

# MY CAREER PATH STORY



## Nurse Educator, Assistant Professor



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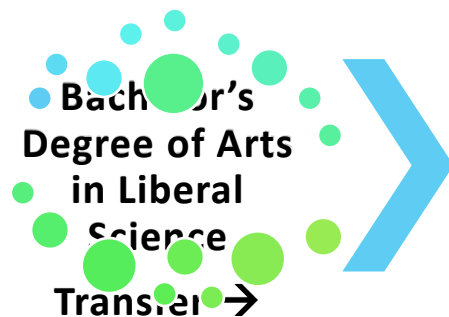
I completed my degrees and/or certifications in this order:

- Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Master's Degree of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Funny story, I didn't see it coming. Nursing was not in any of my plans when I graduated high school, with lots of extra science courses and 2 years of Latin. First stop was UMass South Dartmouth general studies. That lasted for freshmen year and I realized things had to change. The summer after my college freshmen year, my older sister, over a Burger King hamburger announced, "You've been accepted into the Our Lady of the Elms nursing program!" My response was "I applied to the Our Lady of the Elms nursing program?" My older sister said, "Yes you did, when I did it for you. You need to be a nurse." That's how I got into nursing and I haven't look back.

30 years of psychiatric / mental health nursing later I felt drawn to education but realized that I needed some credentials, preparation, grooming. So while my older sister pushed and looked over my shoulders, I applied for the Masters in Nursing Education Program at the Elms College. Loved it!  
4-Years later, here I am.

I admire people who want to go into nursing and I am inspired by my students and colleagues.



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