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College

Florida Community College

Degree

AS, Nursing

A Florida native, it was in the mid-1980s that Wanda decided to enroll in nursing school. After earning her degree, she spent more than 15 years as a nurse in Jacksonville, Florida. She joined Hospice of Marion County in 2004 on the flex team before working on the East Team for three years. She assumed her current role as Assistant PFCC at Legacy House in 2008.

When she entered nursing school, Wanda was looking for career path direction. Her younger brother was hospitalized due to his leukemia and he expressed a desire to go home, but it never happened. "I instantly became aware of how much difference hospice care could have made...and it set my direction for what kind of nurse I would be." She vowed to help people spend their last days where they choose and with whom they choose.

In 2000, Wanda was awarded the "Great 100 Nurses" recognition in Jacksonville. Wanda balances her health and personal life by following a vegetarian diet and a daily practice of yoga.