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EDUCATION

PhD	University of Connecticut, Nursing	May, 2027 (expected)
MS	Taipei Medical University, Neuroscience	July, 2022
BS	Tartu Health Care College, Nursing	January, 2017

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024 - Graduate Research Associate. University of Connecticut, School of Nursing
2022-2024 Tartu University Hospital, Nurse Anesthetist
2017-2020 Tartu University Hospital, RN

LICENTURE

RN, State of New York, 891280

PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

1) **Jaakson, M.**, Tseng, P., & Duncan, N. Initial meta-analytic evidence for an odour-evoked context-dependent episodic memory effect. *Under review.*

PRESENTATIONS

1) Reck, A.M., **Jaakson, M.**, Rodriguez, C., Kinsey, S.G. (2024). MAGL inhibition or CB₁ positive allosteric modulation reduces opioid-induced hyperalgesia in mice. *Paper presented at the Carolina Cannabinoid Collaborative, Richmond, VA.*

SERVICE

Community Involvement/Outreach

Blue Dot Mission volunteer (2020-2022)

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2024 - UConn Center for Advancement in Managing Pain (CAMP)
2024 – International Cannabinoid Research Society (ICRS)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

I am a PhD student with a background in nursing and cognitive sciences. Working with patients in the immediate postoperative period deepened my interest in pain management and led me to work with Dr. Kinsey, whose lab specializes in using cannabinoids and the endocannabinoid system to treat various pain conditions. When I'm not in the lab, I enjoy reading a good book with a cup of tea and going for walks in nature.