

**Education and Professional Certifications**

Marquette University Parish Nursing Certification Program	1997
Marian University Bachelor of Science in Nursing	May 1996
Milwaukee Area Technical College Associate Degree in Nursing	May 1987
Licensed Practical Nurse	May 1979

**Professional Experience**

**Parish Nurse**

Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's Faith Community Nursing – Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1996 to Present

*Started the parish nurse ministry my focus was different than the tradition parish nurse ministry. In the capacity of parish nurse my focus was on the Church parishioners and the surrounding communities. I served the population of uninsured and under insured of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, citizens who are typically shut out of receiving preventive medical care. The parish nurse position through Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's has allowed me to implement the following initiative programs for the Greater Milwaukee community:*

**Accomplishments:**

- Facilitated the creation and implementation of the Strong Baby Sanctuary
- Created a training program to assist churches to support pregnant women in the effort to combat the rising infant mortality rate in Milwaukee
- **Created a training program to assist Churches to initiate and maintain a health ministry with a focus on preventive health information and screenings.**
- Founder of the Blanket of Love – A community-based prenatal and parenting education program for young African-American women
- Co-developed Community-based Chronic Disease Management Clinics within community food pantries to better treat diabetic and hypertensive patients (two diseases greatly impacting the African American community in Milwaukee)
- Created and taught the Kids of Nia Program – A character-based education program for elementary school children
- Lead instructor of health promotion and case management to adults at the following sites: Clinton Rose Senior Center, and four churches in the surrounding area of the central city of Milwaukee.

**Staff Nurse**

Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's – Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1987- 1996

*Served as the lead nurse on the Cardiac Diagnostic Unit and Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's Milwaukee Campus*

**Accomplishments as Staff Nurse:**

- Served as the Administrator In Charge of the hospital from 1993 to 1996 – In this role, I was the lead administrator for the St. Mary's campus on the night shifts during weekends
- Served as the lead nurse on the units in which I was assigned during my tenure at St. Mary's

**Licensed Practical Nurse**

Plymouth Manor Skilled Nursing Facility – Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1985-1987

**Licensed Practical Nurse**

St. Joseph Hospital – Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1979 -1985

### ***Recognitions and Awards***

- Biz Times Healthcare Heroes Community Service Award
- Prevent Blindness Adult Healthy Vision Award
- Ascension Mission Award
- Milwaukee Magazine's Health Care Hero

### ***References***

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