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GCCHIMSS is always looking for members who are interested in participating in our mentorship program as either a Mentor or Protégé.

If you want to learn more, please [Click Here](#) to visit our mentorship site and consider signing up today!

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Are you interested in contributing to our upcoming newsletter? Please contact the GCC-HIMSS Communication Committee.

We are looking forward to hearing about your personal experiences working in the industry, any thoughts, insights, trends you are seeing, or advice or expertise you may like to share.

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Upcoming Events / Webinars

Free Webinars w/ CPHIMS Credit

Living Large in Vegas - Greater Chicago Chapter HIMSS16 Social Event!

After a long day of education and walking the showroom floor at the HIMSS16 conference, come join your GCC HIMSS colleagues - past and present - for a fun evening of networking! Enjoy a fun-filled event with appetizers, drinks, and live entertainment at Buddy V's Ristorante in Las Vegas Nevada.

March 2, 2016
7:00 pm - 10:00 p.m. Pacific

Buddy V's Ristorante, GRAND CANAL SHOPPES at The Venetian | The Palazzo
3327 S. Las Vegas Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89109

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Check Out Our Interview with Shannon Hulett-GCC HIMSS' Graduate Scholarship Recipient!



Q: Please introduce yourself to the members of the GCC HIMSS Chapter.

A: Hello, my name is Shannon Hulett, MSN, RN, CNL. Additionally I hold the credentials of wife, mother of 3 little ladies, dog lover, daughter, sister, and friend. I work as an informatics nurse at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin. It takes me about 5 hours to get to Chicago from Holmen, WI which is where I live; Holmen is about 20 minutes from La Crosse. Additionally I am a DNP student at Loyola University-Chicago, focusing in healthcare informatics with plans to graduate in 2017. I began my academic informatics journey at the University of Maryland in their Post-Master's certificate program in 2013. Great school and learning, but after much thought I decided to transfer to Loyola in 2014 for many reasons. I received my MSN through the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 2011 and my BSN through Viterbo University in 2004. My clinical background includes cardiopulmonary and medical-oncology care. As a staff RN I held the roles: bedside RN, preceptor, and discharge RN. As I pursued my MSN, I led the development and expansion of the clinical nurse leader role at Gundersen Health System. In 2014 I transitioned to risk management and created a clinical nurse screener role for our organizations Medical Staff Peer Review Committee. Outside of my professional and academic interests, I enjoy social gatherings, scrapbooking, traveling, and exploring new restaurants.

Q: When did you realize you wanted to focus your education & career on healthcare IT?

A: I realized I wanted to focus on healthcare IT in about 2011 - 2012. I (and others) realized I had a skill and passion in collaborating with others to leverage technology and data to improve efficiencies in practice and enhance patient safety. My gravitation toward improvement projects rooted in health IT were increasing and the questions 'what does the data tell us' and 'what can the data tell us' were as well.

Q: What role has your experience as a practicing informatics nurse at Gundersen Health System played on what you have been learning as part of your graduate program?

A: My informatics nurse role experiences and what I am learning in my

graduate program could not be more aligned. I am consistently experiencing what I am learning about in my graduate program as we develop the informatics nurse role at Gundersen Health System. Likewise, I am in a position to share what I am uncovering in my program as I investigate topics for coursework with peers and executives as the projects I am linked to evolve. Currently I am working on three primary projects: 1. nursing documentation optimization - working toward efficient data to wisdom; 2. nurse call system/phone integration analysis and redesign; and 3. integrated communication platform/mobility. These projects and other smaller projects I am pulled in on offer real, point-in-time use case topics in my graduate program.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

A: I always wonder what the best answer is for this question... J. In five years I hope to be 4 years post DNP education working in a role similar to what I am in now. I see myself using all of my academic and professional experiences to help others view technology as an enhancement to practice rather than a barrier. I see myself working as an informatics leader aligning my passions of clinical practice and technology, acting as an informatics interpreter to the interdisciplinary team. I hope I will also have others specializing in nursing informatics working alongside me in five years as I am currently solo pioneering this role and bridge in our organization.

Q: Cubs or White Sox fan and why?

A: Neither – I’m really more of a football fan and as a Wisconsin native I have a Brewer’s t-shirt in my closet.

Each recipient was awarded \$2,500 to assist in their continued studies in Healthcare IT-Congratulations!

Thanks for Attending our Women in Leadership Event!

Over 140 Healthcare leaders from across the Chicagoland area gathered on Thursday, January 7th for a thought provoking discussion led by Carol Frohlinger, internationally known speaker and co-author of Her Place at the Table and Nice Girls Just Don’t Get It. From her years of research, Carol shared perspective on the ways women can negotiate with authenticity to achieve their maximum personal and professional potential. The program included networking and an opportunity to collaborate with accomplished leaders from our community.



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GCC HIMSS Webinar Series-More to Come!

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