

Celebrate

# Women's History Month



## Ashlyn Ayler

**Director of Nursing Unit and  
Registered Nurse**

4 years of service  
Touro

### Who's inspired you in your healthcare journey?

My father, Henry Tyson, inspired me in my healthcare journey. As a Master Welder in construction, my father couldn't work during inclement weather, which directly affected his income. He encouraged my sister and I to pursue a career in healthcare and obtain the highest degrees possible. For this reason, I decided to become a Registered Nurse. I enrolled in Tuskegee University to obtain Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I began my career at Touro as a Medical-Surgical Staff Nurse. I advanced my career by becoming a Charge Nurse and Preceptor to newly graduated Registered Nurses and student nurses. This is when I discovered my passion for teaching, and I wanted to further my education. I then enrolled in Loyola University of New Orleans for a Master of Science in Health Care Systems Management. I returned to Touro and became the Medical-Surgical Clinical Nursing Educator. This was a pivotal point in my career because I was mentored by some best directors, and I believe I took the best qualities from each of them. I also started teaching at Charity School of Nursing as a Clinical Instructor. Since then, I have been an Interim Director, a Director and Telemetry Monitoring. I am truly grateful I've had the chance to manage each med-surg department and their staff. Returning full circle, I am now the director of the units I started out on, and I am working with some of the same nurses that nurtured me. I am currently enrolled in William Carey University, pursuing a Ph.D. in Nursing Education and Nursing Administration. Huge Thanks to my father, who encouraged me to enter the medical field and obtain the highest degree that can be bestowed upon me. Thanks Daddy!

### What are you most proud of in terms of contributions to healthcare?

I am most proud of teaching nursing students. Teaching nursing school allows me to plant little seeds of knowledge in each student that takes my clinical course. When a student chooses a career at Touro or in nursing and I see them, I proudly say, "That's one of my students!" Teaching by far, is my proudest contribution to healthcare.

