



Bord Altranais agus
Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann
Nursing and Midwifery Board
of Ireland

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Categories	Candidates
Category 1: from the practice of general nursing	Karen Canning
	Valerie Joy
	Madeline Spiers
Category 2: from the practice of children's nursing (clinical practice)	Evelyn Curran
	Rachel Howe
	Breda Liston
Category 3: employed in the public health sector & engaged in the education of nurses and midwives	Lorraine Clarke-Bishop
	Bernadette Kerry

Karen Canning

Current role

Working as Practice Nurse since 1999

Divisions of NMBI Register

RGN, RM

Education

- Graduated from NUIG with a PGDipHSc Clinical Primary Care (Hons) in 2010 and MHSc Primary Care in 2011



Professional practice, other roles

- Qualified as RGN from St Laurence's Hospital, Dublin in 1983 and as a RM from the Rotunda in 1987, worked there until 1999.
- Is a longstanding member of the Irish Practice Nurses Association (IPNA), currently IPNA National Chairperson.
- Established and chairs the IPNA South Dublin branch since inception in March 2013
- Has encouraged and assisted colleagues in pursuing a career in practice nursing.
- Awarded IPNA 'Practice Nurse of the Year' at their 2013 annual conference.

Interests

- Founded and manages a social media page for practice nurses, inaccessible to the public. This is a valuable resource for practice nurses to keep in touch, ask queries of colleagues, advertise upcoming courses, educational meetings and practice nurse positions
- Established a nurses and midwives Facebook page which has connected thousands of colleagues with each other to discuss concerns and topics of mutual interest
- As mother of a severely disabled young man, has personal interest in the disability sector. Campaigned at local and national level for many years for improved legal rights, proper services and funding for those with disabilities
- In 2002 contested General Election as an independent candidate promoting health and disability issues.
- Mother to three young adults. In her free time enjoys travelling, reading, walking/jogging and drinking coffee

Valerie Joy

Current role

- Director of Nursing since 2010 in family run nursing home providing full time nursing care and 'home from home' for 112 residents and employing 150 staff.
- Responsible for all issues relating to care and welfare of residents, liaising with families, leading/managing staff and working with healthcare professionals such as public health nurses, community liaison nurses, other specialists.



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RGN

Education

Qualifications include:

- BSc Nursing
- Higher Certificate in Health Services Management
- Clinical Governance and Quality Management
- Masters in Nursing Practice specialising in Dementia Care

Professional practice, other roles

- Clinical experience has been in acute hospitals and community settings, specialising in older person care and stroke rehabilitation
- Supports staff in provision of person-centred care through good teamwork, continuous staff development/ training, constantly seeking creative ways to foster dynamic evidence-based learning environment.
- Believes in taking proactive approach by empowering and enabling residents and staff to provide quality person-centred care.
- Collaborated with nurse educators/Higher Education Institutions to promote and validate progressive methodology to nursing care
- Has very strong links and relationships with local care services including two large teaching hospitals; where she attends regularly to meet with staff in wards and A&E departments and discharge coordinators, providing her with an opportunity to represent many areas of general nursing practice

Interests

- Board member of Nursing Homes Ireland, representative organisation for the private and voluntary nursing home sector. (2012-2015)

Madeline Spiers

Current role

- Theatre nurse in St.Colmcilles Hospital, Loughlinstown.
- Certified Mediator (MII) Mediation Institute Ireland.
- Chair East Coast Area Branch.
- INMO Activist.



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RGN

Education

- Qualified as an RGN (1978)
- BA (UCD) 2000.
- M.Litt. Ed. (Trinity College Dublin) 2008
- Her book *Bullying of nurses in a Dublin Hospital* was published by Lambert Academic Press, Germany 2010.

Professional practice, other roles

- President of the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (2004-08)
- Chair of Executive Council, Social Policy, Industrial Relations Committee and Finance and General Purpose Committee.
- As President, led campaigns to challenge HSE cutbacks, reduce standard working week from 39 to 37.5 hours and advocated safe staffing for safe care.
- Chaired the European Forum for National Nurses and Midwives Associations (EFFNMA) attached to the World Health Organisation (WHO): 2007-09, representing six million nurses and midwives in the WHO European Region.
- In that role, networked and shared the strategic aims of the World Health Organisation to national and nursing organisations across the Euro region.

Interests

- Served three years on the NMBI Board 2012-15 raising the authentic voice of nurses and midwives concerns in relation to: safe practice, patient safety, education and clinical professional development.
- Has worked and advocated with nursing and midwifery associations and organisations for legislated nurse/ midwife patient ratios.
- I believe the NMBI, as our regulatory body, needs to listen to nurses/midwives to keep the public safe by supporting nurses and midwives in their practice.

Evelyn Curran

Current role

- Staff nurse at the Children's Sunshine home, LauraLynn Hospice, where she has worked since 2003
- Works in unit that provides respite to children with moderate to severe disabilities. These children ages range from birth to 18 years.
- Role involves providing nursing and social care, working closely with the children and their families.



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RCN

Education

- Completed nurse training in Our Lady's Hospital for sick Children Crumlin in 1998.
- Then went on the complete a course in Child and Family psychology through Kilroys College
- Holds Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies (Disability)
- Completed caring for a child with life limiting conditions Level A and Level B with the Irish Hospice Foundation
- All post graduate and on-going education and training has been in the paediatric speciality

Professional practice, other roles

- 17 years' experience in clinical practice in this specialty
- Worked in Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin from 1998- 2001 as staff nurse
- Worked in the Children's respite service within St John of Gods
- Carmona services from 2001-2003 as staff nurse
- Was involved in children's respite outreach services, part of role was to work with a team devising and implementing plans for children with behavioural difficulties

Interests

- Acts as an advocate for the children with other healthcare personnel and services
- Continuously provided HSE home care services for children in the community with life limiting or palliative care needs

Rachel Howe

Current role

- Paediatric Clinical Service Manager in Beacon Hospital
- Role commenced in February 2015

Divisions of NMBI Register

RCN, RGN, RNT

Education

- 2010 Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Nurse Education)
- 2005 Master of Science in Nursing
- 2001 Post Graduate Diploma (Clinical Practice)
- 1998 Higher Diploma (Children's Nursing)

Professional practice, other roles

- Almost 20 years clinical nursing experience in children's nursing.
- Has held staff nurse positions in Our Lady's Hospital for Children, Crumlin.
- Worked as part of the Nursing Practice Development Team in Tallaght Hospital. Roles included 10 years as Clinical Facilitator for Children's Nursing Staff and more recently as Clinical Placement Co-ordinator for student nurses on clinical placement in both Children's and Adult Service
- In 2014, worked closely with candidate Advanced Nurse Practitioners in Tallaght Hospital and supported them with the extensive site preparation required for accreditation as ANPs from NMBI.

Interests

- Personal humanism philosophy stems from early staff nurse career. Worked as a preceptor for students and newly qualified staff nurses.
- Thrives on working in clinical practice and has been fortunate to combine this love alongside management roles over the past decade.
- Excellent communication skills gained from close relationships with children, families and healthcare professionals has brought her to this stage in her career where she hopes to be an advocate at national level.
- Can offer a practical viewpoint on all matters brought to NMBI therefore asks for vote to Board.



Breda Liston

Current role

- Senior Staff Nurse in SCBI, St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny
- Role involves providing neonatal nursing care to critical and sick pre-term and new born neonates
- Part of duties includes providing emergency neonatal support to the obstetrical and midwifery team and transfer of critical neonates to main tertiary centres for further surgical/ventilator management.



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RCN, RPN

Education

- HDip RCN
- Diploma Nursing and Management Studies, RCSI
- Trained in St. Patrick's Hospital, Dublin and Our Lady's Hospital for Children, Dublin.

Professional practice, other roles

- Career spans 38 years
- Prior to posting in Kilkenny, worked in Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Our Lady's Hospital for Children, Crumlin.
- Trade Union Shop Steward, Nursing Division SIPTU (1989-1994, 2007-2012)
- National School Substitute Teacher (1996-2000) Dept. of Education
- Practitioner of Integrated Energy Therapy

Interests

- Throughout varied nursing service, has been a proactive lead in nurse/student nurse preceptor/education.
- Part of a team of nurses responsible for the development of the psychiatric nursing curriculum and development of nursing guidelines/protocols
- Was actively involved in Bereavement Programme in Crumlin.
- Full time working Mom, of three now adult children (thankfully),
- Extensive experience in industrial relations and local dispute handling
- Still loves her job!

Lorraine Clarke-Bishop

Current role

- Clinical Placement Coordinator (CPC), for Dublin North East, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.

Divisions of NMBI Register

RGN

Education

- Graduated from Eastern Area of College of Nursing (Belfast) as a RGN, where she was awarded a Diploma of Higher Education in Adult Nursing with Commendation.
- 2004 - graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Nursing and awarded the Directors Prize for Academic Excellence.
- 2007 - graduated with an MA in Healthcare Ethics and Law (with Merit), Manchester University.

Professional practice, other roles

- Varied experience in clinical settings and countries ensuring continuous professional development.
- CPC representative on many fora including NMBI.
- Supports staff and managers in maintaining professional competence including actively delivering many in-service education courses.
- Regional representative on Professional Standards Group in partnership with DkIT.
- Developed national guidelines for students with disabilities.

Interests

- Education, in all its forms, for undergraduate/graduate nurses/midwives.
- Frontline experience has shaped/influenced my drive to support CPD for all nurses/midwives.
- If elected staffing, safe practice and education will be my primary focus.



Bernadette Kerry

Current role

- Regional Nurse Practice Development Co-ordinator (Acute Hospital Services - Midlands Region) supporting staff in providing safe standards of care through provision of clinical education
- Oversees undergraduate general nursing degree programme, on behalf of the healthcare provider, ensuring that NMBI Requirements and Standards for Nurse Education are achieved



Divisions of NMBI Register

RGN, RPN

Education

- General Nursing (Hons), Psychiatric Nursing (Hons)
- Level 9 Wound Management & Tissue Repair.

Professional practice, other roles

- Served on National Committees including:
- DOH Review of Undergraduate Nursing and Midwifery Degree Programmes
- DOH Strategic Framework for Role Expansion of Nurses & Midwives Promoting Quality Care
- Currently on NMBI Validation Committee and Standards & Requirements committee

Interests

In the recent Review of Undergraduate Nursing and Midwifery Degree Programmes advocated for the following recommendation

- Retain the five entry points
- Employers to facilitate maintenance of professional competence of nurses and midwives by providing learning opportunities in the workplace.
- Curriculum should be more outcome and competency based rather than content driven and adapt to emerging healthcare policies and changing models of delivery of healthcare
- Review current CPC ratio per student within primary, secondary and tertiary care including community care placements to ensure equity for all students and support for preceptors placements
- HEIs and AHCP's develop, & implement a national mandatory Preceptorship programme with protected time facilitated by the employer in line with NMBI guidance and standards

Actively supporting the development of CNSp/CMSp & ANP's /AMP's in all 5 divisions