

**Biography****Kelli Sadler, MHA, RN**  
Senior Vice President, Chief Nursing Executive,  
Corewell Health in Southeast Michigan

**Kelli Sadler, MHA, RN**, currently serves as the senior vice president and chief nursing executive, Corewell Health in Southeast Michigan. Sadler joined the organization in January 2023 to oversee the nursing practice and lead over 33,000 team members who work at Corewell Health in Southeast Michigan.

Over the past year, Kelli has made great strides toward creating additional partnerships with local colleges and universities to diversify and grow the nursing workforce. She has also continued to expand more flexible work options for nurses, such as the innovative Virtual Nurse program, as well as Weekend Alternative Nurse positions.

**Background**

She came from Novant Health in North Carolina, where she served as the vice president and chief nursing officer for the health system's Charlotte area, which included multiple hospitals and medical centers. Under her leadership, Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center earned three Magnet designations. Additionally, all the greater Charlotte market hospitals attained an A for their Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, hand hygiene significantly improved, and there was a significant reduction in hospital-acquired infections.

Sadler has served in numerous roles throughout her 28-year career, such as bedside nurse, nursing supervisor, assistant nurse manager, corporate manager for risk management, nursing director, chief nursing officer for Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, as well as the CNO for the greater Charlotte market.

**Education**

She earned her associate degree in nursing from Gaston College, bachelor's in nursing from Winston-Salem State University and her master's in health administration from Pfeiffer University.

**Affiliations and Awards**

Sadler is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Development Initiative sponsored by Community Builders Initiative, a 2017 graduate of the Novant Health Leadership Academy and a 2018 graduate of Leveraging Internal Female Talent. She is also a 2019 laureate and recipient of the Bonnie G. Hill award, which is given to female leaders who are making a positive impact in the communities they serve.

She has a heart for mentoring and guiding students and emerging leaders. She is a mentor for UNCC's School of Public Health and CPCC's Ruth G. Shaw Mentorship Program and is an adjunct faculty member at Queens University, where she was also a member of their Advisory Board. She is a member of the Charlotte City Club, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Additionally, Sadler was a member of the Advisory Board for the greater Charlotte Salvation Army. She finds volunteering to be very rewarding and a way to honor her ongoing commitment to be of service to all of mankind.

Sadler is the proud mother of two sons — Kennedy, age 23, a recent graduate of North Carolina Central University and Kameron, age 20, a rising junior at UNC-Charlotte. Additionally, she has a sweet 13-year-old Jack Russell terrier named Diamond.

She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends and is very conscientious and driven when it comes to both her career and her family.