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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL



### **PROFILE: MARGARET THANDEKA ZULU (UKAMATHONSI)**

Born in Dannhauser by the Late Mr Amos Mathonsi and Mrs Violet Mathonsi  
**(UMAJELE),**

She is the 1<sup>st</sup> born out of five siblings

She is from a very poor family but her parents had dreams and they strived with assistance from God.

She went to school like others and achieved the following:

#### **1. PREVIOUS QUALIFICATIONS**

1980-1981 : Siyamukela High School

Qualification : Standard 10

1985-1988 : Madadeni Hospital

Qualification : Diploma in General Nursing

1989-1990 : Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital

Qualification : Diploma in Midwifery

1994-1995 : University of KwaZulu-Natal

Qualification : Diploma in Community Health Nursing  
(With Distinction)

1992-1995 : University of South Africa (UNISA)

Qualification : BA Cur Degree (Nursing Administration  
and Nursing Education as Major Subjects)

1996-1998 : University of KwaZulu-Natal

Qualification : Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing (With  
Distinction)

1998- 2000 : University of South Africa (UNISA)

Qualification : MA Cur. Passed course work and started a  
Mini Dissertation on "**A Checklist of cultural  
content and cultural experiences in General  
Nursing Science**"

2005 to 2008 : Management College of Southern Africa  
(MANCOSA)

Qualification : MBA Degree

April 2011 to date : Durban University of Technology (DUT)

Area of Study : PhD

## **2. WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Professional Nurse at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial, Baragwanath (Now Chris Hani) and Madadeni Hospitals (01.11.1988 - 31.08.1998)
- Tutor at Madadeni Hospital (01.09.1998 – 31.01. 2001)
- Matron at Niemeyer Hospital (01.02.2001 – 31.10.2002)
- Hospital Manager (CEO) at Ceza Hospital in Zululand District (01.11.2002 – 31.08.2005)
- Hospital Manager (CEO) at Vryheid Hospital: 01.09.2005 – 30.04.2010
- District Manager for Uthukela Health District 01.05.2011 to date
- Also working as a District Chairperson of Operation SUKUMA SAKHE in Uthukela District; a Premier's programme that fights against poverty (War on poverty or WOP)
- Employed on part – time basis by the North West University since 1998 for the Facilitation of Nursing Programme (Personnel Psychology, Organizational Psychology, Human Resource Management and Financial Health Management) for Diploma and Degree students

## **3. COMMUNITY WORK**

**She actively participates outside her busy work life**

### **3.1 IN THE CHURCH**

- Women Christian Association (WCA) member of the Presbyterian Church of Africa
- Umphathikazi wamantombazane eseketheni (NJ Sibiya Memorial)

- Umhlabeleli wesekethe, ne KZN Synod kanye ne General Assembly (Nationally)
- General Secretary for the PCA Youth Association General Assembly

### **3.2 IN THE COMMUNITY/WOMEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

- Founder and a co-founder of various community and women projects

### **3.3 OTHER**

- Thandeka is well-groomed lady who is always committed and dedicated to striving for service excellence. Her institution received a Gold Award for the HEART ( Help Expand ART's) Project in 2008
- She likes challenges and takes calculated risks
- Various management programs have enabled her to succeed in service delivery.
- Thandeka believes mainly in openness and participative management.
- She likes a busy environment where her many of her skills and talents can be utilized.
- She has a 16- year old son, Celumusa “Gebo”, whom she loves very much!!!

**INKOSI AYIQEDWA!!!!!!!!!!!!**