

# Kara Classens, BSN, RN

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## Summary of Qualifications

- 17+ years of combined bedside, education, and leadership experience in healthcare
- Energetic, passionate, and competent performer dedicated to continuing education in the healthcare professions
- Proven and authentic leader with training in leadership, communication, coaching, and program management
- Expertise in formal accredited continuing medical education, compliance, quality, and outcome management, wellbeing and professional fulfillment
- Experience with regulatory agencies, grants, and healthcare administration as well as medical libraries and research

## Career Highlights

- **Continuing Medical Education Program Management:** responsible for execution and strategic management of 8-hospital healthcare system CME programming including two full accreditation surveys for Michigan State Medical Society, emphasizing education-quality connection, collaboration with administrators, needs assessments, and interprofessional education
- **Clinical Knowledge:** Expert cardiac critical care nurse with bedside education skills and patient-centered approach.
- **Interprofessional Focus:** Passion for interprofessional care teams, aligning accredited education with healthcare delivery
- **Leadership:** Trained DDI course facilitator, focused on healthcare leadership skills and behaviors. Progressively increased supervisory roles, dedicated to personal leadership growth

## Experience

- **Munson Healthcare, Provider Education & Development**
  - *Director* | Mar 2022 - Present
  - *System Manager* | Nov 2017 – Mar 2022
- **Munson Medical Center, Continuing Medical Education**
  - *Program Coordinator* | Nov 2013 – Nov 2017
- **Northwestern Michigan College, Nursing Department**
  - *Adjunct Faculty* | Aug 2013 - Dec 2013
- **Munson Medical Center, A2 Cardiothoracic Unit**
  - *Resource Clinician, Unit Educator* | Oct 2010 – Nov 2013
  - *Critical Care RN* | June 2006 – Oct 2010

## Education

- **Michigan State University, College of Nursing** | *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* | Dec 2005