

STATUS UPDATE

Do we have any news about a site visit??

After the initial review of our 3rd Designation Magnet application, our Magnet Appraisers asked for some additional information. This is not an usual request and it was an opportunity for us to share even more examples of the Magnet culture at VUMC. Our deadline to submit the requested information was met in mid-October. After the new information is reviewed by our appraisers, we will find out when a site visit will be scheduled. Our best estimation for a site visit is sometime in early 2017. Once appraisers notify an organization that they are coming, their visit will take place within six weeks of their notification. Stay tuned for more information to come!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital will host a local version of MagnetFest on Tuesday, November 15 from 1-4 PM. This will be a fun and educational activity geared toward helping staff prepare for a future site visit.

Additional events and activities are being planned in early 2017 for off-site clinics and others.

Magnet Champion Training:

There will be a Magnet Champion Training session offered on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 0830-1030 in 411 A-D Light Hall. This will be the last class offered in 2016. Additional classes will be scheduled in early 2017. Please click [here](#) to register.

RESOURCE REFRESHER

Looking for some basic resources to update your knowledge of Magnet? Try these:

[Basics of Magnet](#) -this one page flier provides a global overview of what Magnet designation is and essential elements that exist in Magnet organizations.

[General Powerpoint Presentation](#) – this is a set of basic presentation slides (with script!) which can be used to refresh your own knowledge or for use with your work teams.

Champion/Magnet Education Committee spotlight



Marie as Dolly Parton at Magnetfest 2016

Maria Sullivan, MSN, RN, CNOR
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt
Maria is a Nursing Education Specialist supporting Perioperative Services at Children's Hospital

Maria has worked at Vanderbilt for 12 years.

Why is working at a Magnet organization important to you?

I feel that Magnet institutions value the work that nurses do to improve the patient's quality of care. Magnet institutions also offer nurses the ability to stay at the bedside and contribute to the hospital's mission on a bigger scale by being involved in evidence based practice, both by doing the research and utilizing the evidence after it has been proven.

Why did you choose to be involved with Magnet Education efforts?

I chose to be involved in Magnet Education after I was Magnet Champion and Escort during the first designation. I heard so many wonderful stories from patients and their families about the care they received while at Vanderbilt, I knew it was a great effort to be involved in.

Debby L. Booth, RN, CPSN
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Debby works as a Case Manager in Plastic Surgery Service and Surgical Oncology Service and has worked at Vanderbilt for 42 years!



Debby as Minnie Pearl at Magnetfest 2016

Why is working at a Magnet organization important to you?

I am so proud to work at a Magnet hospital as I have been at Vanderbilt for many years and now we have a credentialing process that documents and recognizes the excellent work at this institution. I am overwhelmed with pride to be a part of an organization that is known to provide excellent patient care, safety, quality, transformational leadership, empirical outcomes, research, and interdisciplinary teamwork. I love to tell my patient's about this designation when they tell me they received wonderful care from everyone starting with environmental services, care partners, nurses, and physicians during their hospital stay. It makes me smile all day as there is no greater compliment in the satisfaction of my job. It also helps recruit the best nurses in the country.

Why did you choose to be involved with Magnet Education efforts?

I chose to be involved with Magnet Education as I was a Champion at the last designation. I believe in this process and want to go further in making this happen again and again.



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