

THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into nursing



Olivia Finecy, BSN, RN, CCRN
 ICU SERVICE LINE COORDINATOR

Olivia Finecy, BSN, RN, CCRN, knew she was destined for a career in health care since she was a child.

Growing up, she spent a lot of time in hospitals as one of her siblings received care for juvenile diabetes – and she credits that experience with her future health care career.

“The experience of living through that led to my decision to be a nurse. I remember my sister being in the hospital a lot at a young age and I remember seeing the nursing staff were always playing a big part in her care,” Finecy said.

Inspired by the nurses she saw as a child, Finecy became a nursing assistant in high school. She then went on to receive her licensed practical nursing degree and then her bachelor’s degree of nursing from Midland Lutheran College. She is now a registered nurse and is certified as a critical care nurse.

Finecy has worked as a nurse since 1997. She started working at Columbus Community Hospital in 2003 and moved into her current position as intensive care unit service line coordinator in 2015.

In this position, Finecy helps supervise the day-to-day activities of the ICU and helps coordinate staff education and training for the unit. She also teaches classes through the education department such as critical care classes and adult advanced and pediatric life support.

Finecy’s work also allows her to care for patients and she is often the charge nurse for the intensive care unit/acute care unit floor. She is typically assigned to be on the rapid response team and assists if there are any codes on the unit.

Though Finecy did not initially set out to be service line coordinator, she has always looked for new opportunities to grow in her health care knowledge and experience.

“I’ve always been a person who wanted to help people and I was very interested in health care,” she said. **“I’m very open to change and I’ve always been willing to step up and take on new tasks.”**

Thanks to her willingness to try new things, Finecy has been able to serve on many committees or groups at the hospital and she said she has been supported in this by CCH’s leadership.

“The hospital always gave me the opportunity to build my career and participate,” she said.

Over her years with CCH, Finecy has been part of groups that have helped implement new equipment or processes and she was also elected to represent her unit as part of hospital’s nursing shared governance. Through her work, Finecy also gets to do a lot of training and mentorship with other nurses.

Though she enjoys all aspects of her work, Finecy’s favorite part of the job is the thing that drew her to health care in the first place – patient care.

“I’ve been encouraged to take more of a managerial role at times, but I just really like the care of the bedside nurse, that part of the job,” she said. **“I like taking care of the patients, their families and being an advocate.”**

For more information on Finecy and CCH’s Intensive Care Unit, visit www.columbushosp.org.