

Biography – Velma Sanchez, RN

Ms. Velma Sanchez is a Coastal Bend College student success story. Upon graduating from Premont High School, she earned her Licensed Vocational Nurse Certificate in 1979 from Coastal Bend College. She continued her academic education through Coastal Bend College and later attended Del Mar College where she earned her Associate in Applied Science Registered Nurse Education in May 1993.

Ms. Sanchez was a Dual Enrollment instructor for Coastal Bend College for eight and a half years where she taught Certified Nursing Assistant classes to high school students. She has taught and continues to teach continuing education evening classes for Coastal Bend College. Her teaching experience with Coastal Bend College also includes On-line classes. Ms. Sanchez is currently an Assistant Professor of the Vocational Nursing Program at Coastal Bend College – Kingsville. Her nursing employment history includes a year's experience in medical surgical nursing and medical clinic, ten years' experience in home health, and 29 years' experience in geriatric care for local long-term care facilities where she has held the positions of Minimum Data Set Coordinator and Director of Nursing.

Ms. Sanchez strives to make a difference in the education of her students. Ms. Sanchez believes that all students have the potential to achieve his/her goals and there is no obstacle so great that hard work and perseverance cannot overcome. She encourages a positive attitude and inspires each student to believe in themselves. Ms. Sanchez sets high standards for each of her students and cultivates professionalism, good work ethics, communication skills, interpersonal skills, empathy, flexibility, compassion, and understanding. Her philosophy is better said in one of her favorite quotes: *“So never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself.”*
— *Florence Nightingale*