

constructs of care

Building Children's Nursing for Africa Conference

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Building Children's Nursing for Africa conference 2019: 'Constructs of Care'

A participative conference for nurses who work with children, newborns to adolescents, and their families, to consider and celebrate their contribution to excellence in care

Interview with Leilani Titus, by Jabulani Kgaspane (2nd year MNCN student)



Biography

Leilani started her career in 1999 as a registered nurse, she has attained a BCur Education and Administration, and an adult ICU qualification. Leilani has worked for 17 years as a registered nurse at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital (RCWMCH) paediatric ICU. Leilani had a three-year break from bedside work to do a PGDip course. In the future Leilani would like to do a masters /clinical masters in paediatrics, will continue clinical work and assist with mentoring and teaching.

What was your contribution to the conference?

Leilani used her skill and expertise in the nursing field to contribute during group discussions. In addition, she contributed by listening and collaborating with others, and in finding solutions to loopholes in working environments. Leilani gave an informative presentation titled: 'The first intervention of its kind for children requiring extracorporeal membranous oxygenation (ECMO) at Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital'.

What did you receive from the conference?

Leilani received valuable information about paediatric nursing that she will share with her colleagues at RCWMH. She enjoyed the world café session where Professor Minette Coetzee shared about the 7 + 1 philosophy of nursing care, as they were not taught that when she studied.