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Working as a Primary Care Nurse Practitioner – Family All Ages, since 2013

Originally from Sault Ste Marie, ON, I completed my BScN at Laurentian University (Sudbury, ON) in 2001. I moved to PEI in the spring of 2001 and have worked in a variety of roles as a Registered Nurse (Medical, Surgical, ICU, Clinical Educator) before returning to school in 2011. I graduated from Dalhousie University in 2013 with my Masters of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner stream.

Presently, I primarily work in a family practice setting, providing care to patients of all ages, presenting with issues ranging from acute to chronic.

- I cover the overflow patients from the practice of my collaborating physician, to allow for increased access to the clinic.
- There are also a number of patients for whom I am their primary health care provider and I manage all of their health concerns in the community, consulting with physicians and other professions as needed.
- I provide prenatal care to women up to 32 weeks gestation, who are either referred to me or do not have a primary Health Care Provider.
- For the last 3 years, I have run a NP clinic once a week at Holland College (Charlottetown Campus), providing students with access to walk in clinic services as well as ongoing follow-up for management and support.

From the early years of the BScN program, I knew I was interested in pursuing the Nurse Practitioner program. In the primary care setting, I have a lot of autonomy in my practice, am challenged regularly, and continue to learn new things everyday. I am fortunate to be able to develop long term therapeutic relationships with patients and feel privileged to hear their stories and to work with them in addressing and managing their health needs.

The role of the Nurse Practitioner in PEI continues to evolve and it is amazing to see our numbers increasing and new opportunities emerging. Our role is not to replace other professionals, but rather augment our current system and help improve access to care for individuals and families.

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