

# MY CAREER PATH STORY



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## Nursing Faculty/Neonatal NP/Lactation Consultant



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

- Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing (BSN) from University of Vermont in 1985
- Master's Degree of Science in Nursing (MSN) - Neonatal/Perinatal in 1991 from University of Connecticut
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from University of Connecticut in 2014
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) license and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) certifications earned after masters
- International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) certification in 1999
- Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) certification in 2010

I currently work at Westfield State University and Hartford Hospital. During a typical workday, I teach classes, teach clinical rotations, teach simulations and conduct consultations with patients. The things I enjoy most about my work is making a difference with budding nurses and still making a difference clinically. I find dealing with people who are challenging least exciting about my work; although it is rewarding when you win them over.

My future goal is to continue to work in academia and clinically. I plan to accomplish this by continuing to teach, make presentations and publications and working clinically with patients.

