant to my research field**

- Fellow of European Society of Cardiology. FESC. <https://www.escardio.org/>
- Nurses and allied health professions - AEPC (Association for European Paediatric and Congenital Cardiology). [www.aepc.org](http://www.aepc.org)
- VIC (Vårdprofessioner Inom Cardiologi) – Medfödda hjärtfel. [www.v-i-c.nu](http://www.v-i-c.nu)
- Association of Cardiovascular Nursing & Allied Professions (ACNAP)  
<https://www.escardio.org/Sub-specialty-communities/Association-of-Cardiovascular-Nursing-&-Allied-Professions>
- Riksföreningen för Barnsjuksköterskor (National association of pediatric nurses)  
<https://barnsjukskoterska.se/>

### **Voluntary work**

1. Councilor of AEPC (Association for European Pediatric and Congenital Cardiology). [www.aepc.org](http://www.aepc.org). 2021-2024.
2. Editorial Board member. ESC executive. European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing. 2021-ongoing.
3. Editorial Board member. Journal of Pediatric Nursing. 2021-2023
4. Council member of the working group, "Nurses and Allied Health Professionals" in AEPC (Association for European Pediatric and Congenital Cardiology). [www.aepc.org](http://www.aepc.org). 2020-2022
5. Chair of the working group, "Nurses and Allied Professions" in AEPC (Association for European Pediatric and Congenital Cardiology). [www.aepc.org](http://www.aepc.org). 2016-2019

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6. Member of the working group “Congenital heart defects” in VIC (Healthcare professions in Cardiology) April 2010 – 2018 [www.v-i-c.nu](http://www.v-i-c.nu)
7. Editor of Barnbladet – magazine for Riksföreningen för barnsjuksköterskor (National association of pediatric nurses). January 2008 – Dec 2010.