



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title	Dr.
First Name	Christine
Last Name	Espina
Today's Date	6/30/2022
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]
Primary Telephone	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
1. Name of Board or Committee	Public Health Advisory Board
Public Health Advisory Board Position:	Health Care Access
2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 3

4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	attached
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Occupation: Assistant Professor, Western Washington University, Nursing Program Professional/community activities: Healthy Whatcom Planning Team Member; Philippine Nurses Association member Education: Doctor of Nursing Practice, Community Health Systems Nursing, University of Washington
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I have been involved with Healthy Whatcom as a participant since 2018 and a Planning Team member since 2019. My expertise in promoting community health through systems and structural change for health equity aligns with the work and charge of public health.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Amy Rydel, 360-296-3666
Signature of applicant:	Christine Espina
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA

CHRISTINE R. ESPINA

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2012

Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice, Advanced Practice Community Health Systems

- Capstone Project: *"Population-Based Training Needs among Public Health Nurse Leaders in WA State"*

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2010

Master's in Nursing, Advanced Practice Community Health Systems Nursing

Cross-Cultural and Global Health Emphasis

- Scholarly Project: *"Regional ambulatory care quality improvement: Aligning forces for Quality & the MacColl Institute for Healthcare Innovation"*

Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, 2003

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- President's and Dean's Honor Roll

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Western Washington University, Woodring College of Education, Department of Health & Community Studies, RN-to-BSN Program, Bellingham, WA, 2017-present

- Develop and teach core research, writing, and Quality Improvement nursing courses
- Supervise, maintain, and expand community outreach and student placements through practice partnerships
- University service: Woodring Faculty Governance Council member, IRB member
- Scholarship and research interests: Critical digital literacy and evidence-based practice; immigrant health

Interim Academic Program Director & Visiting Professor, Western Washington University, RN-to-BSN-Program, Bellingham, WA, 2015-2017

- Served as program administrator for WWU RN-to-BSN program
- Supervised program staff
- Taught core nursing classes and supervised practicums

Lead Nurse Planner & Continuing Education Specialist, University of Washington Continuing Nursing Education, Seattle, WA, 2014-2015

- Assessed continuing nursing education needs in the nursing profession through working with multiple planning committees.
- Implemented relevant continuing education offerings, both in-person conferences and online courses
- Ensured program compliance per American Nurses Credentialing Center standards

Diversity Network Director, Washington Center for Nursing, Tukwila, WA, 2012-2014

- Developed and launched a region-wide pilot mentoring network for nursing students and new graduates of color

Christine R. Espina

- Grant writing team member, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Academic Profession in Nursing grant, funds secured August 2012 for a two-year period
- Created internship sites and supervised two graduate students from the UW MPH program and UW Master's in educational policy programs

Research Assistant, University of Washington School of Nursing, Everett, WA, 2008-2012

- Research assistant, federal HRSA grant entitled "Targeting Everett's Health Disparities"
- Developed an internal electronic diabetes registry, tracked overall outcomes, and supported chronic disease quality improvement projects at Providence Everett Healthcare Clinic
- Provided regular performance improvement reports and recommendations to clinic providers

Clinical Outcomes Coordinator & Staff Registered Nurse, Christus Spohn Hospital & Health System, Corpus Christi, TX, 2005-2007

- Led and coordinated a regional health system-wide data collection and evaluation for regulatory and accrediting health and safety standards
- Provided direct clinical nursing care on a medical-surgical telemetry floor

U.S. Fulbright Student Scholar, Philippine-American Educational Foundation, Central Philippines University, Iloilo City, Philippines, 2003-2004

- Study: "Clients' post-abortion utilization of local health services of two villages in Bacolod City, Negros"
- Partnered with PAROLA, Inc., a local women's health non-profit organization

KEY SKILLS AND STRENGTHS

- Team-oriented work style to promote inter-disciplinary collaboration
- Experience with implementing and leading evidence-based practice and quality improvement initiatives in clinical and community-based settings
- Cultural safety pedagogy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Whatcom Intergenerational High School, Board Member, Jan 2021-present
- Whatcom County Health Department, Healthy Whatcom Task Force Member, 2019-present
 - Co-lead the Community Health Improvement Plan for Whatcom County
- Western Washington University Community Engagement Fellow, 2019-2020
- Philippine Nurses Association, Oregon & Washington Chapter Member, 2012-present
 - Chair of Chapter Education & Research Committee, 2019-present
 - Led the education planning committee for PNAA's 20th Western Regional Conference, Nov 2020-May 2021
 - Mentored chapter members in organizing a continuing education event, in Jan 2020 and March 2022
 - Organized the chapter's first continuing education conference, Oct 2019
 - Chapter President, 2016-2018
 - Launched first student scholarship, 2018

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

- Washington State Registered Nurse License RN00175975
- American Heart Association CPR certified—Basic Life Support