

Lisa S. Johnson

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Lisa Johnson, RN, BSN, CHPN is the Director of Professional Development for Catawba Regional Hospice in Newton, North Carolina. She has been with the organization for 17 years and served in a variety of roles throughout this time. Lisa began her hospice career as a home care nurse, then worked in the admissions department, began a hospital liaison program in two local hospitals, started and managed a palliative care program, was instrumental in implementing a specialized cardiac and COPD program for hospice patients and has managed the education department for Catawba Valley Hospice for the past five years providing internal and external educational activities. Lisa's passion is education and she maintains the idea that you are never too old to learn, therefore you should never stop.

Catawba Regional Hospice was the first hospice in North Carolina to become an Approved Provider Unit for continuing nursing education. Lisa has served as a nurse planner since approval and is currently the primary nurse planner and administrator of the unit. Lisa has presented multiple times at the state and national level. In addition to managing the education department for Catawba Regional Hospice her responsibilities include new orientation and on-boarding new staff, internal continuing education, community presentations and developing new programs for the organization and community partners.

Lisa received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Catawba Valley Community College while working as a nurse's assistant in the emergency department of a local hospital. She continued working as a registered nurse in the emergency department following graduation for several years before moving to the hospice arena. Lisa received her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte in 2005. Lisa was one of the first registered nurses at Catawba Regional Hospice to pass the Hospice and Palliative Nursing certification exam and has maintained certification for 12 years. She is also an approved instructor for the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and has served on education committees for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Carolina Center for End-of-Life Care.

