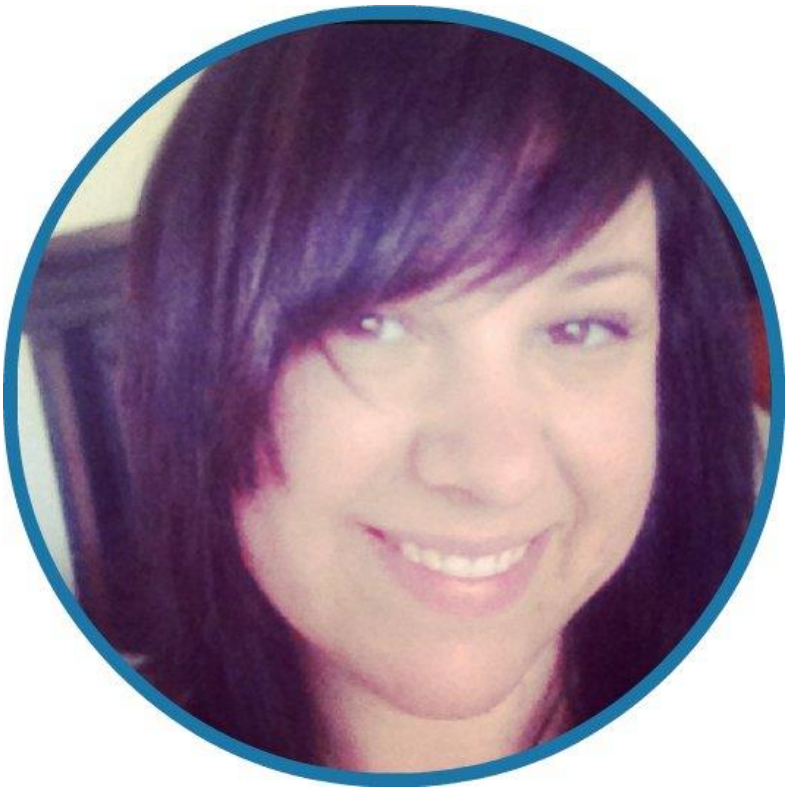


ERIN MCMANUS-TOMANEK

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In 2008, Erin McManus-Tomanek’s infant son spent a short time in a neonatal intensive care unit. The experience changed both of their lives.

“My son improved rapidly and was released, and I was deeply impressed by the great care he received,” says McManus-Tomanek. “I left the hospital knowing I wanted to be a part of that.”

Living in Texas at the time, she enrolled in an accelerated program at Texas Christian University and obtained her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 2011. Now a practicing Registered Nurse, McManus-Tomanek works full time at Abrazo Community Health Center’s Central Campus in Phoenix. She also is pursuing both a master’s degree in nursing through Walden University and national certification in her specialty, Maternal Newborn Nursing. Her ultimate goal is to serve as a Family Nurse Practitioner in underserved communities.

“Working with mothers and their babies is such a wonderful experience,” says McManus-Tomanek. “I love seeing mom and baby bond for the first time and teaching dads how to change diapers. We strive to give parents all the tools for a successful start.”

McManus-Tomanek also performs health assessments and serves as an advocate for patients when necessary. “In cases where Social Services is involved, nurses are vital advocates,” she says. “The infants in our care can’t speak for themselves. They rely on our good judgment and commitment. Nursing is much more than a career or job. It’s who you are.”

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