



## **Candice Ussery, BSN, RN, RRT**

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**Candidate Position: Treasurer**

**Question: What motivated you to run for office within our organization? Can you share the specific goals or ideals that drove you to take on this leadership role?**

I have been pulled for sometime now to get more involved with the GSRC. As a leader in our field, I feel it is important to be a voice for other respiratory professionals as to how our organization can help them grow. Continuing to find opportunities to showcase the knowledge base of respiratory therapy and their importance in patient care has always been, and will continue to be, something I strive for. This role will allow me to work with other respiratory colleagues to ensure further growth of our profession.

**Question: In your opinion, what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives do you bring to the table as a candidate for office in our organization?**

I think the most unique thing I bring to the table is having both a nursing license and a respiratory license. I have worked bedside in both roles, and have been a director in both roles. I know the challenges that both roles face, and can relate to all parties. Having been through the healthcare journey that I have taken, I have been able to bridge multiple conversations amongst leaders to help them see things from different angles. Respiratory therapists are an incredible asset to have, and I have been able to help nursing leaders understand more of what they are capable of having worked in both arenas. It has been truly rewarding to advocate for the respiratory profession in the nursing world.