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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1/2019-Present      **Homecare nurse for Compassus at home fulltime salaried \$95,000 yearly**  
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- 3/2009-5/2022      **Forensic Program Nursing Supervisor –Advocate Aurora Medical Center Kenosha**  
**Fulltime salaried \$██████████ yearly**  
**Development, management, and education provided to nursing staff hired for the**  
**forensic nursing program to include care of victims of domestic**  
**Violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, suspects and child abuse in our**  
**community.**  
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- 12/2017-10/2019      **Co-chair and creator of the Kenosha County CCR (Coordinated Community Response)**  
**to sexual assault & domestic violence**
- 10/2016-2/2017      **Premier Medical three-month contract for forensic nursing assessments Friday-**  
**Sunday in Madison, WI**
- 01/2016-10/2019      **Board member for WCASA (Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault)**
- 10/2015-present      **Member of the Journey Hope steering board for education on human trafficking**
- 10/2014-02/2017      **Co-Chair of the SART for Kenosha County**
- 4/2011-1/2015      **Nurse Case Manager-Community Care Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
- 3/2007-9/2009      **Pediatric Staff Nurse-Children’s Hospital of Milwaukee/Kenosha Campus**
- 12/2005-4/2011      **Step-Down ICU Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse-Wheaton Franciscan Hospital, Racine,**  
**Wisconsin**

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION**

- Herzing University, Master’s degree in Nursing, family nurse practitioner-12/2019
- National Indian Country Training Institute Initiative Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Expert Witness Training 7/2019
- Chamberlain College of Nursing, bachelor’s degree in Nursing 2016
- Associate degree in Nursing completed in 2005, Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI.
- SANE-A certification 4/2015 certified through 12/31/24
- Training certificate from the Strangulation Institute 2/2017
- BLS certification 10/2020

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- Intimate Partner Violence training with IAFN (International Association of Forensic Nursing) certificate 10/2015
- SANE Adult and Adolescent training 40 hours in Madison 3/2009
- SANE Pediatric training 40 hours in Brookfield 3/2010
- SANE competency Day-yearly 2015-2021
- Toluidine Blue Competency yearly 2015-2021
- Digital Camera Competency-yearly 2015-2021
- Suspect Competency-yearly 2015-2021

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY**

- 1/2017-Creation of the CCR (Coordinated Community Response Team) for Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- 10/2014-02/2017-Co-chair/Kenosha SART team, leadership during creation of Kenosha County SART protocol
- 7/2015-PRESENT- Creation of the Country Thunder project to prevent sexual assault during the event
- 3/2014-present educate all local police department districts in the role of the forensic nurse
- 6/2019-present educate all local fire departments and EMS personnel
- 3/2010-PRESENT-Educate all advocates on the role of the forensic nurse
- 4/2011-PRESENT-Educate and train all new Forensic nurses hired into Advocate Aurora system
- 6/2014-PRESENT-Campus presentations at Carthage College, Gateway Technical College, Herzing University Nursing program staff, UW Parkside College, and UW Milwaukee Nursing programs
- 6/2014-5/2022 Member of the Forensic Nursing Leadership for Aurora Medical Center leaders
- 6/2014-PRESENT-Community presentations at local churches, high schools, and local women's groups
- 10/2014-5/2022- Policy/Procedure development for SANE programs
- 10/2014-Survivors and Allies Statewide Conference in Green Bay
- 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020(virtual) attended the IAFN conference
- 12/2014-CDC/STD conference in Madison
- 2/2015-Human Trafficking "Not for Sale" conference in Milwaukee
- 2015, 2016, 2017 guest speaker at the Human Trafficking Forum at Journey Church Kenosha
- 2015, 2016, 2017-End Violence Against Women conference
- 4/2015-Together for Children conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
- 5/2015-Board member, presenter, and promoter for JRNY HOPE Kenosha/ non-profit organization for human trafficking.
- 6/2015-Member of the Kenosha Human Trafficking Coalition
- 7/2015, 8/2017 -Drug Endangered Children Conference for establishing the program in Kenosha.
- 7/2015-Department of Justice training session on interviewing a victim of sexual assault
- 9/2015-National Sexual Violence Resource conference-Los Angeles, California with focus on College Campus Sexual Assault
- 2015-2022- Law enforcement training and in-services regarding drug facilitated sexual assault, forensic nursing, strangulation, and suspect exams.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- International Association of Forensic Nurses
- American Nurse Association
- Wisconsin-International Association of Forensic Nurses
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- JRNYHOPE Kenosha/Journey Church

### **AWARDS, RECOGNITION, & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2014-CEO Award for Excellence and Leadership for all Aurora Hospitals throughout the State of Wisconsin
- 4/2015-Recipient of Award through Children's Hospital Systems for Together for Children/Human Trafficking
- 7/2015-Recipient of Award from WCASA (WI-Coalition Against Sexual Assault) for scholarship for NSVRC conference
- 9/2015-IAFN award for Forensic Nursing Excellence
- 9/2015 Gateway Technical College Alumni Foundation will recognize my nursing career at the Nursing Symposium
- 10/2015 Aurora SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing Program) recognized for outstanding community member by Women's and Children's Horizons
- 4/2016 Nomination for Nursing Excellence by Aurora Health Care
- 4/2016 recipient of scholarship from Chamberlain College of Nursing for Outstanding leadership
- 4/2016 recipient of scholarship from Aurora Health care medical providers for nursing excellence
- 7/2017 recipient of full scholarship from the Kenosha Chamber of Commerce to attend Herzing University for Master's degree in Nursing.
- 7/2017 project was nominated for the Global Health award for innovation (Country Thunder project) to educate & prevent sexual assault.
- 2018 recipient of nursing excellence award in leadership for Advocate Aurora health care
- 2018 Kenosha City Chamber of Commerce recognition for outstanding display of character, leadership, skills, and community involvement
- 2019 CEO recognition for being the "everyday hero" amongst all nurses in the Advocate Aurora health care nursing staff

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## *Rebecca Rodriguez*

### Sexual Assault Trauma Center

Rebecca is a nurse who has made strides in advocating for our community members in the area of domestic violence and sexual assault prevention. She is on the state board of WICASA and is a standard presenter in orientation classes for our three colleges in the Kenosha/Racine area. She also has worked with area law enforcement to provide training to better enable the law enforcement officers to care for the victim and preserve forensic evidence. Rebecca participates in orientation at Gateway, UW Parkside and Carthage College to raise awareness of situational factors precipitating sexual assault and violence to the vulnerable student population. Rebecca has participated in the sexual assault task force for the county and has served as the chair last year. She is on the state board of WICASA. Rebecca has facilitated a play presentation for the community last year on the topic of sexual assault facilitated by pharmaceuticals. Rebecca spoke at Gateway Spring Nursing Symposium for the forensic nursing specialty. Rebecca developed the law enforcement training and provides training every Monday to our law enforcement colleagues. This has resulted in improved communication and at least one documented positive apprehension of a suspect.

Rebecca Rodriguez, RN, SANE-A

SANE Coordinator AMCK

I know of no caregiver in this hospital who has done more to develop a seriously floundering program into a highly successful program, recognized by multiple city and county organizations. She has received at least two commendations from the city of Kenosha Police Department detectives. She has developed a partnership with Women & Children's Alliance. Rebecca is the expert witness for all sexual assault cases at trial and is called in consultation by several county organizations. She has presented several classes to local high schools and colleges addressing date rape. Our SANE nurses provide SANE services to United Hospital's Emergency Departments. Rebecca has developed relationships with the ED Managers at both United Hospital Emergency Departments. This year, Rebecca will be presenting education to the staff of United Hospital ED related to drug related rape, and will provide the same education to our law enforcement staff as well.

Over the course of one year, 2014, Rebecca developed the SANE program, was on call for 200 hours a month and provided additional coverage when there was no one available. She has been on the national forefront of moving the program from SANE to Forensic Nursing which includes other social crimes in addition to sexual assault - family violence, elder abuse etc. There is no other SANE/Forensic Nurse program in the city. Rebecca has a passion for this program and will take it far beyond what she has already done.

Eve Vaughn  
2014

## 2021 Performance Rating

Rodriguez, Rebecca J

**Rating:** You were scored at Significantly Exceeds Expectations

**Comments:** Rebecca has completed another significantly exceeds year, performing at a manager level in her supervisor role. Her longevity in her position has led to her independent ability to manage her area, with little direction needed. This past year she has been the sole resource for the development and implementation of the AMCMP FNE program; providing the staffing model, an on-site daily presence, assuring all supplies and equipment needed were stocked and providing education to Racine County EMS and police departments. All of this was above and beyond her daily operational duties heading up the ever expanding AMCK program - which has grown significantly in volume over the past year. She covers approximately 200 hours of call each month, largely due to a very high turnover rate, consistent with all FNE programs in our system. She has onboarded multiple positions twice over this year. Due to the inability to hold in person meetings throughout COVID, she assured continued competence of her team by meeting with each one to perform simulation exams and review documentation. She continued to foster a high degree of respect for our program and positive relationships with local law enforcement, the DA office and the CAC team. She pivoted to virtual presentations for local high schools, EMS providers, law enforcement and colleges, to assure the word gets out on how best to interact with and bring forward victims of violence. She represents AMCK on the Kenosha County Human Trafficking task force. Rebecca also created an SBAR for the development of a Follow up clinic for the FNE population that was presented to Senior Leadership. Though denied for this year, she will continue to push it forward as we look to grow this program and provide even more services to our local community. It is indeed Rebecca's strong leadership and true passion for this program that makes our site a community leader and the go to resource for our community partners in the care of these patients. I am so proud of the incredible work you do. Rebecca is a role model for our AAH values and behaviors and an excellent representative of Aurora Kenosha in our community.



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## Be a champion for your cause

Tuesday, 8 November 2016 13:35 by Nick Turkal

Aurora is already a major provider of services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. We're doing a lot, including providing access to services through our Sexual Assault Treatment Center network, and our Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. Many victims of sexual assault have found comfort and healing in our Healing Center. And, we further expanded our commitment to this specialized care by assigning Better Together funds to community agencies addressing the issue.

Not long ago, I was inspired by one caregiver, Rebecca Rodriguez, RN, a forensic nurse examiner at the Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha, who is not only treating the problem, but actively helping to prevent it.


Last summer, Rebecca approached Country Thunder music festival organizers with the idea of having a sexual assault awareness campaign at the annual event in Kenosha County. She and a team of Aurora SANE nurses collaborated with the Kenosha County Sheriff's department, and organized and staffed an Aurora booth where they encouraged festival goers to sign a pledge to speak up about sexual assault. Volunteers from Women and Children's Horizons and nursing students from Carthage College and Gateway Technical College joined our caregivers in staffing the tent. Their work garnered further attention as the subject of an article in an issue of the *Kenosha News*.

As part of our Best People strategy, we're transforming from traditional caregivers to champions for health and wellness. That's exactly what Rebecca did, championing this cause in an unexpected way. Bravo, Rebecca!

At Aurora, we believe in making communities healthier in ways stronger than medicine. If you are interested in supporting this cause, be sure to check out the agencies listed as recipients of your Aurora Partnership Campaign (APC) donation.

Do you agree that it's time to shine a light on a problem that has been brushed aside for far too long? Share your thoughts in the comments section below.

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Rebecca Rodriguez

HAVING FULFILLED THE PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION IS HEREBY  
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Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner – Adult/Adolescent

CERTIFIED SINCE March 10, 2021

VALID THROUGH December 31, 2024

*Nancy R. Downing*

*Pamela Holtzinger*

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## National Indian Country Training Initiative

*This is to certify that*

**Rebecca J. Rodriguez**

*has successfully completed the*

**Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners**

**Expert Witness Training**

*Given this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand and Nineteen*

*Mark A. Yancey*

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*Acting Associate Director, Office of Legal Education*

You have been recognized

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## You have been recognized

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 1:40 PM  
To: Rodriguez, Rebecca

Good afternoon Rebecca,

Recently we sent out a request for nominations to recognize those nurses who go above and beyond. Congratulations, **M-L. Buschinsky** has submitted your name along with a lovely description of how you exemplify excellence in forensic nursing care.

Please review the submission, tell me if you approve of the nomination and provide me with a high resolution picture of yourself (by **September 28th**) so I can share it with your peers at the Annual Conference and during Forensic Nurses Week.

**Work setting:** Aurora Medical Ctr, Kenosha, WI

**Your role :** Rebecca Rodriguez is the SANE Coordinator for the Kenosha Region at Aurora Medical Centre, Kenosha, WI.

**Why you deserve recognition:** When, Rebecca stepped into the position of coordinator she immediately opened the doors to the SANE nurses to become involved with community education and coordinated open communication with the police departments, DA and patient advocate organisations. Rebecca's vision was to insure that SANE nurses were no longer working in a vacuum where we would just sit and wait for victims to be dropped at our door step by the local PD, do our documentation and send the patient on their way. Communications have opened and all SANE nurses are encouraged to participate in SART discussions. Projects are now scheduled to reach out to local schools and universities to help citizens understand how they can manage their environment for safer outcomes. Discussions were opened up at the county fair as Patient advocates and SANE's manned a table to educate the public on the statistics of sexual assaults. SANE's recently toured the Crime Lab and were able to have open discussions on how we can improve on our methodology of gathering evidence. Rebecca has been in this position for little over a year now and her years of experience as a SANE, boundless energy and vision for the department are infectious.

I will need your approval and picture by Monday, September 28th in order to be included at our conference.

Thank you and congratulations again, Marisa

**Marisa Raso**  
Membership and Marketing Senior Manager

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## *Rebecca Rodriguez*

### SATC

Rebecca has been the SATC Coordinator since 2014. She is a continued advocate and resource for new nurses, community members, police, ancillary staff, and physicians. She is extremely passionate about her work and helping improve the awareness of sexual assault, human trafficking, domestic violence and drug endangered children (just to name a few). I have only worked as a SANE RN for a few months and she is always encouraging me to continue education so I can become certified. Furthermore, she is a mentor for new nurses and continues to provide opportunities for growth and improvement. As a result of Rebecca's actions, I feel confident in my practice as a SANE RN. Additionally, I am always able to contact her with any questions and she doesn't make me feel naïve when asking. She is always willing to help and encourages questions to help improve my practice. As a caregiver, Rebecca has directly impacted by role in many ways. First, she makes me excited about this new career venture. As a new SANE RN, I can see the passion and enthusiasm she puts into her work. I can tell that she enjoys her job, so it makes me enjoy it as well. She once told me that when she got into SANE she then knew exactly what her calling was as a nurse. She is always striving to further awareness for sexual assault, human trafficking, drug endangered children, and domestic violence. She does this by hosting community events. I believe the RN deserves the nurse leadership award because she is an exceptional leader. She is always there whether I need help with a SANE case at 3am or 3pm. She is always willing to answer my questions and never makes me feel inferior for asking them. Additionally, she is passionate about me getting my certification in SANE and always striving to give me opportunities to do so. She is a great person, has a great personality, and is truly a great leader. She definitely deserves to be recognized.