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Louisiana State Board of Nursing Announces Shawn Wolkart the Next CEO

BATON ROUGE, LA — The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has named Shawn Wolkart, MSN, RN, as its next Chief Executive Officer with Wolkart assuming the role on June 15, 2026.

Wolkart joins LSBN from Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge, where she has served as Vice President of Patient Care Services since 2021, directing operations for the 99-bed freestanding children's hospital across 12 departments and more than 500 team members. During her tenure, she played an executive role in the design and opening of the freestanding children's hospital, the launch of a Level 3S Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and the achievement of American College of Surgeons Level II Trauma Center designation.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected to lead the Louisiana State Board of Nursing," said Wolkart. "I look forward to working with the Board, LSBN staff, and Louisiana's nursing community to advance the profession and protect the public we all serve."

"Shawn brings an exceptional combination of clinical depth, operational expertise, and statewide engagement to this role," said Amie Bulliard, Chair of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. "Her track record of building high-performing teams and driving meaningful regulatory and quality outcomes makes her an outstanding choice to lead LSBN forward."

Wolkart received a Master of Science in Nursing (Health Care Administration) from Loyola University New Orleans in 2012 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Saint Mary in 2011.

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