

**Maria Brennan, DNP, RN, CPHQ**  
**Chief Nursing Officer**  
**St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ**

### **Career Progression**

I started my nursing career as an associate's degree staff nurse and nursing care coordinator at State University Hospital Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. I continued as an ICU staff nurse, obtained my BSN and MSN in Nursing Administration, and then advanced to many management roles including Assistant Vice President of Ambulatory Care at Staten Island University Hospital in Staten Island, NY. At Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank and Rahway Hospital, I became a Director of Nursing Services. My first Vice President of Patient Care Services position was in Capital Health System in Trenton, NJ, Meridian Health System - Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, NJ and then again at Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Center of New York, Staten Island Services Division in Staten Island, NY. Currently, I am the Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Joseph's Healthcare System in Paterson, NJ. The system comprises a 661-bed acute care hospital at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center which is a three-time designated Magnet organization, St. Joseph's Wayne, a 154-bed community hospital, St. Vincent's Nursing Home, a 150-bed nursing home and a cadre of ambulatory clinics and outpatient services in Passaic County. My career progression defines my commitment to nursing education, certification, transformational leadership, exemplary professional practice, and empirical outcomes.

### **Schools Attended**

Staten Island Community College, Staten Island, NY – Associates Degree in Nursing  
Pace University, Westchester, NY – B.S.N.  
Hunter College, NY, NY – M.S.N.

### **Professional Organization Leadership Positions**

Organization of Nurse Executives New Jersey  
Member of the Board of Director  
Mentorship Committee Board Sponsor  
Marketing Committee Former Sponsor  
Member of Education Committee  
ONE NJ Representative on Collaborating Center for Nursing  
New Jersey Council of Magnet Organizations  
Co-Chair of the Steering Committee