

BIO

An Oregon native, Candace Campbell came to the nursing profession through a circuitous route. After earning a BA in Speech Communications/Theatre, and working as a flight attendant and PR rep for Pan American World Airways, she experienced a career epiphany one day en route to Karachi, Pakistan from New Delhi, India, and felt "called" to become a nurse.

Her nursing career began in Psychiatry, working with many Vietnam Vets at the VA Hospital in Southern California. That experience led to research within the medical community about PTSD, and the moral distress of medical personnel working in a war zone. The result later became a film script and a novel called *Walking Point* (to be released in 2011).

Candy (as her friends call her) began her clinical practice in neonatology in 1989 (you do the math). She received her Neonatal Certificate and specialty training at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where she gained experience working with neonatal heart transplant cases. She has also worked as an RN in Labor and Delivery, ER, ICU, CCU.

Currently, Ms. Campbell's clinical practice has taken a backseat while pursuing her other creative interests, including teaching, writing, and speaking. She is the mother of three grown children, and a card-carrying member of several associations, mainly beginning with the letter "a," including the ANA, AFI, ASCAP, AFTRA, ANN, ASOPA, AWHONN, and ACHE (at her age, that seems doubly appropriate).

Candace has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, and other networks speaking on prematurity and related topics. Her articles on maternal-child health issues have appeared online and in print publications. She is currently finishing her third book, *A Primer For Parents of Premies*, also slated for release in 2011, while awaiting the birth of her first grandchild.