



## Rehana Elahi

Senior Instructor/ Practitioner- SKMCH&RC

### Qualification:

- LHV, RN, RM, BScN, MPH, M.Phil.- Educational Leadership (in progress)
- Qualified Nursing Instructor.

My career started with a government job in 1984 when I joined as Instructor, Public Health Nursing School, after completion of my Diploma of Lady Health Visitor. Since I was young and enthusiastic, so for developing my career further I joined General Nursing Course. After this course, I worked for 4 years in the same institution. Due to sluggish process of promotions and development, I did not get chance to move upward on career ladder. Instead of waiting, I proceed for a Post RN BSCN degree. This degree gave a twist to my career. I quitted my government job and joined Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, a charitable organization. The hospital intended to initiate specialized education in cancer nursing. Since, there was no formal specialization in this field available in Pakistan so, I was sent to UK for specialization. Upon successful completion of specialization I came back and initiated the said program. I developed, planned and implemented the program for 7 years. During this tenure, I completed degree in Master of Public Health because MscN was not available in Pakistan and I could not leave the job and go abroad for further education. I got married in 2000.

In year 2004, when Generic BScN degree was getting prevalent in Private Sector of Pakistan, I was offered a position of Director of Nursing at Shifa College of Nursing, Islamabad. I found it a challenging task and an opportunity to participate in further development of Nursing Profession in Pakistan. I worked there for two years and successfully commenced Generic BSCN program. Unfortunately, I lost my husband in 2005 in an accident in London. So, I am a widow without kids.

I left to Suadi Arabia for a new job as Clinical Resource Nurse in Oncology. I worked there for five years. In 2011, I came back to Pakistan because of sickness of my mother. I re-join the cancer hospital for educational programs. So, I am here since last three and half year working to develop Nursing in Pakistan in general and Oncology Nursing in particular.