



CCI Registrant Spotlight

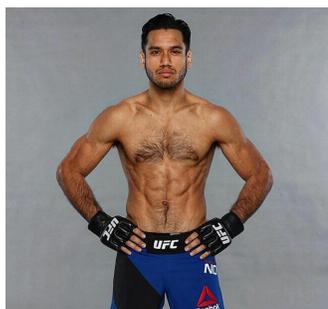
Phillipe Nover, BS, RN, CCRN, RCIS

How do mixed martial arts (MMA), the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), and the cath lab fit together? Just ask Phillippe Nover, a CCI registrant since 2013, who has balanced his childhood passion alongside a career in healthcare. For readers who are not familiar with MMA, mixed martial arts is a full-contact combat sport that allows striking and grappling, both standing and on the ground, using techniques from various combat sports and martial arts. Phillippe began training in martial arts when he was six years old and competed in his first professional fight while in high school in Brooklyn, New York.

After Phillippe graduated from high school, his father, an RN, encouraged Phillippe to pursue a career in the medical field. Phillippe earned his associate degree in nursing from Kingsborough Community College, and in between studies, he continued to train in martial arts and earned his black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

Phillippe's first nursing job was in the emergency room at NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island. While working full time, he continued his MMA training, which led him to compete on a national level. He fought in several televised events including the reality Ultimate Fighter show

(season 8) on Spike TV, and he made his UFC Octagon debut on December 13, 2008.



In 2013, Phillippe earned his Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) credential and is currently the only nurse at his facility to hold the RCIS. He is proud of this achievement, which took his career to the next level and enabled

him to prove to himself that he could do it. He credits coworker Jerome Vogelsberg, RCIS for giving him the training and encouragement to earn the credential.

He returned to nursing with per diem work in interventional radiology. He then went back to school to earn his Bachelor of Nursing degree from SUNY Downstate. This led to a position in the New York University Medical Center cath lab, where he fell in love with cath. He loves saving lives and making a difference, especially for STEMI patients. Phillippe states, "I see people feeling their worst, who then walk away feeling better afterwards."



Phillippe retired from professional fighting after his February 2017 UFC match. He has continued his education and is now enrolled in a master's program at SUNY Downstate University to become a family nurse practitioner, with an expected graduation of September 2019. Patients can feel confident that the retired UFC "Filipino Assassin" will take excellent care of them if Phillippe Nover, BS, RN, CCRN, RCIS is working in the cath lab.

CCI spotlights registrants for accomplishments and dedication to the cardiovascular profession. Submissions may be sent to Christine Johnson at cjohnson@cci-online.org.

