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Arizona Chapter

**Candidate for
Member-at-large**

Strengths for Position

1. **Commitment:** As an Acute Care PNP in the PICU at Alaska Native Medical Center, I am given the opportunity to advocate for Alaska Native children and their caregivers. It is an honor to care for these children when they are at their most vulnerable. As a NAPNAP member, I have shown accountability to our members in the local chapters, for the AC SIG, and as a member of the Nominations Committee. My passion for our practice and my dedication to lifelong learning are evident in my role as a Clinical Associate Professor and Coordinator of the AC PNP Program at ASU.
2. **Leadership:** I am able to demonstrate leadership in my clinical, educational, volunteer, and professional roles through engagement and collaboration with my interprofessional colleagues.
3. **Integrity:** Integrity could be the most important leadership quality. I pride myself on being a PNP that leads by example in my clinical and educational practices. Communication with the interprofessional team in a civil and honest fashion is essential to earn respect and establish healthy relationships. Responsibility, accountability, honesty, and loyalty are characteristics that I personally value and strive to model in my practice.
4. **Respect:** This takes practice to master. Truly listening to our interprofessional colleagues, patients, caregivers, and students could be the most effective way to show respect. I work to gain respect by giving respect in all aspects of my career and personal life.

NAPNAP Involvement

- 2017-present—Nominations Committee member
- 2016—Acute Care SIG secretary
- 2012—Arizona Chapter secretary
- 2004—Three Rivers Chapter president and education chair

Professional Experience

- 2018—Arizona State University clinical associate professor and AC PNP program coordinator
- 2015—Rush University assistant professor, AC PNP program

Educational Background

- 2011—Acute care post-graduate certificate, Rush University
- 2009—DNP, Robert Morris University
- 2000—MSN, University of Pittsburgh

From the Candidate

I have been a member of NAPNAP for 18 years. Like many of my peers, my entire nursing career has been focused on children. I began my role as a PNP at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in Pediatric Gastroenterology in May of 2000. After seven years working in the general pediatric GI practice, I transitioned into a hospitalist role with the Intestinal Care program. In December 2009, I completed my DNP at Robert Morris University. My project, "Evidence Based Education: The Use of a Digital Video Disk (DVD) to Educate Parents on the Care of a Central Venous Catheter" led to publication and The M. Susan Moyer Nursing Research Award. This award made possible the development of a professional DVD that was used throughout Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC to educate parents regarding the care of their child's central line.

In 2011, I completed a post-graduate certification in Acute Care at Rush University. In October of the same year, after over 11 years in Pediatric GI and many long winters on the East Coast, my husband and I left our snow shovels behind and relocated to sunny Phoenix. I enjoyed working in the PICU as a PNP at Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH) and was given the unique opportunity to travel to Alaska every other month to provide care to children in the PICU at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage. In March of 2015, I left my position at PCH and accepted a full time opportunity in the PICU at ANMC.

I love education and continuing to learn. There is no better place to accomplish both than as DNP faculty. This began as a faculty associate for the Primary Care PNP program and DNP mentor at Arizona State University (ASU). In 2015, I also became an assistant professor for the Acute Care PNP program at Rush University. I recently resigned my position at Rush to accept an excellent opportunity at ASU as a clinical associate professor and coordinator of the newly developed AC PNP program.

I have enjoyed being an item writer, a member of the Acute Care Updates Committee, and a member of the Acute Care Job Task Analysis Committee for the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

I have held many local executive board positions for NAPNAP in PA and AZ including secretary, education chair, and president. I have been secretary of the Acute Care Special Interest Group, and I am currently completing my second year as a member of the Nominations Committee. I am so excited for the opportunity to expand my involvement with the NAPNAP board and work with local chapters as a member-at-large candidate.