

## **Nurse Educator**

I completed my nursing degrees in this order:

- Bachelors Degree of Science in Animal Science, Exercise Science (2008)
- Second Bachelors in nursing (BSN)
- DNP Student

I always knew I wanted to be in the healthcare field. My mother is a nurse and my grandmother was a nurse. I grew up expecting to one day work in a hospital.

In high school I accepted a job as a dietary aide in the kitchen at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. I enjoyed the hospital and soon realized that nursing was the direction I wanted to move in after graduation. After high school, I went on to gain my BSN from Worcester State College in 2008. I worked 12 hour night shift on a med/surg/tele unit for about 5 years. I gained my certification (CMSRN) in medical-surgical nursing to demonstrate my knowledge and commitment to my specialty area.

I loved training new staff and realized I really wanted to focus on education. I obtained my MSN from Walden University and then accepted a job at UMass Memorial Medical Center as a nurse educator. I worked there for about 1.5 years before moving back "home." In June 2015, I accepted a nurse educator position at Baystate Franklin Medical Center and have been there since.