

MEET YOUR *Health Educator...*



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WHY I BECAME A HEALTH EDUCATOR

"A major part of nursing is education. Teaching patients how to take care of themselves must begin as soon as they are diagnosed, whether in a hospital or a clinic setting. I have always enjoyed teaching, and I enjoyed the individual contact I had with patients and families when I was working as a certified oncology nurse and an in-hospital hospice nurse. In working with cancer patients, a significant number of whom had diabetes, and in working with patients who were hospitalized because of diabetes, I became interested in diabetes and its complications. As I studied this disease and met the standards to sit for certification as a diabetes educator, I became committed to teaching patients how to live as happy and productive a life as possible with this disease."

BS: Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL, Nursing

ASSOCIATE'S: Parkland College, Champaign, IL, Nursing

CERTIFICATION: Diabetes Educator and Oncology Nursing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: American Diabetes Association and the American Association of Diabetes Educators

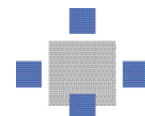
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION

In the Department of Health Education, Ms. Murphy helps patients and families who want to learn more about medical conditions including diabetes, hypertension, cholesterol, osteoporosis, and more. In addition, she attends special events and meetings, like Christie Clinic's Diabetes Support Group, to help patients learn more and connect with others who share their concerns.

Ms. Murphy and her husband are the parents of four children: three live in the Champaign-Urbana area and one lives in Indiana. They also have 14 grandchildren.

"By staying abreast of the latest information concerning diabetes and its management, I try to provide my patients with the most up-to-date information for successfully managing their illness."

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