

Advanced Degrees in Respiratory Care

A Storied Tale



Ciji S. Williams

▶ Education

- AAS– Cardiorespiratory Sciences– College of Southern Nevada, 2004
- BS– Respiratory Therapy– UNC @ Charlotte, 2012

▶ Credentials

- CRT, RRT, RRT–NPS

▶ Current Professional Role

- Advanced RCP/ECMO Specialist– Duke Children’s Hospital



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- ▶ Why I Acquired a BS in Respiratory Therapy
 - To enhance knowledge by virtue of formal training
 - To become established as a professional vs. a technician/paraprofessional
 - Desired a similar educational profile as other bedside clinicians (e.g. nursing)
 - Maintain pace with upcoming RT practice standards
 - To position myself for graduate study in a health science program



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- ▶ Future Professional Desires & Goals
 - Obtain a clinical Masters degree
 - Function in a formal clinical educator role
 - Continue to partake in advancing the respiratory therapy profession
 - Advocate for development of masters-level APRT education programs (with clinical focus)



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▶ Degrees:

- AAS in Respiratory Therapy Technology-1994
 - Southern Illinois University
- BS in Health Services Management-2009
 - East Carolina University
- MS in Respiratory Care Leadership-2014 ?
 - Northeastern University



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- ▶ What have I done?
 - Bedside RT to educator back to bedside RT
- ▶ How I got into education
 - Luck
 - Opportunity
 - Hard work
- ▶ Why did I leave education?
 - Opportunity
 - Change of pace



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- ▶ Why did I want to get a Master Degree?
 - Teach at the BSRT level
 - Advance our profession
 - Be a change agent
- ▶ Are advanced degrees for everyone?
 - Must look at goals for career
 - Leave the dark side



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- ▶ Other options that I have thought of
 - Case Manager
 - COPD/ Asthma educator
 - Department educator
- ▶ Will need to take certification exams
 - Extra costs and studying
 - Can an RT work as a case manager?
- ▶ Perhaps a PhD or Ed.D?
 - Still have at least 20 years left
 - Would allow me to teach in a MS program



Jhaymie L Cappiello

▶ Degree

- AS Erie Community College 1982
- BS-CRS State University New York at Stony Brook 1984
- MS(c) Northeastern University 2014

▶ Credentials

- CRTT, RRT, ACCS

▶ Current Professional Role

- RCS Education Coordinator



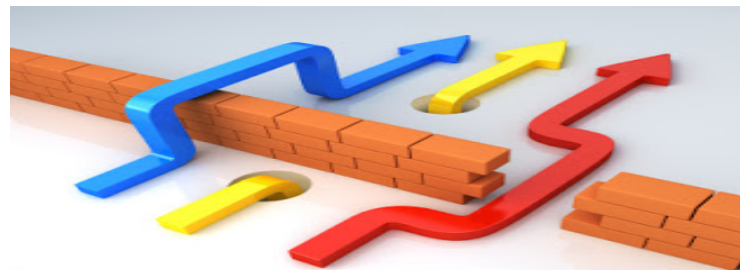
Stony Brook
University



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- ▶ Why I returned to school
 - Position Obligation
 - Self Fulfillment
 - Professional Expectations
- ▶ For what degree
 - MS-RL
- ▶ What program
 - Northeastern University
 - Boston, Massachusetts
- ▶ What barriers existed in returning to school
 - Personal
 - Family
 - Social
 - Financial

BACK TO SCHOOL



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Further education

PHd?

NBRC specialty Credentials

NPS? AEC?

