

2022 Distinguished Alum Honoree:
Megan Quinn, PhD RNC-NIC
Class of 2005

At Arizona School for the Arts it is always a pleasure to see our graduates become educators and perhaps pass on some of the experiences they have received at ASA. A recent PhD, Nursing Science graduate from the University of Arizona, Megan Quinn has been an Assistant Professor at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland for almost two years.

Since 2009, Megan has been a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit registered nurse after receiving her Bachelors of Science from Arizona State University. "The nursing profession was a natural fit for me after being instilled with ASA's mission. The need for understanding science and evidence while also being adept at communication, collaboration, and compassionate healing is the core of nursing philosophy," says Megan.

With her graduate certificate from the University of Washington in Palliative Care, Megan is passionate about advocating for parent collaboration and involvement in research. She believes that she has learned lessons in resilience from the families she has cared for over the years, "Resilience requires self-awareness of your own strengths and weaknesses, understanding what you can do well for yourself and others, and where you might need to ask for help."

While Megan has reminisced that she misses the feeling of being surrounded by music that exists at ASA, it is reassuring to know that such a thoughtful, intelligent and compassionate person is instructing much needed future nurses.