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QUALIFICATIONS

With over twenty years experience as a medical professional, and 17 as a registered nurse my communication skills are excellent. As a writer, my voice is accessible to both professional and lay people. I write humorous essays and research/report-based magazine articles. My published works cover parenting, fitness, health and wellness, breast cancer, pregnancy and birth, food and entertaining. I am the "Ask a Labor Nurse" blogger for Fit Pregnancy.com and a columnist for My Regence health and wellness website.

EDUCATION

2000 – 2002 Technical Writing, Magazine Article Writing, Editing, Grant writing and Writing for the Web. All taken through Portland Community College on campus or distance learning.

1989 - Registered Nurse Diploma - Los Angeles County - USC Medical Center School of Nursing

1978 -1985 Major studies: English, Art, Sociology, Science and pre-requisites for nursing school – California State Universities at Los Angeles, Northridge, Long Beach and Dominguez Hills

EMPLOYMENT - MEDICAL

1991-present Registered Nurse - Providence Medical Centers, Portland, Oregon and Burbank, California - Family Maternity Units
Perform all nursing duties related to labor, delivery, surgery, postpartum and newborn care. Night shift charge and managerial duties from 1997 - 1999.

1990-1991 Registered Nurse - Hollywood Presbyterian-Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, California - Labor and Delivery Unit - All duties listed above.

EMPLOYMENT - WRITING

Since 2002, I've written and had published many articles for publications such as Better Homes & Gardens, AARP-the Magazine, Shape, Real Simple, American Baby, ePregnancy, Pregnancy, Fit Pregnancy and the Oregonian. Many of my pieces can be viewed on my website. I've written patient-care brochures for Providence Portland Medical Center and direct appeal fundraising letters for the OHSU Foundation.