

Biography



Sharon A. Cusanza MSN, RN, NEA-BC

Ms. Cusanza has been a nurse for 33 years. Her clinical background was in OB-GYN nursing. She moved into Quality Management where she continued to build her career for over 20 years with various roles leading up to director-level positions. She coordinated Joint Commission Accreditation Surveys for several hospitals and a high-scoring NCQA Accreditation for a managed care company. She has spent the last 7 years in Nursing Administration of a large, well-respected hospital where she directed the Magnet® Recognition Program through two re-designation cycles.

Ms. Cusanza earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Louisiana State University and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama. She is certified in Executive Nursing from the American Nurses' Credentialing Center (ANCC) and holds a certificate in the Fundamentals of Magnet. She serves as an ANCC Magnet® Consultant and works full-time in hospital risk management at LAMMICO.

Ms. Cusanza has presented at many regional and national conferences such as the ANCC's National Magnet® Conference, the American Organization of Nurse Executives' (AONE) Annual Conference, and the Louisiana and New Orleans Association for Healthcare Quality seminars. She conducts Magnet workshops, has served on AONE's Value of Nursing Task Force and has published in peer-reviewed nursing journals.