

## Jianxia (Jenny) Wang



I was born and raised in Qingzhou, a small historic city in eastern China, whose name initially appeared in a geography book called *Classic of History* composed twenty two centuries ago. Being the second child in my family, I was lucky to be born right before the Chinese one-child policy was implemented. Ever since I was a little girl, I heard many inspiring stories of my grandpa, who was a retired army doctor. He practiced medicine in our community and healed many families, which made me decided to pursue medicine as my future career.

I finished my medical school at Medical College of Qingdao University in China, which is located in a beautiful tourist city named Tsingdao, on the coast of Yellow Sea. After graduation, I pursued three years of graduate study in Cardiology at Perking University Health Science Center, and one year of residency training in Cardiology at Tsinghua University First Affiliated Hospital. During those four years in Beijing, I met and married my husband Qifa, who is an immunologist.

I came to the U.S. with Qifa in 2005 when he got the opportunity to further his research. Afterwards, I worked as a research assistant in an immunology lab at Virginia Tech for one year. During that time I had my lovely daughter Yolanda. In 2007, I was admitted to the School of Nursing in Radford University. After graduating, I worked as an RN in the stroke/trauma progressive care unit at University of Louisville healthcare for almost four years. I think this detoured nursing career gave me important insight into my future medical career.

During the past three years I finished my USMLE steps, got my ECFMG certification and applied for residency training while working as an RN in the hospital. Luckily, I received this precious opportunity to come back to medicine. I like the wide range of patient population, the focus of disease prevention and promotion in the family medicine practice. I am happy to be at the University of Louisville for my Residency. The people in the program are super nice. Louisville is also a bigger and better metro area compared to other college towns we have been to. My husband enjoys his immunology research and his soccer team, while my daughter loves her school and teachers. We plan to stay in Louisville after my residency.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading books with my daughter, exercising and cooking traditional Chinese food. I also like to watch American drama series like Grey's Anatomy and Revenge.