

LORI FOLKEN DNP, RNC-OB, C-EFM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 2012 - PRESENT

MANAGER, CARLE HEALTH, URBANA, IL.

Perinatal Outreach Educator (2012 – 2018)

Manager, Ambulatory Women's Health Specialties (2018-present)

(Maternal Fetal Medicine, MFM/OB Sono, Reproductive Medicine, Gynecology, and Urogynecology departments)

NOVEMBER 2011 – NOVEMBER 2012

LABOR AND DELIVERY NURSE, ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, PERU, IL.

CNM driven hospital practice

Obtained Waterbirth Certification

1999 – 2011

LABOR AND DELIVERY NURSE, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, STREATOR, IL.

Staff Nurse, later promoted to Clinical Supervisor

Attended Perinatal Regional Quality meetings representing department.

Served on Joint Commission Readiness Committee

Founding Member of Nurse Practice Council

Childbirth Educator

Neonatal Resuscitation Instructor

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2022

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Health System Leadership and Informatics

DNP project – Policy analysis on maternal care deserts

DECEMBER 2012

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

MAY 2000

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN APPLIED SCIENCE - NURSING, ILLINOIS VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PUBLICATION

Montgomery, T.M., **Folken, L.**, & Seitz, M.A. (2014). Addressing Adolescent Pregnancy with Legislation. *Nursing for Women's Health*, 18(4), 277-283. doi.10.1111/1751-486x.12133

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

LEADERSHIP

- ❖ Illinois AWHONN Legislative Coordinator (2025)
- ❖ Maternal Mortality Review Committee Recommendations Workgroup (2025)
- ❖ Co-Chair Illinois Maternal Health Taskforce (2023)
- ❖ Co-Chair of Equal Access to Care, Subcommittee of Illinois Maternal Health Taskforce (2020-2022)
- ❖ Illinois Section Chair for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) (2017, 2 terms)
- ❖ Co-Chair Perinatal Outreach Educators of Illinois (POEI) (2017-2018)
- ❖ Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative annual conference planning member (2015-2018)
- ❖ AWHONN Illinois annual conference planning member (2013-2012)
- ❖ AWHONN Public Policy Committee member (2 terms; 2013 and 2014)
- ❖ East Central Illinois AWHONN Chapter Leader (2013-2017)
- ❖ Founded East Central Illinois AWHONN Chapter (2013)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ❖ AWHONN Fetal Monitoring Instructor Trainer
- ❖ S.T.A.B.L.E. Program Lead Instructor
- ❖ AWHONN Fetal Monitoring Instructor
- ❖ Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor
- ❖ Neonatal Resuscitation Program Instructor
- ❖ Original content presented on fetal monitoring, hypertension in pregnancy, and OB and neonatal emergencies.

PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ AWHONN National Conference in New Orleans, Presentation Title: Equal Access to Quality Care: Maternal Care Deserts: A Policy Analysis (2023)
- ❖ Panelist at AWHONN National Conference, Atlanta, GA. Panel on Maternal Mortality. (2019)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committee member (2022 – present)
- ❖ Rural OB Shortage Alliance member

- ❖ Illinois Maternal Health Task Force member (2020-2024, grant ended)
- ❖ Moderator for AWHONN Leadership Conference (2018)
- ❖ AWHONN National Conference Planning Committee member (2018)
- ❖ Nurse in Washington Internship Scholarship Recipient (2016)
- ❖ OB Hemorrhage Education Project Revision Committee for Illinois Department of Public Health (2016)
- ❖ Project Coordinator for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Hemorrhage Project at Carle Foundation Hospital (2015)
- ❖ AWHONN Emerging Leader (2012)
- ❖ Perinatal Outreach Educators of Illinois member (2012-2018)
- ❖ Represented AWHONN at the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Risk Communication Workshop, Elk Grove, IL (2012)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ❖ Recipient – Carle Bi-Annual Patient Safety Partner Award (2024)

CONTENT REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

- ❖ periFacts OB/GYN Academy (2013, 2017, 2021)
- ❖ Abstract reviewer for AWHONN National Conference (2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders
- ❖ Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology
- ❖ Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses