

Jennifer T. DiCecco, MSN, ANP-C, CPNP-PC

Ms. DiCecco began her education and career in Environmental and Wildlife Biology in the Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona. She has earned a baccalaureate of Science in Environmental & Wildlife Biology from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

After several years, she found herself being called to work with those with developmental disabilities, which in turn, led her to seek a profession in nursing.

She graduated with honors from the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ with a Master of Science in Nursing with an Adult Nurse Practitioner focus. She later returned to graduate school to obtain her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certification and continues to further her education within the Palliative Care and Psychiatric Mental Health realms.

Ms. DiCecco brings over 16 years of experience in emergency, urgent care and in-patient hospitalist realms as a dual certified Adult and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Throughout her career, she has worked in various urban and rural settings, where resources were often limited, and where she has managed a broad variety of clinical problems. Her urban experiences have revolved around high volume, high acuity patients mostly in tertiary care facilities that are also accredited stroke, chest pain & bariatric centers. Her rural experiences have predominately been in a Level 2 & 3 trauma centers, whereby treatment from the immediate catchment area was either definitive or stabilized and transferred to a higher level of acuity. During this time, she has safely and effectively functioned largely on an independent basis, while always maintaining collaboration among her peers as paramount to her practice.

Based on her work and life experiences, she is aware of the lack of resources and availability to services that often present in the healthcare setting, as well as various economic, social, and psychological variables that make evidence based medical practice both challenging and exciting. Her clinical experiences have greatly enhanced her ability to practice in stressful situations, while exposing her to a broad array of clinical issues. Further, her experience has enabled her to appropriately triage, identify, and respond to a variety of presenting complaints, while appropriately differentiating non-emergent from emergent cases that are within her scope of practice, and which cases need to be transferred to a higher acuity level.

Ms. DiCecco has served as a Lead Nurse Practitioner in a busy Emergency Department, while being consistently recognized for expedient, friendly customer service without adverse outcomes. She has been responsible for leading nursing and patient care technician teams to carry out safe, appropriate, and efficient patient care. She is a strong advocate for evidence-based best practices and as such is an avid consumer of research to continue to provide the safest and most up to date care for her patients and families.

Ms. DiCecco has a love for aviation; being outdoors; wildlife; native plant and animal species identification; camping; hiking; travelling to remote settings; photography; art; southwestern cultures; and southern cooking. She is a private pilot and a proud owner of an experimental airplane.

Education

- University of Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama
 - Post Masters Certification; Pediatric Nurse Practitioner; honors graduate, magna cum laude.
- University of Arizona; Tucson, Arizona
 - Master of Science in Nursing; Adult Nurse Practitioner; honors graduate, magna cum laude
 - Baccalaureate of Nursing; honors graduate, summa cum laude.
- Grand Canyon University; Phoenix, Arizona
 - Baccalaureate of Science; Environmental & Wildlife Biology.

Licensure/Certifications

- Active, unencumbered New Mexico Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner licenses.
- Certified Registered Adult Nurse Practitioner; American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.
- Certified Registered Pediatric Nurse Practitioner; National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification.
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certification.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification.
- Active DEA license.
- Rural Primary Care Certification, University of Arizona.

Professional Organizations

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- Pediatric Nursing Certification Board
- Society of Hospital Medicine

Professional Presentations/Awards/Honors

- Julia Hubley Award for Clinical Excellence, University of Arizona College of Nursing.
- Nursing Scholarships Awarded:
 - Southern Arizona Foundation Nursing Scholarship
 - Student Nurse Practitioner Traineeship Award
 - Harry Heller Nursing Scholarship
 - Mildred Butler Scholarship in Nursing
 - Frances Morrow Emmons Scholarship in Nursing
 - Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship
 - O'Connell Nursing Scholarship
 - Dorothy C. & Newton H. Teass Scholarship in Nursing
 - Ida T. DeConcini Scholarship in Nursing
 - Arthur J. Zuber Nursing Scholarship
- Honorably served in the Louisiana Army National Guard
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Emergency Service Medal