

## Masters-Prepared Occupational Health Nurse Seeks Certificate in Infection Control through Loyola University Chicago's Online Program

Anne Reeths, RN, MS, CIC is a lifelong learner. Whether participating in an OSHA Nursing Internship program in Washington, DC or leading an infection control department, she is always seeking new opportunities to grow and change. As a masters-prepared Clinical Specialist in Occupational Health, she developed the infection control program at a Green Bay, Wisconsin hospital. She is currently a student in Loyola University Chicago's online certificate program in Population-based Infection Control & Environmental Safety (PICES). According to Anne, she enrolled in the PICES program to complement her existing masters education and build on her skill set as a clinical expert and leader in an infection control department.



Anne appreciates the importance of evidence-based practice and participated in the development of the OSHA Silica Standard. As the sole ICP at her facility, she recognizes the need to demonstrate the clinical and fiscal value of infection prevention and control to administrative leaders. The 15 credit hour PICES certificate provides depth of knowledge in epidemiology, microbiology & immunology and methods for infection control. Other courses focus on the development of leadership and outcomes performance management skills to work within the parameters of an organization's strategic plan and advocate for the resources needed to operate an effective infection control program.

As a busy new mom, Anne appreciates the flexibility of the online certificate program and states that, "motherhood is the greatest learning experience of them all!" She especially enjoys the professional support and insights gained from the online discussions and case examples of her fellow Loyola classmates from around the country. Anne is pleased to be part of an online community which shares her passion for infection control and lifelong learning.