



My career in health care started in New York with the completion of my nursing education at Kings County Hospital School of Nursing and Brooklyn College CUNY. My initial nursing position at North Shore University Hospital/Cornell University exposed me to adult patient care as well as critical care, women's services and psychiatry.

In 1990 our family, my husband and three children made the decision to move to the Tampa Bay area. I continued my nursing profession and I served in several leadership positions in local hospitals and well as nursing education. I attended St. Leo University and completed an undergraduate degree that I had started to pursue years earlier. During this time of exploration, I began to realize that although nursing in the traditional aspect was my first calling, my interest and passion for human behavior caused me to change my sails.

I attended graduate school at Argosy University Tampa Campus and completed the Masters of Arts in Mental Health Counseling. At this time, I was awarded membership into the Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International /Chi Sigma Iota. I was a faculty member and currently continue to instruct in nursing at Pinellas Technical College. I also became an adjunct faculty member at Argosy University instructing in the undergraduate psychology department.

I assisted in opening a private practice where I integrated the art of the traditional medical model in health care and my counseling profession. I am currently licensed as a Registered Nurse and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. I was overwhelmed to be recognized by our NAMI Pinellas Affiliate when they presented me with the Iris award. My profession has allowed me many years of being invited into the lives of many individuals. Some moments were joyful, some moments were dark. Through it all I have learned many of life lessons I never discovered in a textbook!

My personal life continues to be saturated with many joys. The spouse of life time, three irreplaceable adult kids, who have partners that love and respect them, loyal friends, treasured pets that can sooth any wound and 2 granddaughters to live for! I have many purposes in life however, one of my deepest passions is to relieve suffering. For this purpose, I will share with you my *lived experience* so that you may have a keener insight and compassion when responding to those citizens you serve.

Rosalie L. Bousher MA LMHC RN

Education:

- M.A. Mental Health Counseling. Argosy University Florida School of Professional Psychology Tampa Campus
- B.A., Psychology St Leo University
- R.N.(Diploma Program) Kings County Hospital School of Nursing Brooklyn College CUNY

Licensure:

- Florida *R.N* FL2225092
- Florida *L.M.H.C.* MH 9756

Academic & Community Achievement

- *Chi Sigma Iota* Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International
- *IRIS Award* recipient. Improving the lives of people living with severe persistent mental illness

- St. Ignatius of Antioch R.C. church
- Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Lifetime member
- Member National Alliance on Mental Illness Pinellas County, Fl. Chapter Affiliate (NAMI)
- Past-President NAMI Pinellas County Fl. Affiliate
- Member CIT International
- Vincent House Supporter

Employment:

- ***Professional Counseling Private Practice 2006 – 2011***
Professional assessment, treatment and collaborative care for adult clients requiring education and guidance in bio-psycho-social health
- ***Argosy University Tampa Campus 2006-2010***
 - Adjunct Faculty Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences
 - 300 and 400 level theory BA Psychology
- ***Pinellas Technical College Clearwater Campus 2002-2016***
 - Lead Hybrid (Online) Instructor PN program
 - PN instructor theory and clinical supervision including pharmacology
 - Interim Department Chairperson Nursing
 - Co-Department Chairperson Nursing
- ***Morton Plant Mease (BAYCARE) Health Systems 1991-2002***
 - Staff RN Medical Surgical Adult care, Geriatric resource nurse, Oncology Education and chemotherapy nurse, G.N. Preceptor
 - Interim Director Mease Hospital Countryside Campus
 - Education Specialist Medical Surgical
 - Nurse Manager Medical -Surgical units Mease Countryside Hospital
- ***North Shore Cornell University Hospital 1976-1990***
 - Staff RN/ Charge RN Medical Surgical Nursing
 - Staff RN./ Per Diem RN Med /Surg, MICU, SICU, New Born Nursery, Pediatrics, Gynecology Post Partum and Psychiatry