

Employee Spotlight: Michelle Marcum, BSN

Hello everyone, my name is Michelle Marcum and I presently am working as a public health nurse at the Meigs County Health Department (MCHD). I have been a Registered Nurse (RN) for 10 years and graduated from Marshall University with my Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 2012. I started my career with Pleasant Valley Hospital where I worked as a staff nurse on the Med-Surg floor for about 8 years. I left PVH and started teaching LPN students with Buckeye Hills Career Center for a year and half. I have always enjoyed educating new employees and taking on nursing students for preceptorship. I got a call from one of my nursing friends about a travel nursing job via Prolink and the State of Ohio with the MCHD and that's how I ended up here in December 2021 assigned mainly with COVID 19-related duties. When presented with the opportunity for full-time employment with the MCHD, I opted to do so in June 2022.

I never knew exactly what a health department consisted of because I have always worked in the hospital setting. At the MCHD, we offer many services from vaccinations, death certificates, WIC and environmental services just to name a few. A RN with the health department participates in a lot of different roles. The biggest part of my job is giving immunizations to adults and children. I also work with the Ohio Dept. of Health to track many illnesses within the County that need to be monitored. Some other duties I have are checking blood pressures, doing blood lead testing, doing head lice checks and pregnancy tests as well as Narcan trainings.

I am from WV being born in Charleston, but raised in Mason County my whole life. I am married and have two grown children and one grandchild. My family is very important to me and we spend a lot of time hanging out by the pool or traveling. I enjoy any kind of interior design or remodeling and would love to flip houses one day when I retire.

In conclusion, we have a wonderful group of employees at the MCHD and I am glad to have started my journey here. If you need any assistance or have any questions, you can reach the MCHD at 740-992-6626 Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.