

# Loressa Cole, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE



**Name:**

Loressa Cole

**Hometown:**

Peterstown, West Virginia

**Current job:**

CEO of the ANA Enterprise, which is the organizing platform of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the American Nurses Foundation

**Education:**

I earned an associate degree in nursing from Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia; a bachelor's degree in nursing from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia; a master's of business administration from Averett University in Danville, Virginia; and a doctorate in nursing practice from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

**First job in nursing:**

Staff RN in general med-surg

**Being in a leadership position gives me the opportunity to:**

Continually learn from and mentor others

**Most people don't know that I:**

Am a choir director

**My best advice to aspiring leaders:**

Commit to life-long learning and when doors open, step on in!

**One thing I want to learn:**

To take my own advice—find more “me time” and achieve work-life balance

**One word to describe me:**

Enthusiastic