

# Amina Cook

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## SUMMARY

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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

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### Nursing Instructor

August 2025 - Present

University Project

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

January 2024 - May 2025

Academic Research

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

September 2023 - December 2023

Capstone Project

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.
- 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.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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

## EDUCATION

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### Master's Degree in Nursing

2026

University of Chicago GPA: 3.8

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

## SKILLS

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- Clinical Education
- Student Engagement
- Nursing Simulation
- Curriculum Development
- Interpersonal Communication
- Leadership
- Data Analysis
- Public Speaking
- Assessment Techniques
- Interactive Learning
- Mentorship
- Critical Thinking
- Simulations Design
- Lesson Planning
- Feedback Provision
- Problem-Based Learning

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

## LANGUAGES

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- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

## 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