

**Cassie Mekeel**

Bachelor of Science – Northern Illinois University

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – Highland Community College

Cassie has been teaching in the Nursing and Allied Health Department at Highland Community College since August 2015. When she started at Highland, she was not new to the nursing department at Highland. Cassie previously worked at Highland Community College for five years as the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator. During this role she worked with incoming Nursing, Medical Assistants, Paramedics, and Basic Nursing Assistants. During her time in this role, Cassie enjoyed being the first stop for students who were beginning their journey in the health care field. She was the go to person for many students and faculty. The part she appreciated the most was graduation and the pinning ceremony where all students and their families came to celebrate their accomplishments.

Cassie came to Highland with educational experience from the Stephenson County Health Department where she worked in the Health Education Department for two years teaching in the Stephenson and Carroll County Schools. She was a big promoter of “Smoke Free, That’s Me”; “Heart Smart for Teens”; along with many other health promotion topics. Cassie also has management experience from an acute care setting, where she was the Nursing Operations Leader for a Telemetry/ICU department.

In addition to working as a Full Time Instructor at Highland, Cassie also works part time at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, IL as a staff nurse. She has been working in Hospice since 2014 and truly has a passion for those needing care at end of life.