



A day in the life of a nurse working with Mercy Ships!

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Sonja Dawson has been a registered nurse since 1989 and has clinical experience in medical/surgical nursing, emergency, critical care and LMIC primary health care settings.

She has been a Lecturer in the Discipline of Nursing at Avondale University since 2008. Sonja provides opportunities for her senior BN students to build a global perspective on matters of health, nursing, and leadership within a faith-based context. Her passion is to equip and support nurses to function in a global health environment for volunteer service and to provide direction on leadership in these areas.

Sonja's research interests revolve around humanitarian nursing as well as clinical education, and especially within a service-learning context. Her PhD research investigated the experience of nurses working with Mercy Ships from an ethnographical perspective and resulted in the development of a professional practice model for non-disaster humanitarian nursing.

She has spent 12 years volunteering with Mercy Ships in a variety of roles, and again in 2016/7 for 6 months to collect PhD data and as an Infection Prevention and Control Nurse.