

# Amina Cook

## NCLEX Instructor

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### STRENGTHS

#### Commitment to Student Success

Actively supports nursing students through personalized coaching, which enhances academic performance and fosters confidence.

#### Effective Communication

Engages openly with students and colleagues, transforming complex concepts into accessible information, strengthening understandings.

#### Adaptability in Teaching

Quickly adjusts teaching methodologies based on feedback, ensuring inclusion of diverse learning styles from students.

#### Innovative Problem Solving

Designs creative simulation scenarios that boost student learning and retention, addressing challenges faced in clinical decision-making.

#### Collaboration and Teamwork

Works collegially with faculty and peers, refining course materials, thus improving overall educational outcomes and student satisfaction.

### SKILLS

Clinical Education

Student Engagement

Nursing Simulation

Curriculum Development

Interpersonal Communication

Leadership Data Analysis

Public Speaking

Assessment Techniques

Interactive Learning Mentorship



Critical Thinking

### SUMMARY

Dedicated nursing professional with over 5 years of clinical experience and a Master's degree in Nursing. Proven expertise in nursing education, student engagement, and helping students succeed on their NCLEX exams. Developed dynamic lesson plans and facilitated interactive learning that promotes critical thinking. Adapted teaching strategies to meet diverse learner needs, fostering an engaging classroom environment. Experienced in providing individualized support through KLIC, contributing positively to students' academic paths. Passionate about mentoring future nurses while maintaining strong interpersonal communication and leadership skills.

### EXPERIENCE



#### Nursing Instructor

University Project  August 2025 - Present  Chicago, IL

Responsible for educating nursing students by developing and delivering effective lessons focused on NCLEX preparation, fostering both academic success and critical skills development.

- Developed and implemented engaging lesson plans focusing on NCLEX preparation and clinical skills enhancement.
- Facilitated interactive classroom discussions, promoting critical thinking and applying nursing practices to real situations.
- Conducted assessments, offering constructive feedback to enhance learning outcomes and performance improvements.
- Collaborated with faculty to refine curriculum materials, ensuring alignment with current nursing standards and practices.
- Participated in professional development workshops to stay up-to-date with teaching methodologies and nursing trends.
- Mentored students through Kaplan Learning Integrated Coaching, offering tailored support aligned to individual progress.



#### Clinical Nursing Project Lead

Academic Research  January 2024 - May 2025  Chicago, IL

Led efforts examining effective teaching methods in nursing education, incorporating analysis of data that drove change and improved instructional quality for heightened student success.

- Piloted a research project investigating effective teaching strategies resulting in improved student engagement and NCLEX pass rates.
- Analyzed student feedback data, identifying areas for instructional improvement and enhancing course delivery.
- Presented findings at regional nursing education conferences, impacting ongoing discussions regarding nursing pedagogy.
- Collaborated within multidisciplinary teams to optimize clinical simulation experiences for robust student education.
- Created valuable resource materials intended to assist students in mastering complex nursing concepts and test strategies.
- Trained new teaching assistants, guiding them through best instructional practices and workplace integration.

#### Nursing Simulation Developer

Capstone Project  September 2023 - December 2023  Chicago, IL

Drove innovative simulation design for nursing students, enhancing practical learning through realistic clinical scenarios and feedback mechanisms aimed at building essential competencies.

- Constructed immersive simulation scenarios facilitating practice of clinical decision-making in realistic environments.
- Assessed student performance during simulations, delivering timely feedback to develop critical skills.

Simulations Design

Lesson Planning

Feedback Provision

Problem-Based Learning

- Employed technologies to enrich simulation experiences, solidifying understandings of patient care challenges.
- Worked collaboratively with faculty to effectively integrate simulations into the overall nursing curriculum.
- Conducted post-simulation debriefings, reinforcing learning takeaways and encouraging reflective practices.
- Developed a guide enumerating best practices in nursing simulations aimed at elevating educational effectiveness.

## LANGUAGES

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English Native

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Spanish Proficient

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## MY CAREER

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- Nursing Instructor at University Project (10 Months)
- Clinical Nursing Project Lead at Academic Research (1.3 Years)
- Nursing Simulation Developer at Capstone Project (3 Months)

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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- Dean's List, University of Chicago, 2024-2026

## EDUCATION

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### Master's Degree in Nursing

University of Chicago 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2026 📍 Chicago, IL

*Coursework: Nursing Theories, Clinical Skills, Teaching Strategies, Assessment Methods*

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Registered Nurse License 📅 2026

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Learning Management Systems:** Blackboard, Canvas, Moodle
- **Assessment Tools:** ExamSoft, ATI, HESI
- **Simulation Technologies:** Laerdal, SimMan, Virtual Clinical
- **Communication Platforms:** Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet
- **Instructional Design:** ADDIE, SAM, Backward Design
- **Data Analysis Tools:** Excel, SPSS, R
- **Programming & Scripting:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Studying Aids:** Quizlet, Kahoot, Anki
- **Clinical Nursing Practices:** Patient Care, Emergency Response, Chronic Illness Management
- **Professional Development:** Workshops, Conferences, Webinars

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member, Chicago Nursing Association, 2025-Present
- Volunteer, Nursing Outreach Program, 2023-2025

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

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AVAILABLE ON REQUEST