BIO for Laurie Stelmaski

DVWOCN President-Elect Candidate 2020-2022

I am a second career nurse receiving my BSN from Rutgers University – Camden in May 2005. I started my nursing career at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital on a surgical floor. As a new nurse, I cared for many patients with wounds and ostomies. There I learned about the WOCN certification and I knew that I wanted to pursue the WOC Specialty. I attended the WOCNEP at LaSalle University and certified as a CWOCN in March 2008. My first position as a CWOCN was at Methodist Hospital in South Philly and then moved to Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, working with Julie Rece and the awesome physical therapy team.

In June 2010, I returned to Jefferson Hospital, where I worked with wound and ostomy patients through September 2016 when I decided to leave my CWON position returning to the bedside to facilitate completion of my MSN. For the last 3 years I have been working as a staff nurse on a medical telemetry unit. I completed my MSN in May 2019, graduating from LaSalle University as an adult-gerontology clinical nurse specialist. I have now accepted a position at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ as Director of Wound Care, starting in February 2020.

I have been a member of the National WOCN Society and the DVWOCN since 2006 and have attended the last 3 national conferences in order to stay current with the trends in our specialty. Now that my children are grown and on their own, I have more time to invest in the DVWOCN and would be honored to serve as the president-elect.

Thank You!

Laurie Stelmaski