

## Maria Susi's Biography

Maria Cecilia Esteban Susi, for some know me as Aces, Cecile, Marices or Maria. I was born in Penaranda, Nueva Ecija and stayed there until I graduated from grade school. In HS, went to St. Paul's San Miguel, Bulacan. And in college, I finished pre-dentistry and was going to continue in that profession but our petition came and had to move to US. I came to the US but decided to go back to the Philippines and get married. I then went back to school and decided to switch to nursing and glad I did. I was blessed with a wonderful son Mychal but my marriage ended as we were young and decided to move back to Portland. Worked for a year as a CNA and PTA at Providence Child Center. Being a single mom, I want to give my son a better future so I decided to go back to school and finish up what I started in Nueva Ecija Colleges, my BSN. I then went to a refresher course at Portland Community College, took the boards and started working as an RN at the Providence Child Center. From then on, a lot of opportunities came and I worked for an agency, Maryville nursing home and the VA Hospital. Then I met my husband Rem who has 2 boys, Michael and Glen then we had another boy named Immanuel. While starting our blended family, I opened an adult foster home so I can stay home with our youngest son. After opening the adult foster home, I then got a job at Providence Home Health and I have been working there as an after hour nurse for the last 14 yrs.

I love being a nurse. Love to be able to care for others. I have been a member of PNAOW since we started and I will try my best to continue what we all started. We are a small group and for the members who truly care, we are extended family. We will have ups and down but because we truly care, we will work together as one.