

Dr. Cheryl Spencer entered the nursing profession as a graduate from an associate degree program. Early in her nursing career she took advantage of her workplace benefit of tuition reimbursement and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science and a Master's degree in nursing from Adelphi University. As a new nurse she worked as a staff nurse on a medical surgical and an oncology unit. She cherishes those early experiences for giving her a strong nursing foundation. She has had several leadership roles including Nurse Manager and Clinical Nurse Specialist. While working at Long Island Jewish Medical Center she was honored with the Department of Medicine's Nurse of the Year and inducted into the Medical Center's Center for Excellence.

Dr. Spencer has always had a passion for sharing and believes that teaching is sharing. An opportunity to teach a clinical course was Dr. Spencer's first step into teaching at a community college. She soon took a leap and accepted a full-time tenured position at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, New York where she is a tenured, full professor in the nursing department. She is an elected member of the college's Faculty Executive Committee, a member of the Academic Senate and faculty advisor to the college's Health Related Sciences academy. As an avid life-long learner Dr. Spencer went on to receive a PhD in Education from Capella University and her Certified Nurse Educator certificate. Dr. Spencer has shared her knowledge, insight and passion for nursing and teaching through scholarly presentations locally, nationally and internationally. She has also authored and published several articles related to nursing education.

As a frequent attendee and presenter at OADN's annual conventions, Dr. Spencer believed that her home state of New York needed a local chapter and a bigger presence on the national scale. Through several conversations with the leaders of OADN, she has started the New York chapter of OADN and serves as the President. She joins the OADN board of directors as the North East Regional Director.