

Cassandra E. Rhodes

*2007 Bachelor of Science,
Healthcare Management
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in Healthcare Administration
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When she was 18 years old, Cassandra E. Rhodes joined the U.S. Army with two goals in mind. She wanted to serve her country, and earn money for college. After eight years serving in Europe, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the U.S., Rhodes left the Army as a decorated veteran and began to pursue her dream of a career and a college education.

Rhodes began working for Fresenius Medical Care North America in 2003 as a staff registered nurse. Each day, she cared for as many as twenty end-stage dialysis patients. Rhodes said she quickly decided that caring for patients with end-stage renal disease would be the focus of her career. She was beginning her move up the ranks at Fresenius when she decided to enroll at South University, Columbia.

In 2007, Rhodes earned her Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management and in 2008 earned her Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Administration. And, she has continued her upward climb at Fresenius, where she has worked for 15 years.

Rhodes is now Director of Operations for Fresenius Medical Care in Columbia, S.C. Now instead of caring for twenty patients a day, Rhodes is responsible for the management of more than a dozen dialysis facilities in South Carolina's capital city.

"My daily responsibilities consist of directing, administering, and controlling the day-to-day operations and activities of 13 dialysis facilities and programs in and around the Columbia area," she explains. "I also direct and oversee the dialysis business of the Columbia-area facilities through effective leadership and management of customer service, quality patient care, marketing, and responsible management."

Rhodes credits her education with helping her consistently move forward in her career.

"By furthering my education, I was given several opportunities for promotion and life-long learning and skill application," she said. "South University successfully prepared me for my current career by allowing me to learn more about the healthcare management systems."



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When Rhodes is not working, she frequently volunteers for organizations dedicated to raising awareness about kidney disease and raising funds for research and patient care. She is passionate about her life's work, and has words of encouragement for South University students looking to create their own career path.

"The current students of South University should continue to pursue their goals that forged them to enter South [University]'s campuses. Students should be proud of their accomplishments."

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