

Working in an ER treating more than 70,000 children a year and attaining the professional credentials to help her grow as a nurse...

# Theresa Drewry, BSN, RN-BC Earns More... Recognition. Respect. Rewards.



*Real Nurses. Real Stories. Real Successes.*

"I love being a nurse and having the opportunity to truly make a difference in the lives of children and families."

— **Theresa Drewry**

**Name:**

Theresa Drewry

**Professional title:**

Staff Nurse Emergency Department,  
Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, TN

**Recent accomplishment:**

2007 was an extremely proud year for me. Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center recognized my work by naming me "Nurse of the Year," I was celebrated as one of 2007's "Top 100" nurses in Shelby and Fayette counties, and awarded a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding professional achievement as an RN in TNA-District One.

**Meaningful life story:**

Very early in my nursing career, I was impacted by a young lady named Grace who was suffering with a recurrent brain tumor. She knew she was dying, but she was determined to graduate from high school - and she did, although she was too sick to attend the ceremony. She told me many times to never mourn her, but to live each day to the fullest and to experience all those things that she would never have the opportunity to experience herself. I have thought of Grace and her wish for me in many important moments of my life. Today, Le Bonheur has one of the top brain tumor programs in the country and children come from all over the world to have a second chance at life. Grace's strength of spirit and selflessness continues to inspire me and I feel her presence as I work with children.

**Why I support ANCC:**

I believe in the goals and directives ANCC sets forth to advance the practice of nursing. By attaining ANCC's pediatric nurse certification, I demonstrate my commitment to gaining knowledge and maintaining critical nursing skills which has encouraged my nursing coworkers to also seek certification.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA) is proud to have developed the original pediatric nursing certification that is accredited by both the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA).

ANCC provides nationally recognized credentials to nurses in dozens of specialty areas and advanced practices. More than a quarter million nurses have been certified by ANCC since 1990 and benefit from the many advantages ANCC certification affords. ANCC certified nurses can expect salaries averaging \$9,000 more per year than non-certified colleagues, greater professional recognition and respect, faster career advancement, and an overall increase in on-the-job self-confidence.

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