

## Miniautobiography

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I have been employed at Visiting Nurse Service (VNS) since January 1991. I started as a home health aide. Then I entered the Monroe Community College Nursing program and graduated May 1994. I spent a few months floating around Park Ridge Hospital for some nursing experience, still as a VNS employee. When I began working directly with VNS again it was January 1995. I have been a case manager ever since. The cardiac team was started a few years later and I have been a member since its inception. I was promoted to the Senior Nurse position in 2000.

My responsibilities include: case managing approximately 18-28 patients, co-visiting with other staff members as part of their annual performance appraisal, co-visiting with other staff on difficult cases, co-visiting with new orientees, precepting and training new orientees, teaching a monthly orientation class about cardiopulmonary issues in home care, teaching initiatives across the agency in congestive heart failure management, and participating in different agency initiatives to improve work processes.